

1960s

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Career For Young Women Who Are Fond Of Children

For a young woman who is fond of small children kindergarten teaching provides a worthwhile and rewarding career.

KINDERGARTEN teaching, is of course, a highly-specialised branch of education so that there are special qualifications expected of the prospective kindergarten teacher.

Firstly, she needs to like people, to be really fond of little children and have a keen desire to assist with their development.

Secondly, she needs to understand the way children grow and that growth is influenced by life's experiences, especially those in the early years and she also needs to be a healthy, happy, intelligent well-balanced and co-operative person.

Finally, she needs to have wide cultural interests, the capacity to appreciate art, music, literature and handicraft and to be able to help children from the wealth of her own experience.

Responsible

A kindergarten teacher is responsible for the care and supervision of children between the ages of three and five years. Her work is varied and involves careful guidance of constructional

activities such as block building and carpentry.

Family play, water play, dramatic play and sand play are allied activities that can contribute to children's emotional and social development and percussion work, literature, including stories, children's verse and appreciation of the world about them through excursions, nature study and pictures.

The kindergarten teacher provides a programme of stimulating and varied activities and interests both indoors and outdoors where she is kept busy supervising the children's play which contributes towards the growth and development of their personalities. Another responsibility of a kindergarten teacher is to guide the children in healthy and hygienic routines to assist their physical development.

The Essence

Child guidance is the essence of the teacher's work for she guides and supervises the children's activities and encourages parent participation. She helps with maintenance of equipment and there is plenty of opportunity in all aspects of pre-school work for initiative and originality.

For those keen on taking up this career the Free Kindergarten Association offers a two-year course in its training colleges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.



The kindergarten teacher provides a programme of stimulating and varied activities for both indoors and outdoors.

This course includes as main topics the theoretical background needed for successful work with pre-school children and practical training in kindergartens with children and under the guidance of trained teachers.

Minimum

A minimum of three years' post-primary education is required. Holders of School Certificate or higher qualifications will have preference. It will be understood that the personality of the applicant is a most important factor and a

satisfactory standard of health is necessary. Ability to play simple music and an aptitude for art and craft work are desirable.

Married women may now be accepted to undergo the same two year's course for kindergarten training.

Applicants are interviewed by the selection committee for each training centre during the third term of each year. Applications and any further information may be obtained from the Principal, Wellington Free Kindergarten Training College, 112 Tinakori Road, Wellington.

Minutes of Mothers Club Meeting held in the Kindergarten
on Tuesday ~~March~~ ^{April} 14th, 1964 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: 26 Persons (Including 4 Staff Members.)

APOLOGIES: Mesdames Todd, Findlay, Knowles, Furby, Hope, Cantwell and Papp.

CORRESPONDENCE: A reply to our request to the Ngaio Revue Club re their pantomime was received. They would contact us at a later date and let us know when they would be able to perform for us.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. McEwen made a very strong appeal to parents not to let their children have plastic bags as they are very dangerous. If plastic bags must be used they should have holes pierced in them. If there are no holes in the bags and the children put them over their heads and faces they could be suffocated. A good idea is to cut a corner off. Health since the beginning of term has been varied. Whooping cough has been going the rounds. A check was made with the Health Nurse that the children must not return to school if they get sick while they are coughing. One case of school sores to report. The child has been kept at home and so the disease has not spread to the other children.

Paper handkerchiefs are in short supply once more. Will write to the Health Department and make enquiries about getting supplies.

Mrs. McEwen made a plea to parents to advise the staff if there is anything in the way of food to which their children are allergic. There are two boys who cannot drink milk as it gives them a cough. The menagerie is increasing. We now have a kitten. Thanks were extended to Mrs. Graney for looking after the guinea pig.

There will be a medical examination by Dr. Harding soon. Mrs. Collins has not seen such a long list and Dr. Harding will try and come in the afternoon for the nursery mothers who cannot come in the morning.

All next week Education Week is going to be organised throughout the Wellington area. There is to be a display of Kindergarten work, talks and exhibitions and a television programme. The author of the "Cat in the Hat" Dr. Seuss will be in Wellington and will lecture at the Library on Monday at 8 p.m. and he will be in Whitcombe & Tombs between 3 and 4 p.m. in the Book Department.

A reminder was given about the holidays once more.



