

W.C.K. NEWS 2016!

Thursday 24th March 2016

Term 1

Kia Ora Whanau,

WHENUAKITE COUNTRY KIDS

Where children connect



We have been particularly busy over the last two weeks we have said goodbye to another one of our long time friends Peyton who is off to join the team in room 1 at Whenuakite school. We have watched the seasons change and we are now into Autumn and with that comes a whole lot of new experiences. We have different produce available in the gardens and you may have noticed we have started a small co-op in the front foyer please feel free to add to or buy from this. All donations will be going towards our new EOTC initiative.

Sadly we have also said goodbye to Liz and her girls Bella and Katy as they have gone to have some good quality family time but we will still see them from time to time as Liz has joined the WCK relieving team.

The children have loved being creative across all areas of play and particularly in the arts and crafts leading into Easter.

We hope you all have a lovely long weekend and that the weather is kind to us.

Stay safe and Happy Easter to you all.



We have lots to say Thanks about this week!!!

- Thanks to all who attended the parent information evening it was a valuable exercise and we appreciate your input
- Thanks to all who took the time to complete our parent survey
- Thanks to John, Rochelle, Kelly and Alex for there awesome work putting the interactive items on our boxes in both rooms and for the crates as shelving in the carpentry area!!
- Thanks to Whitianga Liquor for donating the crates
- Thanks to Jaxon and Isla's Great Uncle Ken for the very cool new mud kitchen sink its awesome and the kids love it!

As promised all who completed the parent Questionnaire went in the draw for a coffee voucher and the winner was Kirsten Castle - Congratulations!

Parent Evening and our new Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) Initiative

If you couldn't make it to the parent evening please do take the time to have a look at Storypark and what it is all about there are great little demo videos that explain it really well. Either look through their website www.storypark.com or do a search on Facebook they have there own page and this also has great demo videos. Please also feel free to talk to one of us in the centre. As a team we value the amazing part of NZ that we live in and we would like to incorporate more connection and interaction between the children that attend our centre and the environment that surround us. We will be starting a new initiative where we will be taking small groups of children to local environments to play and learn in its natural state! We are currently drawing up the risk management and assessment forms and finalising the last few details before we will begin our adventures in April/May. We will pick a local location each 6 weeks and during the 6 weeks we will take a small group of children on alternate days of the week so all children will get the opportunity to visit that area before we change to a new area. Taking smaller groups allows more in-depth learning and development to take place. We would love parent support to help with transport and ratio numbers from time to time. Please email your interest and days/times you would be available to help direct to Andie - teacher@wck.co.nz



Upcoming events.....

March 23rd— Teaching team PLD 4.30—6.30pm at WCK.

March 25th—Good Friday **WCK CLOSED**

March 28th—Easter Monday **WCK CLOSED**

March 29th— WCK OPEN—both Whenuakite and Tairua Schools closed.

March 31st—Beach Hop cars will be in Tairua for the day

April — Weekly centre excursions to commence first Location will be Cooks Beach Estuary

April 12th— TBC—WCK family fishing excursion and sausage sizzle at the Purangi—High tide is 11am

April 15th—School Term1 ends (school holidays begin)

April 18th—29th—School Holidays **WCK is open during this time please inform us if your child/ren will be away.**

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