



Pipiri, June 2022

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have now passed the shortest day of the year on the 22nd of June. We held a lovely Winter solstice ritual in the centre with tamariki to acknowledge the changing seasons. And although we are now in our winter months, the days are getting longer and the nights shorter! 😊

At WCK we have been embracing Takurua, Winter by playing rippa rugby, baking delicious kai, playing in the rain, mud and sunshine and snuggling up on the couch to read books. We have also had interesting encounters with a range of different animals in Pipiri, and had kōrero about biodiversity, care and conservation.

In supporting transitions to kura, school we have had the Principal and new entrant teacher from Hikuai School visit. Tamariki had the opportunity to watch the Playhouse theatre production and Winter Sports Day at Whenuakite School and for whānau of our 4 and 5 year old tamariki, we held a Transition to School Hui with Whenuakite School.

Our EOTC programme has ventured to other local areas with a trip to The Hinds farm on Boat Harbour Road to check for pests in a trap line, Te Puia, Hot Water Beach to observe the resident Tuna, Eels, and our trip to Te Karo bay, Sailors Grave for some rock fossicking were highlights this month!

We are all looking forward to spending time with whānau and friends during our winter closure. We hope everyone gets the chance to rest, relax, rejuvenate, and have fun doing something you love next wiki ♡ 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 Pipiri, June: Happy 3rd Birthday to Maddie Spyve and Meila Thompson, Happy 4th Birthday to Marie Jack and Aart Laird, Happy 5th Birthday to Fae Charles ♡ And Happy birthday to our lovely Kaiako Jane and Laura M! We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau. #

Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Meika Vivian in the Tūi ruma It is lovey to have you and the whānau here with us and we look forward to walking alongside you throughout your learning journey at Whenuakite Country Kids ♡

Important reminders:

Centre Winter Closure

We are closed next wiki for the first week of the school holidays for a much-needed winter break. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again when **WCK reopens on Rāhina, Monday the 10th of July from 8am** 😊 ❄️ 🎅

Kia Manawaroa:

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

[Kia-Manawaroa-9-june-2023](#)

[Kia-Manawaroa-23-june-2023](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Matariki: We love celebrating Matariki! A special time for us to come together Our centre Matariki celebration is on Rāmere, Friday the 21st of July in the centre. We are starting the 'bonfire' at 4pm with cooked kumara and sausages until dark. Nau mai haere mai, all family and friends welcome!

Dyslexia info hui with our Learning Support Coordinator-Sherrie Hughes, @ WCK, Wednesday 2nd August, 4pm: How to recognise dyslexia in ece and some strategies to use when supporting tamariki with dyslexia.

Zero Waste Education visit: Rāmere, Friday 11th of August.

Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **Centre Winter Closure:** First week of School holidays: Monday 3rd -Friday 7th July.
- **Matariki:** Rāmere, Friday 14th July

Centre Happenings





We LOVE animals! We are so grateful to be a rural centre which is surrounded by a range of agricultural animals, and we are also very lucky to have many of our whānau animals visit us in the centre. There are great advantages to bringing animals into early learning environments, whether as loved pets, for a particular learning activity, to develop care and responsibility, or simply to kindle interest in other living things. Willow very kindly brought in her pet rabbit to visit us and ngā tamariki loved the opportunity to pat and observe a real live rabbit up close. Ngā mihi Willow and Kiri! 🐰





♡ ❄️ ♡ A special Winter Solstice ritual at WCK ♡ ❄️ ♡



Supporting
Transitions to
Kura, School ♡



Red Eared Slider Turtles

We had a visit from these Turtles who had been captured at Cooks Beach and were on their way to a Waikato University scientist to be studied because they are a major pest animal in our environment. We loved observing them up close!
[plant-and-animal-pests/red-eared-slider-turtles](#)



EOTC







POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

A Philosophy Statement

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.***

Nau mai Haere mai, Welcome!



Meika

Haere ra e hōa, Farewell our friend

We have loved having our Kaiako Jane here with us at Country Kids these past few months. However Jane has decided that her passion lies with teaching older children, and so her last day with us will be Tuesday the 18th of July ♥ We have had fun working with and getting to know Jane and her love and care for tamariki is shown through the many hugs, laughter and fun that we have had with her in the centre. We will miss you very much Jane, and wish you all the best on your next journey. And I'm sure we will see you out in the community! 😊



WCK MATARIKI CELEBRATION 2023



Rāmere, Friday the 21st of July, 4pm
Join us for a bonfire, sausages and
Kūmara! Nau mai haere mai, all
welcome ❤️

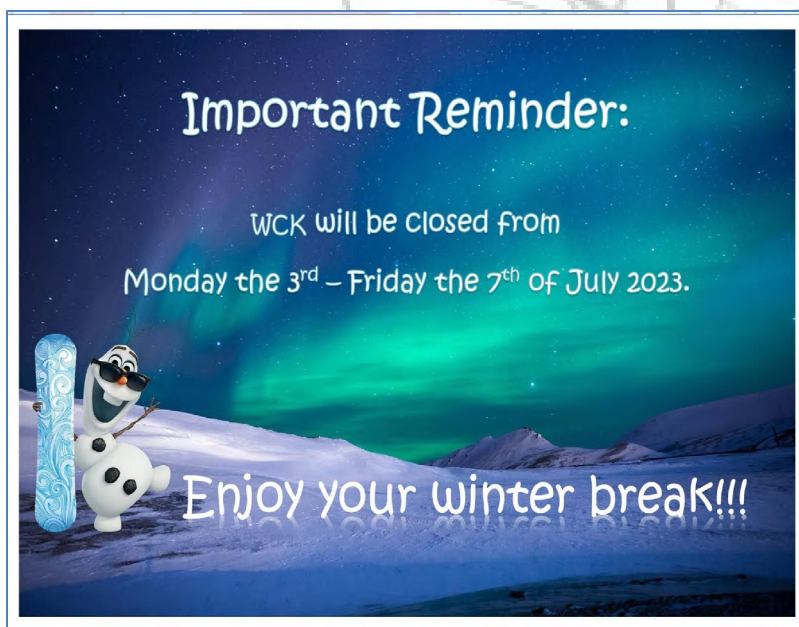
The Florence Harsant Hahei Community Library Open Day

The Hahei Community Library is holding it's first Library Open Day, Saturday 8 July 2023 from 9AM to 12PM. It will be a great opportunity to come in and see our huge range of books and just what our library has to offer. And if you are not already a member it will be a great chance to join! The library has an EXCELLENT collection of children's books!

We welcome all residents and ratepayers from the Mercury Bay South area (Hahei, Cooks Beach, Hot Water Beach, Whenuakite, Coroglen). Membership is a \$20 annual fee and covers your whole household.

Bring the family! We have books for everyone, even the blokes! There will be light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

The Hahei Librarians



Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

