

# 1980's



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It gives me great pleasure to present this report after such a successful year, both financially and socially.

The year started off very well, with the Wheel-a-thon in April. For this success, I have to thank both the shopkeepers of Newtown and the parents who were prepared to go out and ask those shopkeepers for donations. With this fundraising, the kindergarten was able to buy a new sandpit.

Following this, our time and energy was devoted to the birthday week in November - with the exception of one cake stall which was found necessary to pay the ever-incoming regular bills. A note here for future committees: cake stalls have proved to be of great value in that they are easily organised, well-supported and a good fundraiser.

The hard work put into organising the barn dance reaped both financial and social rewards. I am sure all those who attended had a most enjoyable evening and were at last able to match some faces with names.

The raffles were extremely popular and proved to be a great money-spinner. We were lucky to get some excellent prizes for these raffles - all donated from past and present parents.

Two of the other highlights of the social calendar were the Reunion Luncheon and the Children's Carnival Day, events which will long be remembered, because they were enjoyed and well-patronised.

I would like here to say thank you to the committee for their hard work, to Doreen, Atlee and Jenny who make the kindergarten such a good place to be part of, and to the parents and other friends of the kindergarten for all their help and moral support.

I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to contribute and to see others contribute so willingly for the well-being of our children which, in the end, is why we are here.

To the incoming committee, good luck!

Thank you.

*Teresa Grace*

Teresa Grace

At the  
Reunion  
1984





## Newtown kindly takes to the streets



Newtown Kindergarten took to the streets on the weekend to raise money to build a fence between the kindy and Wellington Hospital. About 50 children plus family and friends walked from the zoo back to the kindy. Head teacher Judy Garbett is pictured with Junior, Vasa, Ruby, Kate and Hohepa.

The children were sponsored by families and friends to do the walk and afterwards enjoyed a picnic back at the kindy.

*Southern News 6/4/89.*

## Newtown kindly is isolated

Better access to Wellington Hospital has left Newtown Kindergarten on an island surrounded by traffic.

Kindergarten committee chairperson Tracy Powell sums it up that way and says boundary fences must be improved for the children's safety.

The kindergarten in Hospital Rd used to be next to a reserve.

The reserve is going back to Wellington Hospital Board in return for its releasing the Owen/Mein St park to the city council (see story above).

While the details are being worked out Hugh St has been extended, cutting through the reserve.

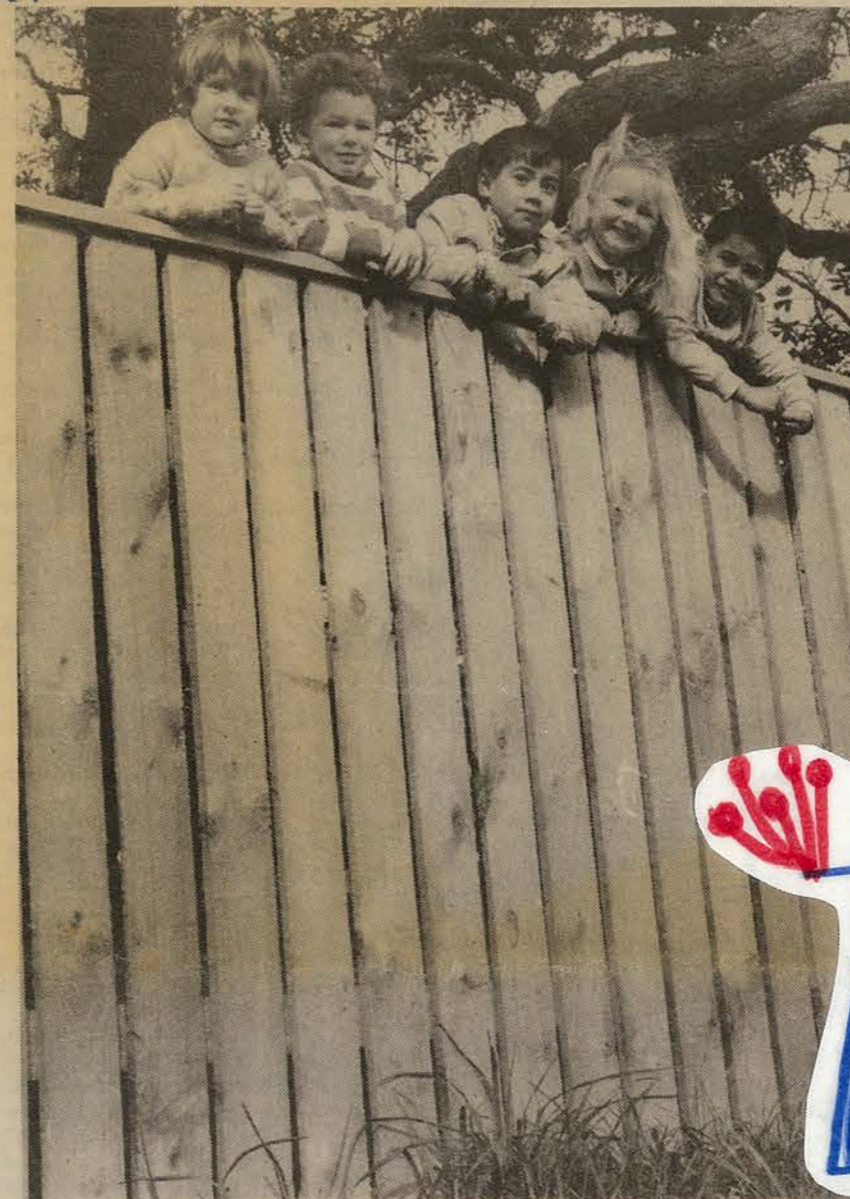
The committee is seeking funds from the board to help pay for new fencing.

