

MARTON'S FIRST PURPOSE BUILT KINDERGARTEN: FOLLETT STREET KINDERGARTEN

With the help of an energetic committee, and as a result of garden parties, a fireworks display, card evenings, voluntary donations, etc. the Association had over £200 in hand. More was needed and quickly. In 1952 a monster queen carnival was held and was successful in raising the necessary amount. In July 1953, the kindergarten was officially opened.

“From then on Marton children have been able to reap the benefit of a well-equipped model kindergarten, equal to any in the country.”

NZFKU, Seventy-five years of kindergarten in New Zealand 1889-1954, 52

Letter from Marton
Kindergarten Association
to
Miss England, secretary,
NZ Free Kindergarten
Union - 8.9.1949

P.O. Box 83,
MARTON.

8th September, 1949.

Miss England,
Secretary,
N.Z. Free Kindergarten Union,
125 Molesworth Street,
WELLINGTON.

URGENT

Dear Madam,

At a Public Meeting held at Marton on the 15th August last it was decided to form a Marton Free Kindergarten Association. At this meeting the model constitution supplied by your Union was adopted and a Council elected.

The constitution as adopted will be forwarded shortly for the Union's approval so that the Association may affiliate with your Union. Would you please advise what steps are necessary to obtain incorporation as a registered Society. Is it necessary to employ a solicitor for this work?

The parents of Marton are showing great interest in the proposed Kindergarten and it is hoped to establish one as soon as possible. It is very probable that we will have to build as no suitable halls are at present available and a section is at present being negotiated for. I understand that it is necessary to obtain the approval of the Education Department to the site. Please confirm.

I also understand that the obtaining of trained staff may be a difficult matter, and I have been directed to request that this Association be placed on the waiting list for a teacher.


There are some local girls who may be persuaded to undertake training, and to this end I would appreciate your forwarding me a supply of forms of application for training, together with details of the instruction involved.

The Secretary officially appointed by the Council is Mrs. G.H. Thompson, "Arahina", Marton, but as she is at present unwell I am writing this on her behalf. Would you please reply direct to her.

Yours faithfully,

Fund raising for a
kindergarten
Grand Garden Party
1949

1949

This may be the Lucky No. 

No. ~~895~~ ²⁰⁰¹⁻²⁷⁵⁰

Bring It With You!

ROLL UP!

ROLL UP!

GRAND GARDEN PARTY

at Mrs. L. H. Decke's
PUKEPAPA ROAD, MARTON,

on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th**

Official Opening 2 p.m. by His Worship the Mayor

ADMISSION FREE!

STALLS

PRODUCE
CAKES
SWEETS
ICE CREAMS
SOFT DRINKS
WHITE ELEPHANT
AFTERNOON TEA

COMPETITIONS

WISHING WELL
CHAIN STEPPING
CLOCK GOLF
ELECTRIC SHOOTING
GALLERY
NAILDRIVING,
ETC.

Cake Competition

FREE TREASURE HUNT!

BABY SHOW at 2.30 p.m.

~~THE~~ ^{FREE} LOLLY MAN ARRIVES AT 3.30 P.M.

MARTON MUNICIPAL BAND IN ATTENDANCE

There are Seven Lucky Numbers which will be displayed at 2.15 p.m. The holders will receive a Free Entry to all Competitions and Free Refreshments.

Marton Free Kindergarten Assn.

MARTON PRINTERY

Garnering support through the Press

Women's News

THE VALUE OF A KINDERGARTEN

THE TEACHER'S POINT OF VIEW

Play in early childhood is more than a mere pastime or a means of recreation. It is the serious business of life. Provided it is real play, free and spontaneous, it can develop the child completely in body, mind, character and personality, and it is the only form of education that really educates the pre-school child.

One of the many ways in which the kindergarten is valuable is that it can give the children the companionship of other children of their own age. No matter how friendly and successful the parents' relationship is with the child, he also needs children of his own age.

In the case of an only child he is entirely dependent upon his parents, where as at kindergarten he can get real experience of social relations with those of his own stage of development.

The following is a brief outline of activities at the kindergarten. The morning is divided into three periods:

(1) Indoor play period where the children are free to choose from shelves and low cupboards any equipment which they wish to play with. There is a wide range to choose from including blocks, paints, scissors and paste and dough for modelling. The children are encouraged to put equipment away carefully when they have finished playing with it.