Miss Malcouronne is to spend £2 received from the raffle of the clock on bed covers for the dolls' corner. A generous contribution was received from Skellerup of a mattress which Mrs. Cook kindly covered. A request was made for a full size pram. This was needed for a boy who is disturbed to play with and in. Cuddly Toys are needed and if anyone had such things as an old typewriter or clocks they would be appreciated for the children to play with. It was decided to fix hooks on the backs of the doors of the cloakrooms.

United Mothers Club:

At the Meeting on April 16th Mrs. Cook's name was put forward for President. Anyone interested in attending the meeting was advised to be at the corner of John St. if they required transport there.

TALENTS:

Talents will be performed on the 2nd 3rd and 5th September this year. The date of the Dress Rehearsal is August 24th.

COFFEE MORNING:

The Coffee Morning held in Mrs. Hearfield's home raised £18. Thanks are extended to all who attended. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Berry's mother.

RAPID RAFFLE:

A series of rapid raffles are being held in The Manawatu Butchers Shop in Cuba Street on Friday evenings to help pay for the drainage. The shop opens at 6.30 p.m.

Miss Malcouronne was wished a very happy 21st Birthday from Mothers Club members and a presentation was made to her.

During the last week of the May holidays both Mrs. McEwen and Miss McKeown are going to the Kindergarten Conference in Brisbane and Miss McKeown received a gift towards her expenses.

NEXT MEETING:

This is set for Tuesday May 12th. The rest of the evening was given over to a talk on the value of "Milk in the Diet" by a member of the Milk Board, Miss Dodson.

V Parris



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Wellington Delegates For Brisbane Pre-School Conference



Our Judy!

WELLINGTON delegates who leave New Zealand by air on Saturday morning to attend the tenth triennial Australian Pre-school Association conference at Brisbane are, left to right, back, the assistant director, Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School (Miss J. McKeown); the equipment officer, Wellington Play Centre Association (Mrs. M. Brown); and the pre-school supervisor, Wellington Free Kindergarten Association (Mrs. R. Davin). Front row: Director, Johnsonville Free Kindergarten (Miss F. Reddet); director of training, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa Play Centre (Mrs. B. Morris); and director of Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School (Mrs. B. McEwen).

A total of about 36 members of the New Zealand pre-school services will attend the conference. The theme will be "The Enrichment of Childhood." Delegates will be able to take an active part in a variety of discussion and participation groups where they will benefit from sharing ideas with 500 to 600 people in the field of pre-school work from all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Isles. The conference will be opened by the Governor of Queensland (Sir Henry Abel Smith). The principal speakers will be the professor of early childhood education, at Queen's College, City of New York (Dr. Lucille Lindbergh) and the professor of child health, University of Queensland (Dr. T. J. Rendle-Short).



"Talents" 1963



Tram Chartered To Give Kindergarten Last Ride 1964

What 50 small children of the Newtown Kindergarten probably did not realise when they went on a tram ride recently was that it would be the last they would take on a Wellington tram.

When the director of the kindergarten, Mrs. B. McEwen, discovered that a tram could be hired for £3 she enquired if parents would be willing to sponsor one so their children could have one last ride on a tram.

A tram was duly hired and at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday morning, April 30, the kindergarten children (with the exception of one small boy who refused to go and hid in the bushes, so was left behind with the house-keeper), clambered aboard.

They were accompanied by four of the kindergarten staff, Mrs. McEwen, Miss H. Malcouronne, Miss J. McKeown, and Mrs. D. Green and three mothers, Mrs. D. Hearfield, Mrs. M. Findlay and Mrs. J. Cook.

Instead of a tram ticket, the conductress gave each child a post-card of a tram with the history of the trams on the back.

The tram then set off towards the zoo and the children were most disappointed when they didn't get off there. One little boy had even come prepared to feed the ducks.

They travelled back through Newtown, into town and down to Thorndon, chattering like a flock of parrots as they peered out the windows and exclaimed in delight





August 1966. Judy & Rex Garbetts wedding. Staff and Children.
 Nawa Jose (cook) Lynne Freeman
 Pat Bax Robina Philpott.



The Nativity Play was an annual event. "What a performance, teaching 3 and 4 year olds "Oh Come all ye faithful!"

