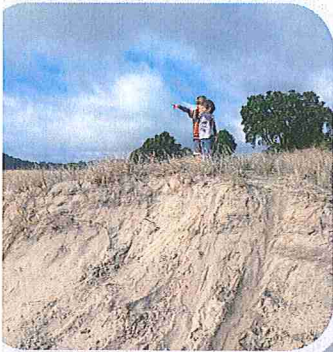


W.C.K. NEWS 2016!

Friday 19th August
Term 3, Week 4
Kia Ora Whanau,

WHENUAKITE COUNTRY KIDS *Where children connect*



Above is a few snap shots of the fun we have been having at WCK over the last couple of weeks!!! From education outside the class, to inside activities because of all the rain!! We had a visit from Ruben the Safety bear, went over to the Whenuakite School Cross Country and then finally some lovely sunshine so we could explore the great outdoors again!!

The weather has certainly been a little frustrating, but hopefully the worst is now over and we will see a lot more sunshine as we see the tail end of winter and enter summer. Next Thursday afternoon we are holding a First Aid course on site for some staff members to refresh their certificates however if any parents are interested please make contact on Monday for more details as we have space available and the option of either just doing the refresher or the full First Aid Course.

You may have noticed that we have had a little change around of our information walls in the Kereru Room and the "Star of the week" artist has been swapped for the what's going on in the Kereru room information so that hopefully it is in a better position for ease of reading.

THANK YOU!!



Thanks for all your support with our firewood raffle, mum2mum rainwear fundraiser and for continuing to supply and purchase from our centre co-op of fruit and veges it is helping create a nice little income which is all going directly back to the kids!! Watch this space for more fundraisers!!

Congrats again to Lisa and Simon for winning the wood raffle!!

HELP REQUIRED:

Beach clean up

We will be going on a whole centre Excursion on Thursday 8th September together with the Enviro group from Whenuakite school to participate in the nationwide "Beach Clean up" we would love parents and caregivers to join us on the outing and if possible lend a hand with transport there will be an information/permission slip out next week.

Also coming up in November is another key event for WCK, **The Hot Water Beach Brewery—Beer Festival**. This is a fundraising opportunity for us and we need **10-15 volunteers** to help serve beer, man the gates, watch the bouncy castle, collect rubbish etc. This is a great little money earner for us and we are also supporting one of our centre families in the process so it is a win : win scenario. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out the event is **Saturday 19th November**

Lunchboxes and Water bottles

We have decided to trial leaving the children's lunch boxes in their bags and we would like to encourage you all to pack a named drink bottle for your child. We will still have the basket for fridge items on the bench that you can put items in when required.

Sickness and absent days

We have had a lot of sick children over the past weeks and we feel some children are returning to day care too soon and hence not really recovering well. If your child has a bad cough, a lot of green snot and or loose not "normal" bowel motions please keep them home a day or 2 longer otherwise you may find us turning you away at the door or calling you to collect your children earlier than usual. The cold weather and the nature of this environment is toxic for spreading bugs.

We are doing our best to keep the place warm and to keep children dressed appropriately and stay dry with shoes and socks on their feet etc so please work with us. If you have other unwell children at home please be mindful not to bring them into the centre. Let's hope the sun starts shining again!

We are excited to announce.....

You will be receiving an invitation to join Storypark by the end of next week !!! Please check out the information on the wall in the Kereru room and feel free to ask questions if you have any.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All of Term 3— Weekly EOTC trips will be held on Tues, Wed or Thursdays please see details in the office

Thursday 25th August—First Aid refresher course or Full first aid course available please talk to Andie if your interested.

Sunday 4th September—Fathers Day

Tuesday 8th September—Whole centre excursion to Cooks Beach—BEACH CLEAN UP

Wednesday 13th September—Whenuakite School Pet Day

Friday 23rd September —Loud Shirt Day and the last day of Term 3

Monday 26th—Friday 30th September—WCK closed for week 1 of School Holidays

Monday 2nd October—WCK reopens

NOVEMBER—WCK AGM—date, venue and time TBC