



Kohi-Tātea January &

Hui-Tanguru February Pānui 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Wow, what a start to 2023 it has been! Just when we thought we could look forward to a bit of consistency, nature had other plans for us. It certainly has been an eventful start to the year, with multiple weather events including two cyclones!! Although we can't quite believe the 'summer' season that we have had, and the many challenges that we have faced as a community, we are very grateful that everyone is safe, and we are so proud of the resilience that our centre whānau has shown throughout such a disrupted start to 2023. Ka pai tamariki, parents and whānau, you are amazing! ❤️ Ngā tamariki have come back to the centre, eager to share many stories about their holidays and experiences during the storms. We have loved reconnecting with you all and welcoming some new tamariki and whānau into our ātaahua Centre. It is great to have you all here with us and we look forward to the many fun adventures that 2023 will bring. ❤️ Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x



Centre Celebrations:

It has been a very busy couple of months for birthdays in the centre! Rā whānau ki a koe, Happy Birthday to the following tamariki who celebrated birthdays in Kohi-tātea, January: Happy 3rd Birthday to Soli Macaw and Jacob and Miranda Mumby, Happy 4th Birthday to Ollie Fraser and Ivy Mae Bowen, Happy 5th Birthday to Billie Goodwin, Charlotte Meechan, and Jake McLaren! And Happy birthday to Kym and Katherine! In Hui-tanguru, February: Happy 3rd Birthday to Alice Probett and Leo Goodwin, Happy 4th Birthday to Ezra Shortland and Kai Cooper and Happy 5th Birthday to Noah Probett! We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau ❤️

These past two months we have said Haere rā e hoa, farewell to many friends who have transitioned to school: Luca Shortland, Emme Stephens, Thea Pavitt, Havana Gordon, Kaan Oztekin and Billie Goodwin ❤️ We also said farewell to our friends Riley-Rhiarn Macken and to the Meechan whānau, Charlotte and Ollie who have all moved out of the area ❤️ Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Sage's little sister Meila Thompson, Charlie Farrance, Elias Cooney and Nova Thompson in the Kererū ruma, and welcome to Edda Powell, Betty Hodge and Leo Buckeridge in the Tūi ruma. And Welcome to our new Kaiako Anne Stoyel in the Kererū ruma! It is lovey to have you all here with us and we look forward to walking alongside you all throughout your learning journey here at Whenuakite Country Kids



Important reminders:

The Annual WCK Chicken Dance Fundraiser!



It's that time of the year again... We are really excited about this year's chicken dance fundraising raffle. Ngā mihi to everyone who has donated such AMAZING prizes this year 😊 See the poster below for more info and please collect your cards from the office. Your support is most appreciated 🐔

Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the Hui-Tanguru, February issue of Kia Manawaroa here:

[Kia Manawaroa Hui-Tanguru](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Stacey's maternity leave dress-up celebrations

Week of the 27th-30th March 😊

Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **Easter closure:** Good Friday 7th April and Easter Monday the 10th April 2023.
- **Anzac Day:** Rātū, Tuesday 25th April
- **King's Birthday:** Rāhina, Monday 5th June.
- **Centre Winter Closure:** First week of School holidays: Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July.
- **Matariki:** Rāmere, Friday 14th July

