

BELLEVUE KINDERGARTEN
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF
KINDERGARTEN IN THE
WELLINGTON REGION

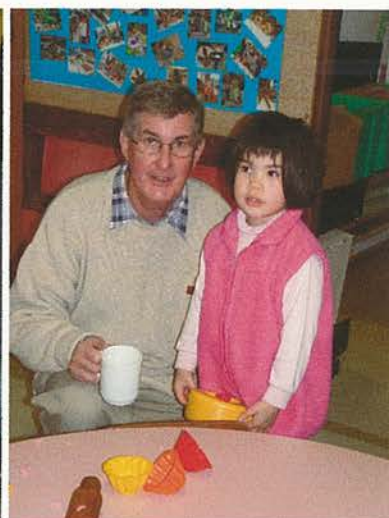


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Newlands

Celebrating 100 years of kindergarten in Wellington.

We held a Special Persons Evening where children brought along a special person who usually doesn't come with them to kindergarten. Fathers, Grandparents, neighbours, friends and other family members attended with the children. Kindergarten was set up as if for a normal session and children and adults were able to work in all inside areas. Snacks and rinks were served. The evening was well supported and both children and adults thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A small article was sent to the Independent Herald along with a photo about this event. (Attached)





KINDRED SPIRITS: At 27 years old Bellevue Kindergarten is a mere youngling in Wellington childcare terms. Bellevue is one of 56 facilities celebrating the Wellington Region Free Kindergarten centenary. Each kindergarten has been given a cabbage tree to plant to mark a centennial week, which will see the 4,500 children that attend Wellington kindergartens holding parties, concerts and bikeathons. Bellevue Kindergarten was the second kindergarten to be opened in the area. Originally called Newlands Park Kindergarten it changed its name in 1978. It currently has a roll of 60 children. Pictured is Tyler Brown with his grandmother Kim Brown at special persons evening where children showed around friends and relatives who don't normally come with them to kindergarten.

*From Independent Herald
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PLANTING OUR CABBAGE TREE

We held a morning tea party to celebrate the centenary and during that morning planted our cabbage tree in front of the kindergarten. We planted the cabbage tree and several other plants donated to us by the City Council. We planted them in a grassed area in front of our front fence. Children bought along party food and because the weather was so good they were able to have their party outside on the deck. Children were given a balloon and sticker at the party.



Teachers and Parents assisted the children where necessary.





Some Children preferred to explore the section next door or watch the workers from a height.



And then we had a party.



The planted Cabbage tree.



We hope it will grow like our other Cabbage trees.