(2) This period consists of toilet, handwashing, morning lunch, followed by rhythm, singing, story or game and a talk or discussion (each week there is a central interest, e.g. "Safety First," "Postman," "Seasons of the Year," etc.). They are chosen carefully and are always subjects which are of fundamental interest to the child.

(3) Outdoor play where the children have opportunity to run, jump, climb, etc., and use equipment which enables the better development of all muscles.

There is also rest period. The children rest on stretchers for half an hour. They then fold their own covers and go to the cloakroom where, with little assistance from the teacher, they collect their coats and hats from their individual pegs, put them on and are ready to either go home by themselves, or be called for.

Through experiences at kindergarten the child learns to be independent and to develop skill, ability, and interests.

Also, he learns to respect the rights of others, to share things, and to build up habits of concentration, perseverance and self-control.

There has been much research into physical and psychological growth and it is now generally accepted that the foundations of health, intelligence and helpful influences established in very early years are of permanent value.

So the aim of the kindergarten is to give the child the maximum opportunity of the development of all his faculties, and not, as many people believe, merely to relieve the mother of the responsibility of her child for a few hours during the day.

For the benefit of those mothers who wish to enrol their children, there is a waiting list at the kindergarten. As vacancies arise the children are entered onto the afternoon roll in order of their appearance on the waiting list—not in order of age. They gradually work through the afternoon roll, and, in turn are entered onto the morning roll.

Country children, however, are given preference on the afternoon roll, and such cases as exceptional home conditions and the like are kept out of the waiting list and entered as soon as possible.

ABOUT THIS ARTICLE

This is the second article in a series dealing with the value of a kindergarten. This article has been contributed by Miss Doyle, director of the Marton Free Kindergarten.

'The Value of a Kindergarten'

Viewpoint of a mother

Rangitikei News
24 May, 1951

NEWS 24.5.51

NEWS

Women's News

NEWS 24.5.51

THE VALUE OF A KINDERGARTEN

VIEWPOINT OF A MOTHER

(Contributed by "Modern Mother.")

What is a kindergarten's value? This question has been asked many times by people who as yet perhaps do not appreciate the important part it can play in the life of a community. In this article a mother of children attending kindergarten gives her views, with the hope that a clearer understanding of the kindergarten's function might result.

There are still a few who have the wrong idea of kindergartens, and this article may help to clarify matters.

To begin with—Kindergartens are not for the purpose of relieving modern mothers of the care and upbringing of their children so that they may go visiting, golfing, or any of the other things modern mothers do. A child who attends kindergarten in the morning is there from 9 o'clock to 12—just three hours out of a busy 24. Anyone who thinks that a mother is missing the best years of her little ones' lives by sending them to kindergarten has only to think a little to know that from 9 to 12 any good mother is busy with her housework and preparing the midday meal, leaving little time to devote to her energetic three or four-year-old.

It is not so with the kindergarten teacher. She spends this time organising games, reading favourite nursery stories, supervising outdoor play and generally teaching the little ones to be sociable, to share toys and books, to be independent of mother's helping hand, and most important—to prepare them for school days ahead when they will once more find themselves amongst all their little kindergarten friends. Thus they have a great advantage over the child who has not attended kindergarten and arrives in a bewildering world of strange faces and atmosphere—perhaps his first real break from mother as well.

ABOUT THIS ARTICLE

This article, the first of several on the subject, deals with various aspects of kindergarten work. It treats the subject of kindergarten education from the mother's viewpoint and emphasises the part that such schooling can play in the life of a child.

Do not think that a kindergarten is for the sole purpose of keeping children amused. They are taught hygiene, easy forms of handwork, and even the little boy who hands round the pieces of apples to "girls first" is learning. So is the little girl who carefully fills the beakers with milk, displaying a confidence she did not possess when first attending kindergarten.

The happy atmosphere of the kindergarten and the fact that children cannot be persuaded to stay away speaks volumes. Compare this with the backyard bickerings of bored children—running to mother for something new and to play with, or the never-ending tales of another's misdeeds. Also, both mother and child are pleased to see each other at noon, just the time when tempers on both sides are usually becoming a little foded from a morning spent together at home.

It might be surprising to know just how many three or four-year-olds when first attending kindergarten have never had to button their own bladders or use their handkerchiefs for themselves.

Many mothers would find it much easier to keep a child at home than to go through the morning ritual of changing the little one into school clothes, taking them to kindergarten, and calling again for them at noon (usually father's job).

