

Board Newsletter

Napier Kindergarten Association

October 2018

The joy of teaching, the love of learning



"The best gift and investment you can give your child is your time."

Kevin Heath

Haere Mai From The President

The year just seems to keep rolling on at such a fast clip! Since our September newsletter we have now finalised our 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan, setting the direction and key goals for our Association for the next 3 years. A copy of the plan is available at your kindergarten, or from our website.

Our Board is planning another Strategic planning day meeting in November, and two more board meetings to the end of the year.

Art Auction

We're chuffed that our art auction raised \$ 4,205 for our kindergartens during the term break. The auction was generously supported by a number of sponsors who donated items for the auction too. Sarah Irvin (Real Exchange) was responsible for organizing and promoting the event.

The auction showcased the extraordinary creativity that abounds in our kindergartens.



Mary Richmond's 'Mahi Tahi'



Te Awanga's 'Te Moana'



Carlyle's 'Drifting Away'

Kindergarten Phone App

Did you know that we have a free mobile phone app that you can download from the app store under 'Napier Kindergartens'? The app can be used to communicate with your kindergarten as well as receive kindergarten and association newsletters and reminders. It enables us to quickly and easily communicate with parents in the event of an emergency, especially if the kindergarten is unable to contact parents themselves for any reason.

A phone is also used by many schools to communicate with parents and students

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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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Teachers' Conference

During the term break our teachers attended our 15th annual two day conference which was planned and run by our Education Managers. The conference this year focused on the 2017 revised version of the Te Whāriki curriculum and included speakers such as Rudd Kleinpaste, David Trubridge, Professor Helen May and Robin Christie.

Jessica Uri, President

Introducing our board member Janelle Hutchings



I was elected onto the Napier Kindergarten Association Board in April 2017. I am a stay at home mother of three young children – my two oldest attend Wharerangi Kindergarten and my youngest is certainly part of the “family” there and cannot wait to start his journey at kindergarten.

Prior to children I studied a Bachelor of Science at Massey University, travelled the United Kingdom, Europe and Africa and I have worked in various roles from animal/laboratory technician in a crown research company to technical adviser and team leader in a New Zealand farmer owned agricultural company.

Like all parents/caregivers I appreciate our kindergarten and the amazing environment, resources and teaching staff. I believe that all our teachers are passionate about teaching, care for, respect and grow our children through play and learning opportunities provided; and it was for these reasons we choose kindergarten for our children. I wanted to use my past experience, skills and enthusiasm to give back to kindergarten, so applied for a position on the Napier Kindergarten Board.

Being part of the Napier Kindergarten Board for me is a real privilege, and an opportunity for me to share in not only my own children's education but in the education of the families around me. As a new board member I have learnt that each kindergarten in our association reflects its own community and has a sense of family and belonging. I have learnt a lot from our dedicated and talented Board, Management Teams and Teaching Staff and have so much more to learn. I am growing my understanding of governance, management, budgets and funding, I have been involved in discussions, decision making and our strategic direction, attended meetings and conferences, and most importantly met whānau and people passionate about kindergarten. It excites me to be a part of Napier Kindergartens 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.

Thank you

We send out a very big thank you to the parents and employees who participated in our focus group forums.

Giving us your time, opinions and ideas is most appreciated.

Kindergarten Open Day

On Saturday 27th October all of our kindergartens will be open from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Each kindergarten will have teachers present to showcase their kindergarten. It's a great opportunity for those who may not get the opportunity to visit kindergarten during the week to visit too.

