



## Whiringa-ā-nuku, October 2023

*Kia ora e te whānau,*

Spring growth is in full effect here at WCK ❤️ Our māra, gardens are bursting with new growth. Tamariki have been working alongside teachers to plant and care for our flower and vegetable māra, gardens.

Whiringa-ā-nuku was also a busy birthday month here at WCK. We had 10 tamariki with birthdays and two pepi, babies born in this month!

We have also had many extra events in October; We held our centre's AGM, had Olga Bhana taking photos for us, and Ruben the Road Safety Bear visited us. We ventured across to Whenuakite School to learn about the mighty Kauri tree, visited the country schools Athletics day, held a successful centre spring working bee and we ended the month with the tail end of cyclone Lola!

As always, we appreciate the support that everyone gives to make these events happen in the centre ❤️ 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 Whiringa-ā-nuku, October: Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Loki Yates and Fern Charles, Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Sadie Philp, Keira Lomas, Angus Woolston, Keanu Johnson and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Arlo Morcom and Elias Cooney ❤️ We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with whānau and friends.

This month we said Haere mai e hoa, Welcome to our new friends Harvey Wakefield and Audrey Rolf in the Tūi ruma ❤️ It is great to have you both here with us. We look forward to being part of your learning journey at Whenuakite Country Kids ❤️ And we also welcomed a new reliever, Tammy Greig to the team ❤️

A very special Nau mai e te pēpi ki te ao mārama, Welcome to the world baby Nica, a little sister for Maia. And Welcome to the world baby Max, a little brother for Tiffany and Hanna! Congratulations on the safe arrival of your babies, we can't wait to meet them both!! 😊



## Important reminders:

### Keeping Sunsmart in Term 4:

During Term 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 morning ☺️ We will reapply sunscreen at lunchtime.

### Toys from home:

Please encourage tamariki to either leave their personal toys at home or in the car. We have plenty of amazing resources to play with at WCK. If you require any further support with this, please ask us, we are here to help ☺️

### Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the Whiringa-ā-nuku, October issue of Kia Manawaroa here:

[kia-manawaroa-13-october-2023](https://kia-manawaroa-13-october-2023)

### Important Upcoming Dates:

**Gumboot Friday:** Rāmere, Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**WCK Shade Sails pole installation!!!** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November 😊

**Spring Festival at Whenuakite School:** Rātū, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Hearing and Vision Checks:** Now on Rātū, Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November

**WCK Tamariki Christmas Party!:** Rātū, Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm at the Purangi

### Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **Centre Christmas Closure:** WCK is closed from 4pm on Rāapa, Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 to Rātū, Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 😊



# Centre Happenings





# WCK AGM 2023



Our community owned ece centre held its annual AGM at the Church Accomodation in Hahei this October. Our chairperson Fran Jack, Treasurer David Haynes and centre manager Jasmine Lockhart gave speeches in review of the past year at WCK. A lot has happened in 12 months, and it was a great opportunity to celebrate the many successes and achievements of our centre. We have said farewell to both Tim Stephens and Kate Seddon on the WCK Committee. Ngā mihi, thank you both for your service to our centre ♥

Getting involved in the governance of your childs ece centre provides an opportunity to ensure that tamariki get the best possible learning environment for their early years. You can learn new skills and play a key part in making sure our centre runs smoothly and efficiently. And it is fun too! 😊 Please let us know if you are interested in joining our committee at any stage. We meet once a month and would love to welcome any parents, whānau and community members who would like to be a part of shaping the direction of WCK to ensure that our community owned ece centre thrives into the future.



## Full Pay Parity for WCK! 😊

You may have heard the announcement from the government prior to the election, that the Ministry of Education are delivering full pay parity funding to the ECE sector in line with Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Teachers. This is a huge win for the ECE profession and for our hard-working Kaiako. With the support and strong financial management of our committee, we are thrilled that WCK has been able to 'opt-in' to the full pay parity scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> November this year! It has been long overdue, and we are very excited to be able to pay our certificated teachers at rates which reflect their qualifications and experience alongside any other teacher in Aotearoa. Ngā mihi nui ♥



# EOTC Learning



Learning about the mighty Kauri tree with Waikato Regional Council at Whenuakite School





🐝 🌻 WCK Spring Working Bee 🌻 🐝



He rau ringa e oti ai, many hands make light work ♥ Ngā mihi nui to everyone who came and helped spread mulch throughout our gardens on a Friday afternoon 👍♥👏 What an awesome turn out for our centre's spring working bee. The gardens are looking so happy. Mīharo, Amazing! 😊







## Ruben the Road Safety Bear visits WCK!!!

Ngā mihi Ruben for coming to share your important message about road safety. We learnt how to 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND LINK' when we are crossing the road, and to make sure our safety belts in our car seats and helmet straps are clicked in properly. It was so much fun meeting you and dancing together!