The modern mother, however, knows what is good for her child and does not mind these little extra tasks.

The afternoon classes twice a week are for country children or for children who are on the morning waiting list. Country children sometimes have no playmates within miles, and one does not need to point out the benefit of an afternoon at kindergarten in

Kindergarten Mothers' Club

Next Tuesday the Marton Free Kindergarten Mothers' Club is to hold a social evening commencing at 7.45. The programme arranged includes a quiz, conjuring and other interesting items. All parents are cordially invited to be present.

these cases.

The fact that kindergarten is approved by education boards all over the world surely must do away with the "lazy modern mother" idea.

It is to be hoped that Marton parents will see the good that kindergarten can do for their children and assist in every way towards the goal of a new kindergarten building for a very progressive Marton.

Newspaper clippings Queen Carnival Fundraising Marton, 1952

MARTON
KINDERGARTEN CARNIVAL
SPORTS QUEEN SHOP DAY
BROADWAY, ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 14th.
Bring and Buy and
SUPPORT SPORTS.
MARTON
FREE KINDERGARTEN

GRAND CARNIVAL DANCE
SILVERHOPE HALL,
SATURDAY, 15th MARCH.
Proceeds in Aid of Sports Queen.
Good Orchestra and Home-made
Supper.
(Adv. Sponsored by Ward Motors
Ltd.)

S. O. S.

THE TOWN QUEEN wishes to make
an appeal to the residents of Mar-
ton for helpers. She has a full and
interesting programme planned, but
not sufficient supporters to put it into
action. You will have lots of fun sup-
porting this worthy cause. You have
to be in to win. Please contact Mr. A.
Gracie.

TOWN QUEEN ATTRACTION.

GARDEN PARTY. Saturday, March
15th, 2 p.m., at E. Pickford's resi-
dence, Golding's Line. Baby Show,
Stall, and Games for everyone. Admis-
sion 1/6.
Free Bus leaves town at 2 p.m.

THANKS.

THE Marton Kindergarten Queen
Carnival executive desires to thank
all those persons who contributed to
the success of the Carnival opening.
P. KLITSCHER,
Carnival Secretary.

HARD-UP DANCE

In aid of Funds for the Country Queen.
TUTAENUI HALL, MARTON.
SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 1952.
ADMISSION:
Gentlemen 2/- — Ladies 1/6.
**COUNTRY QUEEN FUNCTIONS
ARE FUN!**

VICE-VERSA DANCE.

TONIGHT - TONIGHT
THURSDAY, APRIL 3.
RAILWAY HALL, - Marton Junction
Prizes for best lady and gent.
Good Music - Good Supper.
Come and join in the fun and dress up.
In aid of Town Queen.

TOWN QUEEN ATTRACTIONS

BOB HOPS
THIS Friday Night—14th. at 8.30 p.m.
in the Buffaloes' Hall, and every
following Friday night to the 4th
April.
Good Music — Admission: 1/-.

GARDEN PARTY
E. PICKFORD'S residence, Golding's
Line, **SATURDAY, 15th.** at 2 p.m.
Bring and Buy Stall, Games, Baby
Show. (Good prizes) and fun for old
and young. Everyone welcome. Ad-
mission 1/6. Free bus leaves town at
2 p.m.

CARNIVAL DANCE.
SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, in Vic-
tory Hall. Good music, home-made
supper. This will be a real Carnival
Night to remember. Admission 2/6.

TUG-O-WAR
TUESDAY, 18th, in Victory Hall—
the second round of the Tug-O-War
will be held. More teams required.
Admission 1/-. Children 6d.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 1952

is the Date of the
GRAND OPEN-AIR PICNIC
In Aid of Funds for the Country Queen
— at —

GUDOPP'S LAKE, MARTON
Boat Rides — Competitions — Lolly
Scrambles — Fun Galore — Ice-
creams and Soft Drinks.
Hot Water Provided.
Bus leaves Victory Milk Bar corner,
10.30 Saturday morning.
Bring the kiddies to this happy gala
function.
ADMISSION:
Adults 1/- — Children 6d.

TOWN QUEEN ATTRACTIONS.