- PRESENT:** 18 people including the Director, President and the Secretary
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames Coats, Berry, Sandercox, Floyd, Patterson and Jose.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** A Thank you card from Mrs. Clapham
Letter from Mrs. Hornblow who has been in hospital.
Letter of resignation from Mrs. J. Paris.
- GENERAL:** Tickets for the raffle were to be sold again on Friday, 11 September in Mr. Muir's doorway a roster being arranged.
There is to be a Working Bee for the Fair.
A bus will be going to Masterton on September 15 leaving Stout St at 5 p.m. for the Talents. These will also be Talents at Upper Hutt on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 and at Lower Hutt on October 7 and 8 at the Town Hall.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
The Budgie now has a baby.
Health seems to be much better and Chicken Pox is on the wane. There will probably be another medical by Dr. Harding this term.
Mothers are asked to bring paper hankies and are also advised tooth-brushes have gone up to 1/3d.
Six children have not returned this term and there has been no notice from the parents so there will possibly be a few vacancies.
If anyone living near Berhampore Kindergarten and who has a child on the waiting list at Newtown - there is no waiting list at Berhampore at all and they would be able to take children.
Miss Box is a student at Newtown just now.
Mrs. Gawn looked after the guinea pig during the holidays.
Kindergarten breaks up on December 11.
Wants are - Old towels, magazines, cardboard, dressing up clothes.
- DEMONSTRATION:** Mr. Major from Brickmans came along with a model and an assistant. The model's hair had already been set and the assistant proceeded to demonstrate how ~~the~~ brush and back comb the hair and eventually produced a beautiful hairset.
Mr. Major spoke knowledgeably on hair conditions and offered advice on how to care for hair in general. He also answered various questions from interested people and generally was very interesting.
A small gift for Mrs. Major was given to him and the evening ended with supper for everyone.

W. S. Parris

President

Tue Sep 5 1967

Combined Kindy, Nursery Service

THE Newtown Kindergarten and Nursery School, in Hospital Road, will continue its service to the community as a combined kindergarten and all-day nursery for the term which begins on September 11.

But as the all-day children leave they will not be replaced, and it is expected that by next year only the kindergarten session will remain.

This decision has been made by the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association, which is responsible for the kindergartens in the Wellington city area. A new management committee, under the chairmanship

of Mr G G Wearing, has been formed to administer the kindergarten, and it is hoped this will include parents of children attending.

Opportunity

A meeting will be called early in the third term to give parents the opportunity to join the committee and take part in the running of the kindergarten.

Instead of a roll of approximately 45 children, the building as a kindergarten will accommodate two sessions, each of 40 children, and so give a wider service than in the past. Many of the kindergartens in Wellington have long waiting lists and no trouble is anticipated in filling the roll at Newtown. Redecoration is planned, and with new equipment an attractive kindergarten environment will be provided.

A waiting list of names for the kindergarten will be opened immediately and applications will be received from all the nearby areas not already served by a free kindergarten. Children from two years old will be accepted on the waiting list though the entrance to kindergarten will not take place until the third birthday. To ensure early enrolment, applications should be made as soon as possible.

Survey

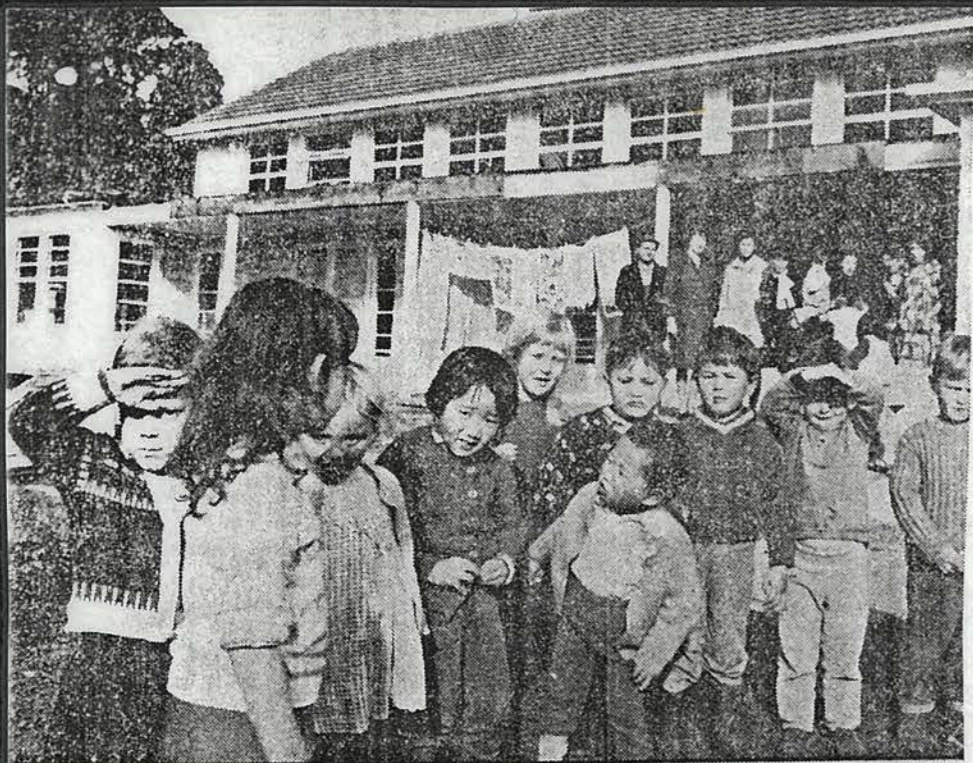
The management committee will be making a survey to find out how many parents wish their children to attend this kindergarten in the future, and names may be given to the secretary (Mrs P E Hampton) phone 54-179 or 82-194, or to the Supervising Director (Mrs R Davin) 50-239 or 26-637.