Parents and staff also want an assurance a remaining strip of land will be left alone.

*Southern News April 20 1989.*



*Southern News*  
 Sept 27 1989 **Fenced in**



Peering over the new Newtown Kindergarten fence are four year olds (left to right) Laura Cooke, Thomas Bennett, Aaron Hewitt, Claire Dowle, and Moses Talataina.

Try as they might, these Newtown kiddies just can't get over the new fence erected around their kindergarten on Hospital Rd.

And that's the way it's meant to be.

Newtown kindergarten secretary Nicki Dowle says the 100m fence was built because of fears of children wandering onto the busy roads which surround the kindy.

When the kindy was first built 45 years ago, it was surrounded by reserve land. But the years have seen roads now completely surround it.

Mrs Dowle says the previous mesh fence did not

meet Education Board requirements because the mesh was bigger than prescribed. "It had high priority (to be replaced) but the board couldn't fund us," she says.

The kindergarten tried hard to get funding through all the education channels but with no luck.

So rather than wait until a tragedy occurred the kindergarten went ahead and built the more than one metre high wooden fence.

A grateful Mrs Dowle says they were able to do that because the Wellington South Licensing Trust provided the first \$1500.

Now the kindergarten is

raising the balance of the \$4000 total.

Head teacher Judy Garbett says they are absolutely delighted with the fence. With a full roll of 40 children each in the morning and afternoon sessions, the fence was much needed.

One child could climb anything and was escaping at least two to three times during a session, she says.

He was able to put his feet into the mesh and haul himself up, she says.

The kindy plans a pancake breakfast at McDonald's on October 1 and it's hoped that the remaining amount for the fence can be raised then, Mrs Dowle says.









# 1990's

## NEWTOWN KINDERGARTEN

### Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 December 1990

1990 saw changes in education, not the least of these being the funding of kindergartens. I fear that 1991 will bring further changes adversely affecting the nature and the atmosphere of kindergarten. Newtown Kindergarten however, did well out of the governments during 1990, an increase in funding of \$1000 over 1989 and of course capital works in the shape of a new roof and the rewiring completed. The kindergarten's finances were put on a good footing early in the year with payment for the use of the kindergarten, children and staff by a local film company. The details are as follows:

Parent donations decreased by \$1200 due to a slight reduction in the role. It is recommended that the incoming committee give thought to advertising the kindergarten. We have received approval from the WRFKA to increase parent donations from \$20 and \$30 to \$25 and \$35 for 1991.

Fundraising was not as important during 1990 as in previous years thanks to the film company. The Walkathon was held, chocolate was sold, cakes were baked and sold and many committee members made tea and cakes for ham radio operators and ward open-day visitors. All such activities made valuable contributions to providing the necessities and the niceties for the kindergarten.

Other income at \$4116.95 came largely from two donations; one for \$3500 from Flying Fish Films, the other from Saatchi and Saatchi for \$300, both for the use of the kindergarten, children and staff. We appreciate the extra effort put in by the staff during these interruptions. We also recovered over \$300 from the contractors on the Blood Transfusion Centre site for the use of water over the last two years.

Standard costs were largely the same as 1989 plus inflation. The most noticeable difference is in Capital Works; the kindergarten funded no Capital Works, the roof and the wiring being paid for by the Ministry of Education. There was a brief skirmish in the middle of the year over floor coverings fitted in 1985. There is an outstanding amount to be paid and the new committee should bear it in mind.

