

W.C.K. NEWS 2015!

Thursday 18th Feb 2016
Term 1
Kia Ora Whanau,

WHENUAKITE COUNTRY KIDS
Where children connect

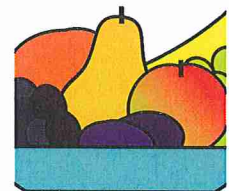


We have been having a very busy time at WCK— we have been on several adventures in our close and surrounding areas, collecting bugs, exploring and challenging ourselves in different environments. This week we were able to visit the Life Education mobile classroom over at Whenuakite School which the children really enjoyed. When we go exploring outside the WCK gates it is usually a good idea to have shoes for the children so if you can pack these regularly that would be great. During these very hot summer days we are regularly turning the sprinkler on in the day so lots of clothes or togs and a towel are a big help too :-)

We are currently working hard to improve our programme with the aim of incorporate and utilise the amazing area we live in a bit more. It is our aim to extend our small excursions a bit further than walking distance and include more local areas such as Cooks Beach, the Coroglen and local farms, so we would like to share these ideas and plans with you all at a WCK parent evening—we have chosen a date, taking into consideration both Whenuakite and Tairua School events also, so hopefully it will work for the majority of you as we would love as many of you to come along as possible—we will be talking through our plans to extend our education outside the classroom (EOTC) and moving forward to incorporate storypark an online portfolio programme into our centre. If you get the chance please visit the website to get a preview of what it is all about—www.storypark.co.nz. and put **Thursday 10th March** in your diary!

February is the month of 5+ a day which we have been talking about with the children and we have decided to do a centre 5+ challenge! As a team we have chosen to have a bike day and a shared afternoon tea next **Thursday 25th February**—All parents/caregivers are welcome to join us.

Please bring in any fruit or vegetables from your garden or an item from your cupboards that we can put together for a shared afternoon tea. The plan for the day will be: Children to have fun riding bikes around the carpark area between 9.45 and 11.15am . Then we will put together a healthy 5+ shared afternoon tea between 2.30 and 3.00pm.



Upcoming events.....

February—5+ a day challenge month

25th Feb—5+ a day challenge—Bike day and shared afternoon tea—parents welcome to join us.

10th March—WCK Parent information evening 5.30pm

March/April — Weekly centre excursions to commence

March 25th—Good Friday **WCK CLOSED**

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

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