

# Helen Deem Centre for Pre-School Education, Dunedin opened 1955

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Helen May (2014) *People, places and play in the 'child gardens' of Dunedin, Dunedin Kindergartens - Mana Manaaki Puawai O Otepoti - 125 years old, Dunedin Kindergartens*, pp. 58-62

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– Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Records, MS-2920/1436, ARC-2004

– Dunedin Kindergarten Association Records, AG-287/037 and AG-287/031, ARC-0261

– Margaret Just Scrapbooks, 85/153

– Elizabeth Stewart Hamilton Scrapbooks, ARC-0512

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Selection of images included in article 'Everything for a child's welfare is provided', *New Zealand Free Lance*, 23 February 1955



Carpentry assisted by Karitane Nurse



Dr Helen Deem examines a child



'Off to Kindy' [led by Elizabeth Stewart Hamilton, past Director]

Meal time with Director Margaret Just (right) supervising





‘Getting Acquainted’ [Dr Deem talks to parents, with Director Margaret Just looking on]



Sleep time and getting dressed



Story time with Director Margaret Just, RNZPC, AG-007-007/007/001, S13-558c, Hocken Collections – Uare Takoka o Hākena, University of Otago