FRIDAY 28th:
Flag 500, National Party Rooms, at
8.15 p.m.
SUNDAY, 29th:
10-a-side Football at Rata, commenc-
ing 12.30 p.m. Teams competing
from Raetihi south.
TUESDAY, April 1st:
Tug-o-War in Victory Hall at 8 p.m.
Final teams taking part. Come and
see Old Boys and Sash and Door in
action.
THURSDAY, April 3rd:
Vice-Versa Dance, Railway Hall,
Marton Junction, at 8.15 p.m. Good
Music — Good Supper. Prizes for
Best Lady and Gent. Come and join
in the fun and dress up.

**FRIDAY!
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ALL ROADS LEAD TO TURAKINA
HALL THIS FRIDAY
TO A

GRAND DANCE
Organised by Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Lourie
in aid of funds for
THE COUNTRY QUEEN
— COUNTRY SUPPER! —
Free Bus Leaves Victory Milk Bar
Corner at 8.30 p.m.
Admission: 3/- and 2/-.
WANGANUI AND MARTON ARE
MEETING AT TURAKINA.

HAY-RIDE HAY-RIDE HAY-RIDE

SATURDAY, MARCH 20th

LEAVES VICTORY MILK BAR
CORNER AT 8 P.M. THIS
FOR A

CARNIVAL DANCE

AT
MR. IAN BRICE'S WOOLSHED,
FERN FLATS

Special Attractions — Country Supper
— Grand Music for Dancing —
Proceeds in Aid of the Country Queen
Admission: Gentlemen 3/6, Ladies 2/6

IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO A
WOOLSHED DANCE — YOU WON'T
MISS THIS.

GRAND GALA DAY

GUDDOPS LAKE

Saturday, 5th April, 1952
Punch and Judy Show — Speed Boats
— Swimming — Lollie Scrambles —
Ice Creams — Free Milk and Hot
Water — Cake and Produce Stalls —
— FUN GALORE —

A COUNTRY QUEEN
CARNIVAL ATTRACTION

SPORTS QUEEN DANCE

VICTORY HALL
SATURDAY, MARCH 29th
GOOD ORCHESTRA AND SUPPER
Admission 3/6 and 3/-.

CARNIVAL GALA DAY

MARTON PARK
SATURDAY, MARCH 29th
— WROUGHT BY SPORTS —
Highland Dancing — Tiny Tots Beaut
Parades — Stalls — Mystery Parcel
— Cooking Competitions — Tracto
Rides — Novelties.

TOWN QUEEN



MISS ALYS PICKFORD

Princesses: Miss Sally Heyward and Miss June Lewis.

... SPORTS QUEEN



MISS JILLIAN KNOWSLEY

Princesses: Miss Jocelyn Collins and Miss Jill Griffen.

COUNTRY QUEEN



MISS BARBARA RITTER

Princesses: Miss Pauline Harvey and Miss Betty McBeth.

Marton Queen Carnival 1952

'A most spectacular procession of decorated floats, bicycles, tricycles, prams and lorries, the large attendance of the public and the apparent willingness of the people to patronise the stalls, games and competitions which marked the opening gala of the Marton Free Kindergarten Queen Carnival at Marton Park, augurs well for the attainment of the object to raise £2,000 for the building a new kindergarten.'

OPERATION

MARTON FREE KINDERGARTEN OUR TARGET — ONLY £2000

to erect a building to assist the mothers of Marton and the surrounding districts in catering for the pre-school education of our younger generation. For this £2000 the Kindergarten Association will be granted a Government subsidy of £4000 IMMEDIATELY to meet the total cost of the building.

OUR METHOD —

A MONSTER QUEEN CARNIVAL

THE FORCES EMPLOYED —

TOWN QUEEN — Miss Alys Pickford
COUNTRY QUEEN — Miss Barbara Ritter
SPORTS QUEEN — Miss Jillian Knowsley

YES! We have had Queen Carnivals before BUT this is the most worthwhile and worthy of any that have gone before . . . a project which will be a memorial to the generosity and vision of those contributing to the success of this deserving cause. You will support your favourite Queen and participate in the health, happiness and youthful education of the little ones.

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!

THE CARNIVAL PROGRAMME OPENS WITH A

MONSTER PARADE and GALA DAY

When: SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

Time: 2 p.m.

Place. MARTON PARK.

Admission Free.

The Procession consisting of DECORATED FLOATS, MARCHING GIRLS, BANDS, DECORATED BICYCLES, DECORATED PRAMS, DECORATED TRICYCLES, KIDDIES IN FANCY DRESS (prizes for the kiddies in each class), leaves Hereford Street and proceeds via Broadway to a galaxy of fun at the MARTON PARK — the main attractions being PONY RIDES, GAMES, TRACTOR RIDES, COMPETITIONS, GIG GRIDES.

