

Board Newsletter

Napier Kindergarten Association

July 2018

The joy of teaching, the love of learning



*No one should teach who is not
in love with teaching*
Margaret E Sangster

From The President

Since our last newsletter in May our Board has been incredibly busy on your behalf.

In May four members attended the New Zealand Kindergartens meeting in Christchurch and in June five attended a regional meeting in Dannevirke, two attended a community meeting in Eskview and we all attended a Board meeting together as well as a strategic planning day.



*Hard at work during our
strategic planning day,
discussing our aspirations
for kindergarten and its
long term future*

National Kindergarten Proposal

In our May newsletter I talked about a proposal we are considering regarding the possible formation of a new national kindergarten organisation. Since May we have been engaged in receiving and discussing additional information regarding the proposal. We have given our employees similar opportunities to be informed and engaged and have invited their feedback prior to our evaluation of the proposal at the end of August.

New Strategic Plan

We are in the process of developing a new strategic plan to guide and focus our attention over the next 3 years.

Our four primary goals are:

Communication People Future sustainability Environments

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Our Board Members Are:



Standing left to right: Sarah Beckett, Sarah Nash (Vice President), Jo Coffin, Janelle Hutchings, Jessica Uri (President)

Seated: Ingrid Squire, Rachel Murray
and below are :



Rob Barzey



Alison Donovan

What our Board does:

Board members govern the Association and our primary responsibilities are:

- * Development of the Association's Strategic Plan (our visions & long term plans for the Association)
- * Employment & monitoring of the General Manager
- * Monitoring of strategic outcomes
- * Management of risk
- * Monitoring of legal compliance
- * Setting and reviewing of policies

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We'll share the new plan with you when it has been finalised, and a copy will be displayed in your kindergarten.

Association Survey

We have commissioned a survey to be undertaken involving parents, employees and people currently not accessing our services. The information we hope to receive will help us to determine the perceptions of our current service and provide suggestions about how we might need to shape it for the future, so that we are meeting our aspirations for the kindergarten experience.

Jessica Uri, President

Introducing our board member Ingrid Squire



I joined the Napier Kindergartens board in April 2015.

My children both attended a Napier Kindergarten Association kindergarten - the same one as I attended many years ago!

My decision to enrol my children in a kindergarten (and in particular a Napier Kindergarten Association kindergarten) was without the knowledge I now have of kindergartens and our Association. It was a fortuitous decision.

Since my children began at kindergarten, and since I joined the board, I have developed an understanding of why our kindergartens excel and what we offer above other Early Childhood Education providers.

Our 100% fully trained, committed and passionate teachers, well resourced kindergartens, and the broad educational and managerial support team means that attending children get the best educational start around.

School teachers have commented to me that they can spot a kindergarten child when they begin school. The positive and warm environment that our kindergartens provide children (and their families) helps children learn - even though they think they are "just playing".

As a Board member I look forward to supporting our Association to thrive as we look to the future.

Who Are Members Of Our Association?



Our Association Members are:

- Parents and caregivers with children enrolled in our services or on our waiting lists
- Board Members
- Life Members

Members have voting rights at all General Meetings.

Our employees are not Members of our Association and have no voting rights at General meetings.

Helping kindergarten enrolments

We know the power that word of mouth has for supporting good enrolment levels – if you know of people considering enrolling their children in early childhood, we'd love to have your endorsement.

Association Phone App

Some of you will be aware that many schools have a phone app for communicating with their families.

We have one too which can be downloaded from the App store under 'Napier Kindergartens'.