Centre Happenings



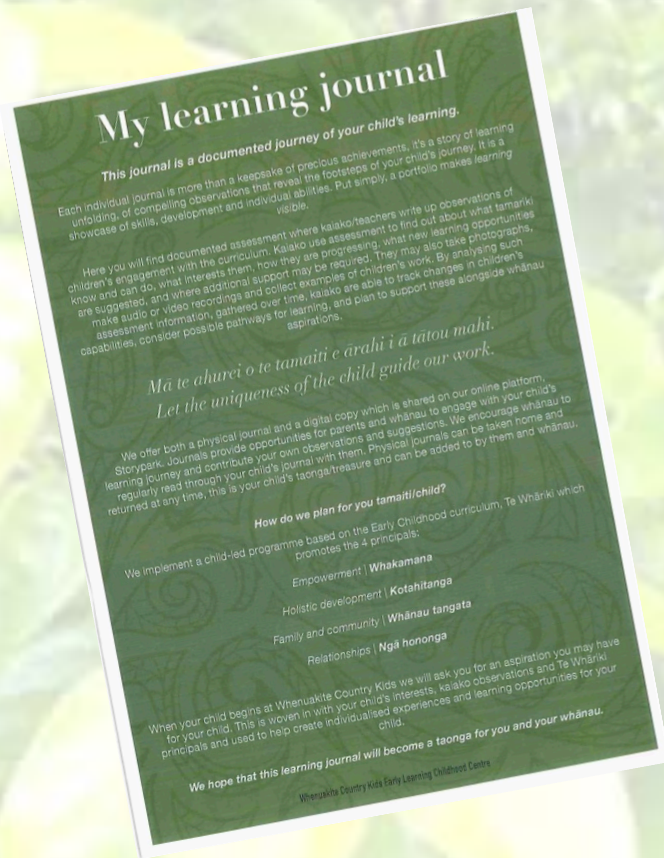


Storypark is the digital learning platform which we use to connect with parents and whānau to share in the magic of your child's learning journey while at WCK. You can invite family and friends from anywhere in the world to your child's account to relive important moments in a private online community that grows with tamariki over time.

We also physically print out and create a beautiful learning journal for you, which tamariki and whānau love to look through together for many years to come! Our planning and assessment is created in collaboration with parents and whānau, so please let us know what your aspirations, hopes and dreams are for your child. We will work with these to support tamariki to achieve their learning goals here at WCK. Please ask us if you have any questions about your child's learning journal or Storypark, we love sharing in your child's learning and development!

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1. a hope or ambition of achieving something
Synonyms: desire, hope, longing, wish, ambition, goal



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- > view and share photos, videos and observations of your child's learning
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Cyclone Gabrielle 13-14th February 2023



"Our tree snapped! The power was out, we couldn't see, it was so dark at my house"

Cyclone Gabrielle was certainly an extreme weather event which caused widespread damage and disruption to our region and the nation. Tamariki were eager to share their experiences of the storm with us once we were able to safely return to WCK 😊



"We had a flood, it was super big! The flood got to the gate"



"It came up to the doors, the road was closed. There was a big hole and we can't get through"



"Trees were down all on the side of the road and Dad chainsawed them, they were hanging on the road"



"There were trees everywhere and there were rocks behind them and they were blocking the way! It was different at the beach, black sand, sparkly sand!"

"A tree falled down just at my house, it made a big noise, Bang! It woke up my little sister, she cried a bit"



"I saw BIG waves at Hahei Beach. They were washing things in. I saw two anchors stuck in the sand"

"A tree fell over on the deck. Dad climbed up a tree and had to cut it down"



A BIG Ngā mihi nui to everyone who helped WCK get up and running after Cyclone Gabrielle. Tu meke!



EOTC 2023

We have had a great start to our regular excursions to Pukaki, Cooks Beach in February ☺ On our very first trip we were very lucky to be visiting during a coastcare beach cleanup post cyclone Gabrielle. A longtime local kaitiaki for the Pukaki area, Adele Smaill very kindly gave a talk to tamariki about the importance of the sand dunes, and how the coastal restoration planting WCK took part in last year added protection during our recent weather event. She spoke about finding rubbish that has been pushed in by big waves, swept down rivers or from the land. Ngā tamariki really listened carefully to Adele and when we started exploring the environment, they noticed the tree and plant roots holding the sand together and were amazing at spotting tiny pieces of rubbish to put into the bag that she gave us. I am glad to say we left the beach a little cleaner. And had fun in the process! It was a lovely way to start our EOTC for 2023.

Kaitiakitanga means guardianship and caring for our environment, which our tamariki are developing through such experiences as these in our local environments.

Tino pai to mahi tamariki ma!