AFTERNOON TEAS, SOFT DRINKS, ICES ON SALE.

The whole to be culminated by —

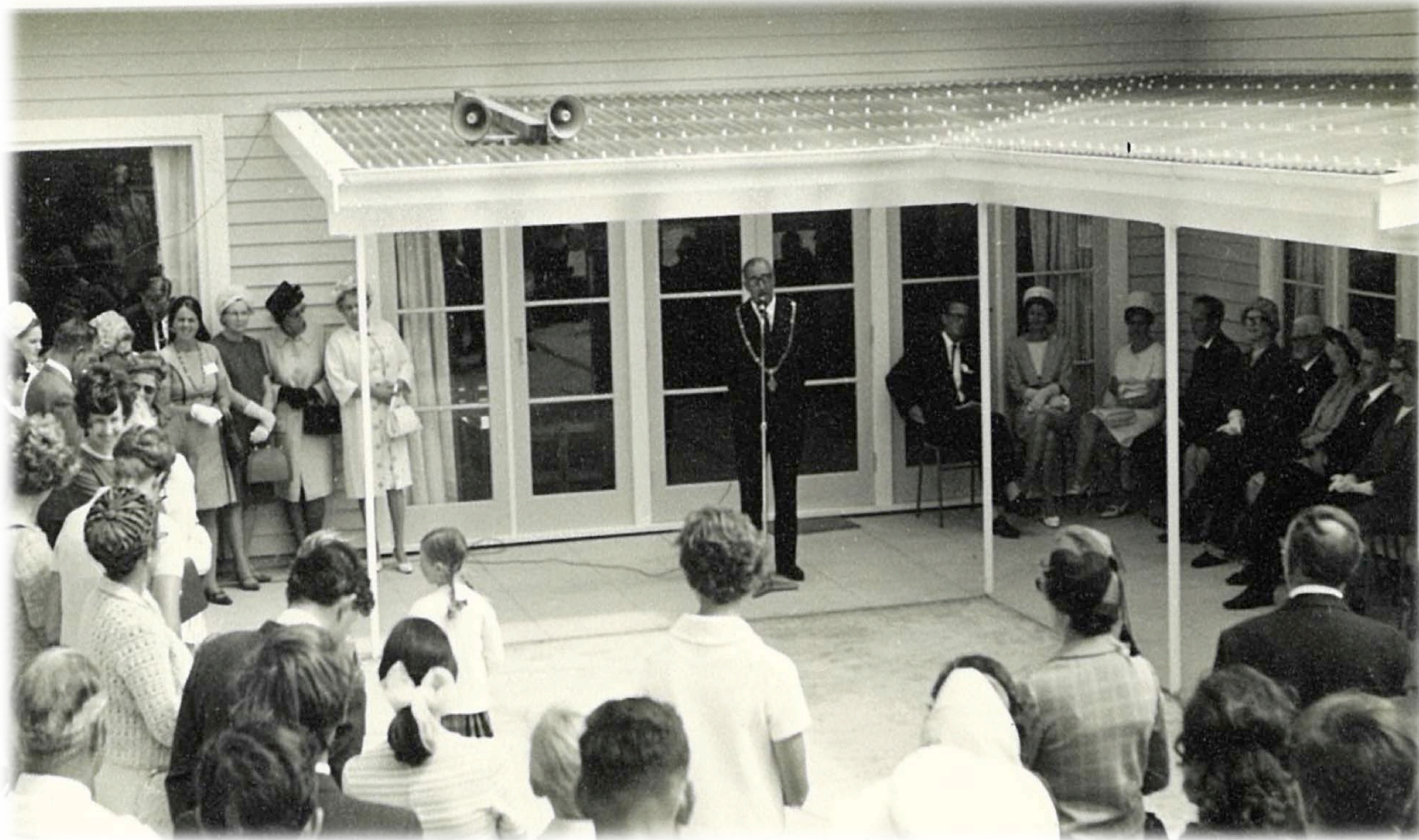
Grand Dance in the Victory Hall, 8 p.m.

ADMISSION: 3/- and 3/6.

DON'T MISS THIS GRAND DAY — YOU'LL BE SORRY — IF YOU DO!

Follett Street Kindergarten

Marton's first kindergarten-official opening July 1953



Follett Street Kindergarten 1972

