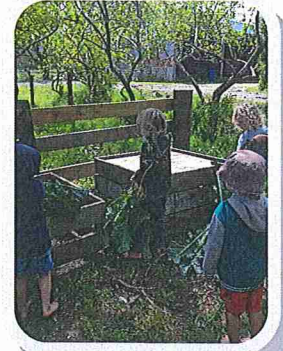




W.C.K. NEWS 2016!

Monday 31st October
Term 4, Week 4
Kia Ora Whanau,

WHENUAKITE COUNTRY KIDS – *Where children connect*



Firstly wow how cool is our new fence around our persimmon grove!! A huge thanks to the Palmer and Walker families for their massive effort in getting stuck in over Labour weekend to get the job done!! The children really enjoy their outdoor play and we know they will have a lot of fun in this new safe area exploring and creating things as they please. Also out through the Tui fence are our newly built compost bins, thanks to the grant we received from Fonterra, and to John for putting these together they will definitely be put to good use.

KERERU ROOM

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Alannah and her family, It is great to have you here at WCK! We look forward to getting to know you and your family. Over the past two weeks we have celebrated a few birthdays, Alannah and Pippa both turned 3, Sienna and Awana turned 4 and Pearl has turned 5! We also have a small group of boys about to start their transition to Whenuakite School!

The children have loved sowing sunflower and pumpkin seeds and tending to the garden this week, while others have really enjoyed getting very involved in their dramatic role play.

The children have responded really well to the lunch boxes remaining with their bags and are enjoying having access to their drink bottles during meal times, we have placed a second basket on the bench for the drink bottles to be placed beside the food that goes into the refrigerator.

In the Kereru room we would like to trial an un-allocated locker system, where children will come in daily and pick a locker number of their choice and place their belongings in the locker they choose. The teaching team have begun introducing this idea with the children and we ask for your support to implement this. The main purpose for this is to continue to grow and develop independent learners with strong self help skills. The children will naturally identify with a space that they feel comfortable in and it will eliminate the sharing of locker spaces on some of our busier days.

TUI ROOM

This week we welcome Ruby Buchanan, Pippa's little sister, we are really looking forward to getting to know you and we know you will love your time here at WCK! We also have Alice O'Brien and Seth Black who will be visiting and settling over the next week and starting next week.

The children have been very busy in the outdoor environment. They are loving challenging themselves on the playground, picking strawberries and enjoying getting really wet with the water play! Animals are also a keen interest amongst the children and we have been creating a farmyard wall display—if you have any animal stories or pictures of pets that you would like to share please do so.

We are also updating our children's whanau tree and family photo wall so please either bring in photos of your family or email direct so we can print it out antheena@wck.co.nz or stacey@wck.co.nz

Please remember that with the warmer weather we do require a named hat for the children to wear when outdoors and please pack at least two changes of clothing in their bags as we love to get wet and dirty!!

Education outside the classroom

This is going well we have had a bit of a self review of the times we are running this and have decided to slightly adjust the departure time from 9.30 to 10am and we will return to WCK by 12 noon in time for lunch, this will help reduce the rush in the morning and help with the settling routine etc.

Enrolled hours—start and finish times

Lately we have had several parents arriving 15-30mins late to collect their child/ren. Please do ring us if you are running late so that we know and can adjust things accordingly.

We understand that sometimes this can't be helped and especially given our location and travel times etc and we can usually make accommodations to help we just need to know as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4:

EOTC trips resume for Term 4— These will be run once a week and alternate between Tuesday, Wednesday's and Thursdays we will depart WCK at 10am and return by 12noon

Monday 7th November—WCK AGM—4pm , all welcome to attend, There will be nibbles and refreshments provided.

Tuesday 8th November—Whenuakite & Coroglen Schools Athletics Day at Whenuakite School

Saturday 19th November—HWB Rising Can Beer Festival & fundraiser for WCK

WCK Christmas Party— Wednesday 14th December, 10am start finished by 12.30pm

Friday 16th December—End of School Term, Tairua School

Tuesday 20th December—End of School Term, Whenuakite School—1.00pm finish

Tuesday 20th December—WCK last day of Term , 4.00pm finish