POLICIES UNDER REVIEW:

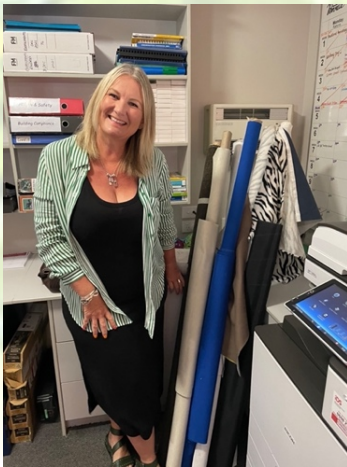
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We value your contribution, so please share your ideas and suggestions for our policies under review. These can be located in the 'Policies Under Review' folder in the whānau bookshelf at the office.



Community Contribution:)

Check out all of the awesome koha which our community have given to WCK these first two months of the year 😊 We really appreciate the generous support which our community-based centre receives. You are AMAZING! Thank you! 😊



*Ngā mihi nui mo te tautoko me te aroha,
a BIG thank you for all of your support and love x*

Welcome Anne!



Our new Kaiako, Anne Stoyel, started mahi with us in the Kererū ruma in February. It has been lovely getting to know you and have you as part of the teaching team here at WCK Anne! Welcome!



Stacey's Last Week

Dress up week at Country Kids to celebrate with Stacey before she goes on Maternity Leave.

When: Monday 27th to Thursday the 30th of March

Monday: Crazy Hair Day!
Tuesday: Dress up as anything day!
Wednesday: PJ Day!
Thursday: Favourite Colour day!

We will also be collecting a koha/donation throughout the week to raise money for flood affected ECE centres in Tairāwhiti, Hawkes Bay and would appreciate your support.

Nau mai Haere mai, Welcome!

Betty



Leo



Eda



Meila



Nova



Charlie



Elias

Haere ra e hoa, Farewell friends!



Kaan



Riley



Billie



Thea

Emme

Luca



Ollie Charlotte



Havana



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4th Lush Photography family shoot valued at \$200.

5th \$150 Countdown grocery voucher.

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10th Hay Honey 2kg Manuka mix.



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FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN Term 4 2022 + Term 1 & 2 2023

All children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver

For enquiries regarding this service please contact the phone numbers listed or Hamilton – phone 07 838 3565

Visit the ear nurse for advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears

Please note

* Clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

AREA	DATE	VENUE	Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door
Te Kauwhata	Friday, February 24 th Friday, May 12 th	Location to be confirmed Appointments available Please phone 07 8383565	9am – 1pm
Te Kuiti		Outpatient Department, Te Kuiti Hospital	By appointment only Phone 07 878 7333
Thames	Friday, January 13 th 2023 - (Please note: 12pm – 2pm only for this date) Friday, March 10 th 2023 Further dates to be confirmed.	Located at Porritt Park in Thames (near Goldfields Mall) Appointments are available Phone 07 8383565	930 – 1pm *please note the clinic opening times on the 13 th of January
Tokoroa		Outpatient Department, Tokoroa Hospital	By appointment Phone 07 885 0640
Waihi	Dates to be confirmed	Waihi central primary	
Whitianga	Thursday, December 15 th 2022 Thursday, February 16 th 2023 Thursday, April 13 th 2023 Thursday, June 16 th 2023 Thursday, September 2023	Carpark (opposite cinema carpark) Appointments available between 945am – 1 pm Please phone 07 8383565	945am – 1pm



Parent Programme (for parents, of 3-8 year olds) FREE 14 week course

WHITIANGA (via zoom or in person depending on numbers. To be confirmed closer to starting date)

Starting:

Monday 6 March

9:30 – 12:00 am

Facilitators: Dana Vaughan & Jo Owen

To register, or for further information:

Contact Dana, 021464997 or Jo, 0211862728

Topics include:

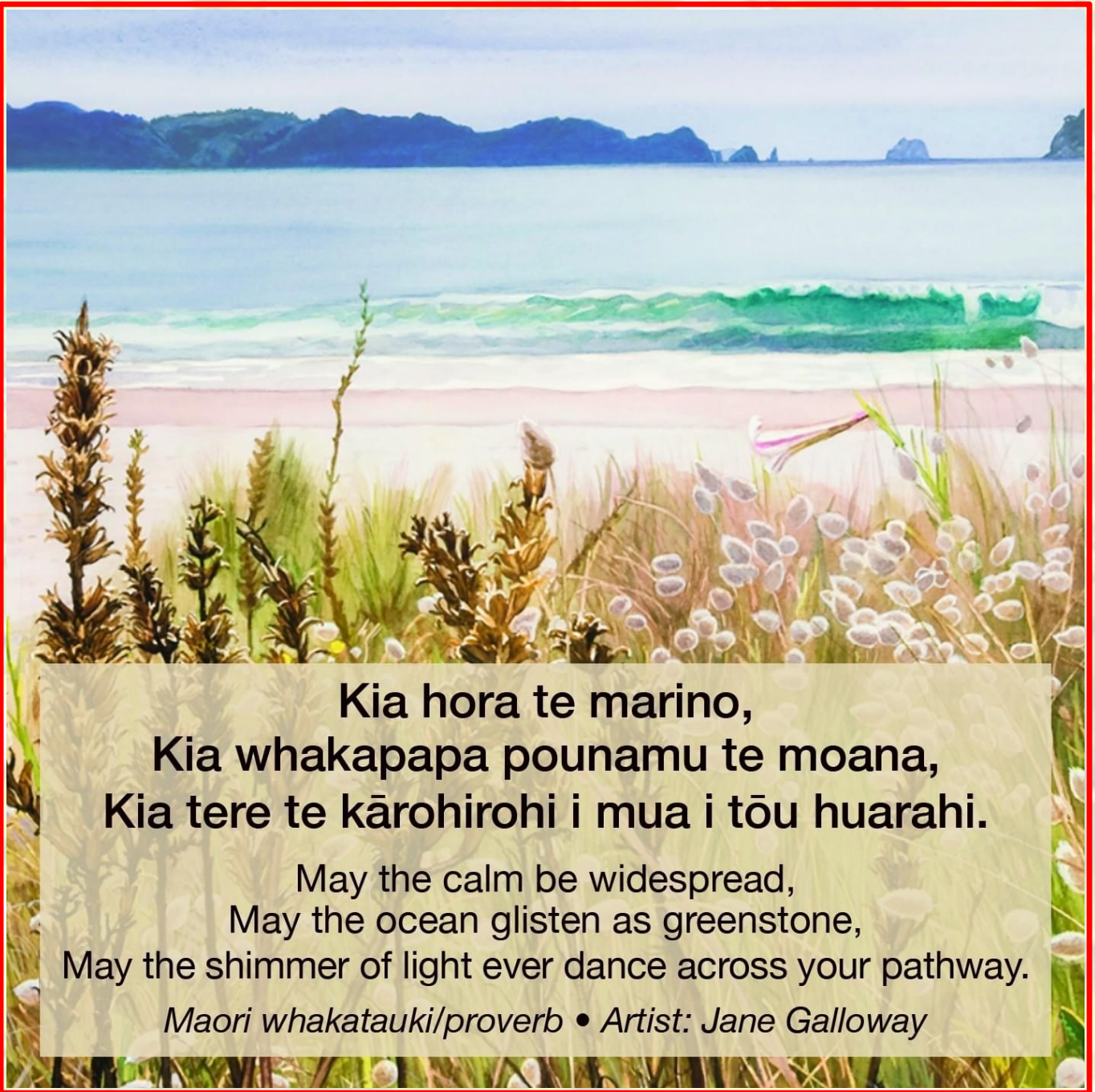
- Building secure attachment through play, praise and positive attention
- Emotional self-regulation skills
- Academic and social skills
- Understanding children's developmental stage and temperament
- Household rules and routines
- Natural and Logical Consequences
- Problem solving skills

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**Kia hora te marino,
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
Kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tōu huarahi.**

May the calm be widespread,
May the ocean glisten as greenstone,
May the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.

Maori whakatauki/proverb • Artist: Jane Galloway

Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

