



Mahuru, September 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kōanga, Spring has sprung! We are loving Tama nui te rā, the sun warming us up and helping everything to grow. We are enjoying sowing seeds and observing plants in our māra, garden, begin to flower.

Mahuru was full of events. We loved visiting Whenuakite School for their Matariki production, Pet Day and to play in the playground during School Holidays ☺ We are so grateful for the strong connection with our local school, and to be able to take part in these community events.

Tamariki have visited Coroglen School and MBAS to experience being welcomed onto the school whare and to practice Kapa Haka. Then a committed group ventured over the hills to Coromandel Area School for this year's Cultural Festival! Ngā mihi to everyone who helped to make this happen for ngā tamariki, it is always an awesome community event and a great learning opportunity. It has certainly inspired ngā tamariki, as we have had kapa haka play every day since! Bring on the cultural festival 2024!

We are sad to inform you that our Kaiako Laura McInnes has decided to leave us. Laura has had her last day teaching in the centre, but we still get to see her when she drops off and picks up Billie ♥ 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 Mahuru, September: Happy 2nd Birthday to Muireann McKinnon Happy 4th Birthday to Mabel Drewitt-Fisher, Happy 5th Birthday to Chase Hayward, Benji Norriss and Olive Hansby! ♥ We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with whānau and friends.

This month we said Haere rā e hoa, farewell to our friends Tanner Brockett, Chase Hayward and Benji Norriss, who are all starting at Whenuakite School. We will miss you! And we wish you all the best on your next journey of learning at school x We are also saying haere rā to the Brockett and Norriss whānau. Ngā mihi, for all that you have given to our centre over the years ♥ Lucky for us we get to see Sophie in the centre each day ☺

Important reminders:

Keeping SunSmart in Term 4:

During Terms 1 and 4, we practice sun safety at WCK. We slip slop slap and wrap. Please remember to support tamariki to wear a named sunhat and to apply sunscreen each day ☺ We will reapply sunscreen at lunchtime.

2023 WCK Calendar Art:

Tamariki have been creating AMAZING works of art for this year's calendar art ☺ Please check your child's pocket for the order form or ask at reception. Orders close Rāmere, Friday the 20th of October.

Kia Manawaroa:

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

[kia-manawaroa-1-september-2023](#)

[kia-manawaroa-15-september-2023](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Professional photos with Olga Bhana @ WCK: Rātū, Tuesday 17th October

Ruben the Road Safety Bear visit: Rāpare, Thursday 19th October

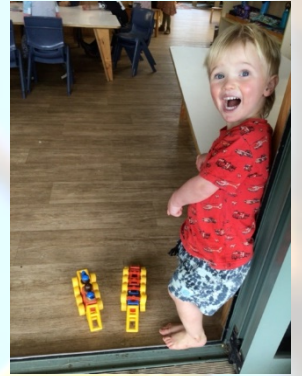
The annual WCK Bake Sale!: Saturday 21st October @ Hahei Store

B4 School Hearing and Vision Checks: Rāhina, Monday 30th October and Rāapa, Wednesday 1st November.

Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **Labour Day:** Rāhina, Monday 23rd of October
- **Centre Christmas Closure:** From 4pm on Rāapa, Wednesday the 20th of December to Rātū, Tuesday the 16th of January 2024 ☺

Centre Happenings



Whenuakite School Matariki Production ☺

We LOVED watching the dress rehearsal of the school production! Ngā mihi
Whenuakite School.



Practicing Kapa Haka- Visiting Coroglen School and Mercury Bay Area School



Whenuakite School Pet Day ☺



Te Hui Ahurei o Te Rangatahi o Te Kāhui Ako o Te Tara o Te Ika, 2023 Cultural Festival, Coromandel Area School ❤️





POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

HS2 Laundry Policy, HS2 Appendix 1 Laundry Procedure, HS3 Nappy Changing and Toileting.

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.***

New Shade Sails coming for WCK!! 🌞

We are thrilled to have received a grant from Pub Charities which has completed our centre's fundraising efforts towards installing shade sails in the Kererū outdoor environment. Ngā mihi nui to everyone who has made this dream become a reality 😊 Special thanks go out to the Cashmore whānau, Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association, Pub Charities and our AWESOME WCK Fundraising committee. AMAZING effort everyone! 🙌👍



Whenuakite School School Board Elections

Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on 20th October 2023. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on 24th November 2023.

Signed Carmen Wills

Returning Officer

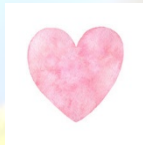
Haere ra e hoa, Farewell our friends



Tanner



Laura



Chase



Benji



Whenuakite Country Kids AGM
Tuesday 10th of October 2023
7pm @ The Church Accomodation Hahei





Have your child's own picture made into unique products!



- ★ Treasured keepsakes
- ★ Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
- ★ Order as many items as you wish from the same picture

Calendars

High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound to a 12-Month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

Cards

Display your Child's Artwork or Photo on a pack of 8 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse of Art products. Includes envelopes.

Diaries

Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

Mouse Mats

Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

Sketch Pads

Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire Bound with 50 x A5 sized pages of blank art paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

Orders to be returned by: Friday 20th October 2023

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____
(Fill out one form per child)

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

	Calendars	Cards	Diaries	Mouse Mats	Sketch Pads	Total of each Row
	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	
How many items are to be made from this Student's Art?						
How many items are to be made from Uploaded Photos? (instructions below)						
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Payment instructions: Please make payment when this form is returned.
Whenuakite Country Kids Fundraising 38-9019-0882171-09
Please return form to process

If you want to Upload Photos for your purchase

- You can upload photos to create photo products by visiting www.kidsartworks.com and using your School Entrance Code:
- Once you have successfully uploaded your photos, you will be emailed & provided a Reference number. Please write that here:

School Entrance Code: KZ 4274

The Reference Number kidsartworks.com gave me is: _____



Pennie Brownlee
 22 May 1947 — 20 September 2023
 Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, friend, teacher, facilitator, dance partner, author, advocate for children, advocate for parents, and a big kid at heart. Rest in peace and joy.

Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

