



Haratua, May Pānui 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Haratua was a month filled with events! We held a Superhero dress up day in support of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, had a Bike Day in the centre carpark, hosted a Pink Ribbon morning tea in support of breast cancer, held a very successful centre working bee and we have had Molly and Zoe's Nana, Maria, join us for two music sessions with tamariki. It has been eventful 😊

We have been enjoying observing the seasons change, as we come to the end of Ngahuru, Autumn. While we didn't get many persimmon fruit this year, we loved watching the leaves turn bright red and explored this concept through visual art experiences with ngā tamariki.

We have also noticed a growing interest in exploring the insect world lately. Ngā mihi nui to Sadie and her whānau for sharing monarch butterfly chrysalises with us. What an amazing opportunity for ngā tamariki to observe up close. We have been fascinated by this process!

Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x



Centre Celebrations:

Rā whānau ki a koe, Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated birthdays in Haratua, May: Happy 2nd Birthday to Thea Gillespie, Happy 3rd Birthday to Tiffany Lilley and Raffe Sheriff, Happy 4th Birthday to Daisy Land. And Happy birthday to our lovely Kaiako Hanna and Jazz! We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau ❤️

Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Loki Yates and Tiffany's little sister, Hannah Lilley in the Tūi ruma ❤️ It is lovey to have you both here with us and we look forward to walking alongside you throughout your learning journey at Whenuakite Country Kids ❤️ In Haratua, May, we also said haere rā e hoa, farewell to our friends Eda Powell and Ayla Graham ❤️

Important reminders:

Missing gumboots!

A size 9 pair of redband gumboots are missing Please check if you have an extra pair at home Ngā mihi 😊



Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the Haratua, May issues of Kia Manawaroa here:

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Arbor Day Planting: This year Arbor Day fell on Kings Birthday, the 5th of June. Once the weather clears a bit, we will be planting some native trees along our roadfront area 🌳

Matariki: We will be having a centre Matariki celebration in July. As Matariki falls at the end of the second week of the school holidays this year, we are still deciding on a date to hold our celebration and will let you know this asap.

Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **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



🎵 Music with Maria! 🎵



Tamariki love engaging with music and movement. Music is fun, it enhances many skills that support further learning, including concentration, confidence, and cognitive and memory skills. It strengthens neural pathways for physical co-ordination, speaking and listening, and emotional wellbeing 🎵



We were SO lucky to have Molly and Zoe's Nana, Maria share her love of music with us throughout the month of May. What a treat! We loved our musical sessions with Maria. She brought great ideas and introduced tamariki to a range of music and movement experiences. Ngā mihi nui Maria! ❤️ She also made the centre one of her 'Co-oper Bands', for us to continue using with tamariki! Ka Rawe! AWESOME! 😊
[Music-and-movement-Tākai](#)