When the new term begins the kindergarten director (Mrs J Garbett) will also take names and will have application forms available.



At the end of 1967 The Nursery School was wound down and a kindergarten with 2 daily sessions commenced.





Some of the pre-school children who attend the nursery school run in conjunction with the Newtown Free Kindergarten. Where can their parents send them during the day if the nursery school is closed?

Aug 15, 1967
K-Post
**Kindergarten
Affairs To Be
Handed Over**

Nucleus members of the Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School committee resigned at a general meeting last night and voted to hand kindergarten affairs over to the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association.

Last month the kindergarten president (Mrs V Browning) resigned from office. At last night's meeting the secretary (Mrs P Jacobs) and the treasurer (Mr J Jacobs) handed in their resignations.

Reasons given were "apathy" on the part of kindergarten parents. "Only three turned up," Mrs Jacobs said.

Mrs Jacobs said the local committee intended to complete its papers and then hand everything over to the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association.



**Fears That Nursery May
Shut Down Is A Blow To
Parents**

FEARS that the nursery school run in conjunction with the Newtown Free Kindergarten may have to be closed, have been expressed by a number of working parents, particularly those who have to raise children alone.

Parents

Most of these parents depend on the nursery school, which is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Of the 30 children enrolled at the day nursery, 50 per cent are cared for by only one parent.

The other 50 per cent come from home situations which make it necessary or advisable for the children to attend the day nursery.

The kindergarten side is open only during the morning and a couple of afternoons a week. Parents working full time need full day care for their children.

secretary of the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association (Mrs P E Hampton) for some comments. Mrs Hampton said "no definite statement whatsoever" had been made regarding closure of the nursery school.

"There is a possibility if we can't raise \$3400 for renovations," she said. "But nothing has been decided as yet."

Another two mothers who spoke to "The Post" had very special problems. Their children are handicapped. One of these mothers said her daughter, aged five, had been attending the nursery school for two years.

"Before that I couldn't even get her toilet-trained. She's trained now and her eating habits have improved vastly. In fact, she has improved a great deal all round. Her mental age is now around four. She will be able to go to school next year. I'm sure she wouldn't have developed to this degree had she not come here. Even the lower payments have helped."

The nursery school means a great deal to these parents. It frees most of them to work to support their children.

Can't Manage

"If the nursery school closes I shall have to give up work," the mother said. "I'm rearing two children alone and I get \$4 a week from my husband. I can't manage on that money alone."

It costs \$2.00 a week to send a child to the nursery school. This represents 40 cents a day for the midday meal. Some parents give an additional voluntary donation of \$2.00.

Private nurseries or private day care cost between \$6.00



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**Statement On
Nursery
Is Challenged**

A statement made yesterday by the secretary of the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association (Mrs P E Hampton) that no decision had been made regarding the closure of the Newtown nursery school was challenged today by the treasurer of the Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School (Mr P Jacobs).

Mr Jacobs produced a letter which was sent to his wife who is secretary of the Newtown Free Kindergarten, by the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association and signed by Mrs Hampton.

The letter, dated July 11, stated that a full report on the extent and cost of repairs, re-fitting and equipping of the building used as a kindergarten and nursery school had been presented to the executive of the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association Council and discussed at a meeting held on July 10.

According to the letter a motion was passed at the meeting "that, provided the necessary finance could be raised, the building be closed for a period for the repairs, refitting and equipping, and that it be reopened solely as a kindergarten."