Cleaning was carried out to usual high standard throughout the year. Mr Reddy has just transferred his operation to his cousin Mr Chetty Y-S. The cost is to remain the same.

Equipment and Books were purchased for the kindergarten, the committee recognising that these are a vital aspect of play and of learning. Money was well spent repairing the trolleys and buying new chairs. Newtown Kindergarten has a good selection and quantity of toys and activities and it is important that this is maintained.

We start 1991 with \$6,016.48 in the bank giving an operating profit of \$1,964.61. This is a healthy position to be in at the start of what promises to be a year of upheaval. Fundraising will of course need to be carried out and we now have a good idea of efficient methods of raising money.

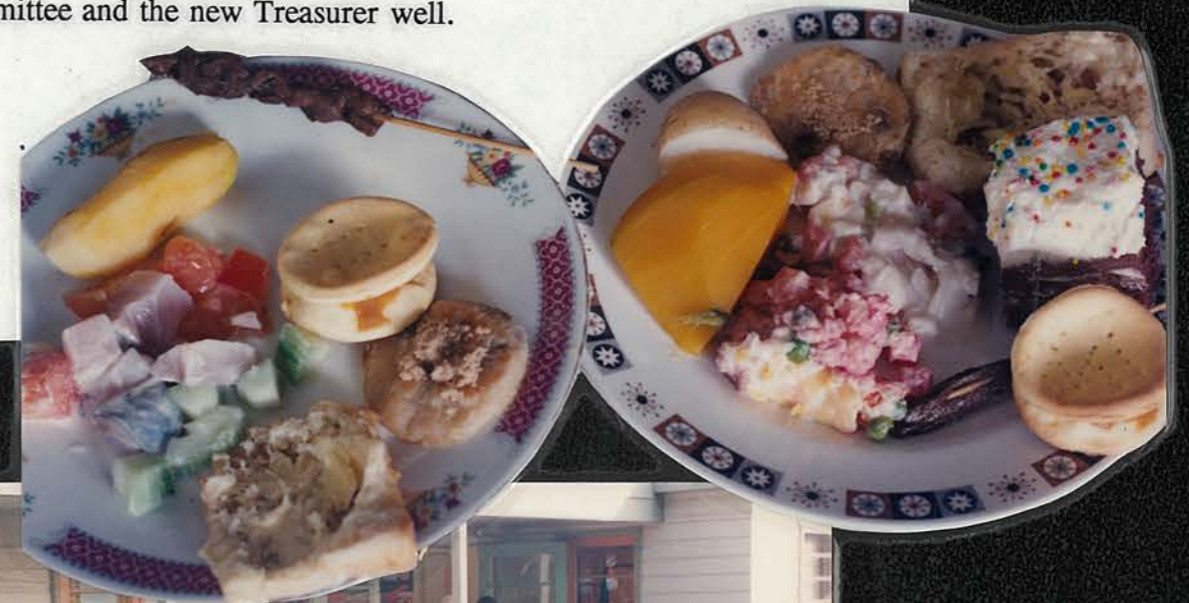
I would like to thank several people who have made my job relatively easy; Janette Roberts for firstly passing me a tidy set of books, for showing me what to do and for depositing all your money. Thanks to Judy for being so particular with her record keeping and of course to Chairperson Jenny and Secretary Pip. The books were audited by Mr Robert Toothill who was recommended to me by the WRFKA. He was quick, efficient and charged \$50 + GST.

I wish the 1991 Committee and the new Treasurer well.



Bruce Barton  
Treasurer

14 February 1991



Ethnic Food Fair 1992



# Just kidding around



Hamish Dawson at the Newtown Kindergarten with the five day old baby goat named Sausage which visited the kindy and delighted the children. Sausage is one of a set of triplets and has to be reared by humans. *Southern News 17/10/90*



## Talofa! Talofa!

O le afaia le fonotago lautele a le aoga Amata Newtown i le aso Lulu 4 o Aperila it ula e 7.45 i le afaia E talanoaina ai le charter.

*E talia so o se tasi*

## Greetings! Tena Kotou!

A public meeting will be held at Newtown Kindergarten on Wednesday, April 4 at 7.45 to discuss our charter.

*Everyone welcome*



Bulk funding kicks in. The financial records start to get very thick. A Kindergarten charter is written. This weighty document is required by the M.O.E. to address and articulate "The Minimum Standards for Early Childhood Centres."





1994. Planning, Fundraising, Building and Celebrating! The Tree House arrives.









"The Teachers"  
November 1994