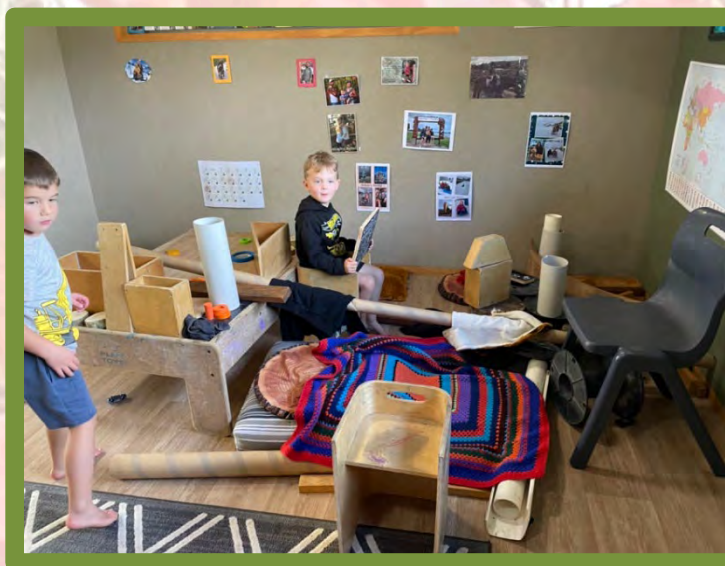


Learning about and observing the Metamorphosis of the Monarch butterfly



Providing opportunities for tamariki to revisit learning

We often notice tamariki spontaneously revisiting their learning through their play. Sometimes it can be quite literally tamariki looking through their learning journals and revisiting past learning stories of their development or special events in the centre. Sometimes, it can look like tamariki repeatedly creating with the same set of resources to create and re-create an environment. Sometimes we see it through repeated physical experiences such as riding bikes or hanging off the monkey bars. Sometimes it is the favourite story that **has** to be read on repeat! Whatever the experience, when tamariki are provided the opportunity to revisit their learning, they are working through trial and error, mastering their skills and building on their knowledge. Revising learning is important because it allows us to reflect on our experiences, learn about ourselves and make sense of the world. Kaiako recognise this as valuable learning and use intentional teaching strategies alongside tamariki to foster their love of revisiting learning.



Bike Day! 23.5.23



"Finding ways every day for children to use large and small muscles allows them to gain increasing control over their bodies. Physical activity promotes children's mental and emotional health as well as their physical well-being" MoE





A Pink Ribbon
Morning tea at
WCK 25.5.23



We had a lovely shared morning kai for Pink Ribbon Day in support of the Breast Cancer foundation. We raised a total of \$111.70, which will go towards funding research projects and medical grants to help improve survivorship, as well as support for patients and their whānau during treatment and recovery. ❤️ Ngā mihi to everyone for supplying such ataahua, beautiful, pink themed kai and showing your support for this worthy cause ❤️ We loved it so much, we will have to do it again in 2024! ❤️



pinkribbonbreakfast-whenuakitecountrykids





POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

**A1 APPENDIX 2 CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS,
A20 VEHICLE MANAGEMENT AND USE**

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

Community Contribution :)

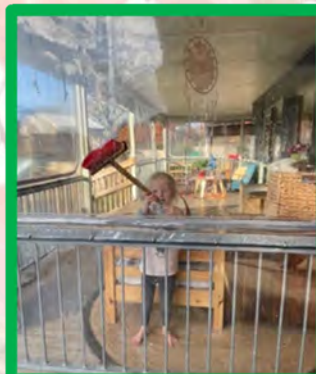
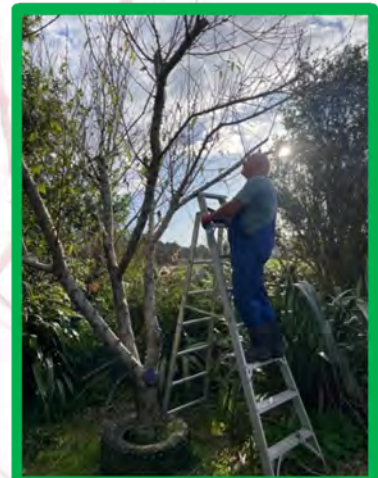
Check out all of the awesome koha which our community have given to WCK this month 😊 We really appreciate the generous support which our community-based centre receives. You are AMAZING! Thank you! 😊



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



WCK Working Bee
May 2023 🐝 👍
 Nga mihi nui to everyone who supported our recent centre working bee ❤️ We had a perfect afternoon, and an AMAZING team of helpers to tick off so many jobs from our to do list.
He rau ringa e oti ai - Many hands make light work ❤️



Nau mai Haere mai, Welcome!



Hannah



Loki

Haere ra e hōa, Farewell our friends



Eda



Ayla



Certificate of Support
Whenuakite Country Kids

Thank you for your donation of \$350.00 to KidsCan NZ from your recent fundraiser.
Your generosity will help to make a real difference to Kiwi kids affected by the recent floods / cyclone.



Julie Chapman Julie Chapman
KidsCan CEO and Founder

Date: 31/05/2023



Important Reminder:

WCK will be closed from
Monday the 3rd – Friday the 7th of July 2023.



Enjoy your winter break!!!

Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