The letter continued: "Until final arrangements regarding finance, and calling of tenders, etc, have been completed we cannot say when the building will be closed, but in the meantime we have instructed the director not to admit any more nursery school children to the roll."



1964

Emergency Meeting held 30th September 1974
at Newtown Kindergarten at 7-30 p.m.

Present: President. Mr. Bennett. Mrs Henderson Secretary. ~~W~~ Henderson
~~W~~ Brinklow, ~~W~~ Patel, ~~B~~ Hoon, ~~B~~ Wad, ~~S~~ Cromie, ~~F~~ Collins
~~M~~ McKeekraie, M. Mansor, F. Ferguson, J. Pearson (Student)
B. Bourgoise, H. Southen, B. Fisk, V. Pettie, M. Monaghan, R. Beamsley
P. Donnelly, J. Nobis, L. Palmer (Teacher) S. Curry, S. Craig (Head Teacher)
P. Sutcliffe, M. Nepia, R. Beamsley, Mr. Roberts, Mrs Ogle, Mrs Emerson
Mrs Dimitrijevic. Mr Turnbull (Assoc).
Apologies. L. Keedy, I Nobis, Mrs Harding.

The president opened the meeting by saying that the meeting had been called because we had ~~to~~ run short of funds. We have tried wine & cheese, raffles etc but we could ~~not~~ never get off the ground. Mr. Bennett read a list of what our money is spent on. It is no good leaving the running of the Kindergarten to other ^{parents} we need all parents help.

When we need help to run raffles or work around the Kindergarten at working bees there are not enough heads to count.

We are having a street stall on Wednesday the 9th Oct at the Ascot Theatre.

There will also be a hungie. Mr Priest has come along tonight to give us a helping hand to get it off the ground. Mr Priest's children went through this Kindergarten five years or so ago.

We will be opening the hungie to the public and we will be having a few stalls as well as quite raffles.

Mrs. Southen suggested the stalls and raffles.

Mr. Hoon said he will donate the vegetables for the hungie.

Mr. McKeekraie will advertise the hungie on the radio for us.

~~Mr. Henderson will try and get a pig~~
A sub committee will be set up for the Hungie
~~for those want to raise money~~ Mrs Bourgoise

Mrs. Curry.
Mr. Priest.

The mother club will do tea & coffee for the Hungie.
The Head Teacher Miss Craig suggests a national dinner or something along those lines. to carry on from the hungie.

Mr Hoon said that he and his wife would put on a ~~chinese~~ national dinner for us.

1970's

Mr Turnbull from the Assoc gave us a few ideas to raise funds. He suggested dressing up kids bikes or trikes, dressing dolls, ~~and~~ and a trolley draby.

Mr Turnbull also suggested that we sent notices to the parents who couldn't come to tell them of our position.

While we had a few dads together Mr Bennett ~~said~~ told them what needed fixing. The roof need mending so does the veranda door, the Guinea pig cage, the main gate, the climbing rope has rotted we need a new one, and we need a sandpit cover.

There will be a working bee for the next 3 Sundays between 10-12-30.

If anyone can get anything bring it down to kindy we can use it.

The date for the hungie will be the 19th Oct at 2 o'clock.

This being all the meeting closed at 9 o'clock.



Fancy dress 1973



Xmas. 1974



NEWTOWN FREE KINDERGARTEN

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

December 1974.

We leave 1974 behind us with a real feeling that 1975 must be handled with caution. The economic situation, unemployment, inflation, just to mention a few of the problems that face us, must surely, somehow, find their way into our Kindergarten. I feel that 1975 must in some way enhance a true sense of values, along with a tight rein on the ever increasing social problems.

Local committee had a most successful fund raising year, a big thank you to Brenda Bourgoise, Shirley Currie and all who made fund raising the success that it was.

Many repairs were carried out to our Kindergarten, new gate, new fence, heaters in the music room, clearing of the old hedge etc. etc. a special thank you to Jim Brinklow.

Last year will also be remembered for its farewells, Nina Leslie, Ida Harding, Ronnie Pettie, these good ladies will be missed.

Welcome to Miss Stephanie Craig, our new Head Teacher, I am confident that she will receive the complete support of local committee.

In conclusion, I am extremely concerned at the number of problem children within our campus. Our teaching staff will certainly need professional help in this area.

My thanks to local committee members for their untiring support during 1974.

D. Bennett
Dave Bennett.
Chairman.

Kindergarten Visits included
"Wharves to see Japanese warships."
"Local Fish Shop."
"Cranes at Wellington Hospital."



