



W.C.K. NEWS 2016!

Friday 9th September
Term 3, Week 7
Kia Ora Whanau,

WHENUAKITE COUNTRY KIDS *Where children connect*



Unfortunately we had to cancel this weeks planned Beach Clean up however I have checked the weather forecast and next week is not looking great either and we already have two planned activities included the Whenuakite School Pet Day and Bee Aware fun. We will reschedule our Beach Clean up for **THURSDAY 22nd September, same place and time** - lets hope the weather plays its part so we can have a great morning at the beach and do our part to help Keep NZ Beautiful. Thanks to all who had offered to help with transport for the trip please can you confirm if you will be available for this new date I had the following parents down to join us and assist with transport Brenda Black, Rachel Clow, Tracey Tuiner and Carmen Wills. We hope you have all received your invite to join us on **Storypark** now and we do hope you are enjoying this resource and enjoy exploring all it has to offer. If you have any queries on storypark jump on their website www.storypark.com and click on the help centre it has lots of answers right there and they also have an email address that you can direct questions to they are very helpful and fast to reply. If any parents would be interested in some teacher aid or relief teaching please get in touch with Andie in person or via email.

THANK YOU!!

Big thanks to the Walker family for their contribution in splitting another lot of wood to start forming firewood that we will be able to sell as another income earner for WCK!!
Also big thanks to Jo Mannington our Vice chairperson and the Jazz for all their hard work behind the scenes in helping tidy and prepare the front roadside garden area for planting in spring. This has been a long process but it will be looking great and much more appealing in the near future. We have had to change the focus of this area to strictly landscaping only due to septic drip lines so it will not be fenced and an additional play area but instead we will be focusing on fencing and transforming our persimmon grove for this facility of extended outdoor environment and play.

HELP REQUIRED:

The Hot Water Beach Brewery—Rising Can 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—Thanks**



Lunchboxes and Water bottles

So far the new system of lunch boxes staying in the childrens bags and bringing drink bottles is going really well so thank you for your help with this change. Can we please ask that we now deliver drink bottles to the kitchen bench as we will keep these on the trolley for meal times to eliminate sharing of bottles. Thanks :-)

MBAS Roopu group comes to visit:

Today we had a visit from the Mercury Bay Area School Roopu group who performed some Maori songs (waiata) and haka and then joined us for a yummy fruit platter for afternoon tea it was awesome!! It is really great to be making these links with our wider community and we thank Sandie and her team for paying us a visit we look forward to strengthening this relationship in the future.

September is BEE Aware month and Kierans mum Hannah has kindly offered to come in next Wednesday 14th September to celebrate, plant and count bees with the children if anybody would like to bring items to share or perhaps a Bee suit to wear please do!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All of Term 3— Weekly EOTC trips will be held on Tues, Wed or Thursdays please see details in the office
Tuesday 13th September—Whenuakite School Pet Day
Wednesday 14th—Bee Aware fun day
Thursday 22nd September—Beach Clean up at Cooks Beach
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