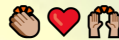


# WCK Fundraising




Check out these AMAZING people! We held our annual WCK Bakesale outside the Hahei General Store on Labour weekend. Ngā mihi, thank you to everyone who supported this with delicious homemade goodness and a special ngā mihi nui to our dedicated WCK Fundraising committee for all of their hard mahi, making sure the bakesale was a success. We raised a total of \$1,165.50!!! A great effort everyone!

We are INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL to Deirdre and Ray Van Beynen who organised and held their own fundraising stall also at the Hahei market selling donated goods from the community, with all profits going to Whenuakite Country Kids!!!! They raised close to \$500.00 for us!!!! The Van Beynen whānau transitioned to Whenuakite School almost 4 years ago, so it was extra special to see Ana and her friends Ruby and Valerie doing the mahi, giving back to our community owned ECE centre  AMAZING! We are so lucky to have such generous and thoughtful people willing to give their time and resources for the benefit of ngā tamariki in our community!



The total amount raised from our Labour weekend fundraising was: \$1,655.50! Ka rawe!

We've also had Olga Bhana taking professional photographs of tamariki in the centre this month. Olga donates a percentage of all photos ordered back to WCK  And her photos are stunning! Ngā mihi Olga x







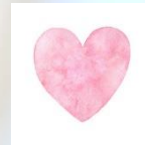
## **POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:**

HS12 Safety and Hazard Management, HS12  
Appendix 1 Daily Hazard Check Form.

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.**



## Supporting Transitions to Kura, School

*"Learning is a journey that begins before birth and continues throughout life. Each part of the education system has a responsibility for supporting children (and the adults they become) on this lifelong journey of exploration. Kaiako and new entrants' teachers support children by affirming their identity and culture, connecting with and building on their funds of knowledge and having positive expectations for their learning" (Te Whāriki, Ministry of Education 2017, p. 51).*

Our early childhood curriculum focuses on goals and learning outcomes for tamariki. These include the development of learning dispositions and key competencies, which build a child's attitudes to learning.

One of the aims of the transition-to-school process is to support children as they develop the important disposition of resilience. Resilience is the ability to adapt to change, to work through problems that arise, to look for solutions, and to keep trying even when it is not easy. Children need to know that it is okay if they find starting school hard, it is okay that it is different to what they know, and that it will take some adjusting to. It is okay if they feel nervous about it.

There are many ways that we can support tamariki throughout this journey. One simple way could be encouraging tamariki to walk into the centre and to carry their own bag when they arrive and depart. Looking after their belongings is part of learning to manage themselves and gives tamariki a sense of empowerment in this process.

There are more great tips and ideas about supporting the transition to school process for tamariki on the MoE TKI website: [TKI teaching-strategies-and-resources.starting-school-brochure](https://tewhariki.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/public/Teaching-strategies-and-resources/Files/Kua-tupu-au-game-English.pdf) Please also ask us if you have any questions about your child's transition to school ♡

<https://tewhariki.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/public/Teaching-strategies-and-resources/Files/Kua-tupu-au-game-English.pdf>



Check out our flash new Teachers high-vis vests to help us cross the road! 😊



# Athletics Day at Whenuakite School





*Haere mai e hoa,  
Welcome to our new friends*



**Audrey**



**Harvey**



**Tammy**



*Wecome to the world baby Nica nd baby Max!*



HIKUIAI SCHOOL PRESENTS  
THE

# HIKUIAI SCHOOL MARKET

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10:00AM - 2:00PM  
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# Cooks Beach CARNIVAL

4 JANUARY

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*A Whenuakite School Fundraiser*

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## Free Children's Ear Service clinics in Whitianga:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3-5pm (Drop in only clinic)**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov- 8am-5pm (Appointment and drop in clinic)**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov- 730am-1030am (Appointment and drop in clinic)**

The Ear Bus will be parked up across from the cinema (Lee St) in the car park.

**All children must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian, otherwise a consent form must be completed.**

For enquiries regarding this service or to book an appointment please contact The Children's Ear Clinic on 07 838 3565

The Ear Nurse can provide 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. Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door.**

Did you know?

*Kererū*



- ✦ Essential to the survival of native trees, such as taraire and karaka, because they are the only native bird that is able to eat the large fruit and disperse the seeds!
- ✦ Can live up to 21 or more years. However, they average 5 years due to predators, cars, or flying into windows.

*Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x*

