

Board Newsletter

Napier Kindergarten Association

April 2020

The joy of teaching, the love of learning

From The President

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."

John Burrows



Kia ora tatou te whānau

We've had a busy start to the year with a number of board meetings under our belt already and a great networking event held with our staff, the purpose of which was for the board and staff to get to know each other. Then a Pandemic and National Lockdown was declared and completely changed everything.

We have had to adapt to new ways of working, communicating and meeting. Our Board is receiving regular updates about the fabulous work happening across our kindergarten communities and are following kindergarten facebook postings with their amazing videos for children and tips for parents.

We're already thinking about and planning for our kindergartens re opening. At this stage we're uncertain when and how the government will return us to normal services.

Looking after each other

As we head into week 3 and 4 of the lockdown, things might start to feel really tough in our bubbles.

There are many on line services providing support and advice for a range of topics. Our kindergartens are uploading videos from our teachers to children, and demonstrating activities that children can enjoy and connect to. You are welcome to view any of our kindergarten facebook pages.

In addition we can recommend:

Kindy Safe www.kindysafe.nz ideas and resources for parents and teachers
Facebook Nathan Wallis x factor education, parenting through COVID 19
Fantasticfunandlearning.com lots of free activities to do with children
Sparklers at home sparklers.org.nz mental health & wellbeing support

Changes in our Board

It is with sadness that we farewell Rob Barzey from our Board. Rob has served on the Board for over 5 years and will be missed. However, we welcome two new co-opted Board members; Karl Wairama and Casey Hucker. Both have children at kindergarten and are keen to contribute to our work.

Keep safe and well
Mā te wā,
Sarah Nash,
President

Our Board Members Are:



Sarah Nash



Ingrid Squire



Rachel Murray



Alison Donovan



Karl Wairama



Casey Hucker

What Our Board Does:

Board members are volunteers elected by our members to 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

Our Board can have up to 9 members in total, one of whom is elected by employees. The employee elected Board member is Rachel Murray and she has the same rights as other Board members.



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Napier Kindergartens Phone App To Receive Important Messages

If you have not yet done so, please download our phone app so that we can keep you updated with important information:

- Download our Napier Kindergartens phone app via <http://napierkindergarten.apps.school.nz/install/> and when prompted, select 'parent'

Extended year kindergartens

Four of our kindergartens now offer an extended year service, being open for up to 50 weeks per annum (Bette Christie, Riversdale, Wharerangi and Wycliffe Nga Tamariki).

Any changes to the service our kindergartens offer is usually generated by either changes in circumstances, community demand, government policy or funding changes. There are no plans to implement this service across all kindergartens in our network.

Fees and donations

We are not requesting fees and donations during the lockdown period. If you have already paid these, we'll arrange a credit against future payments due.

Fees and donations help fund your kindergarten. They are used for all sorts of purposes such as replacing resources, equipment, books, music, playgrounds, and excursions. We are immensely grateful for the payments we receive, no matter how large or small – thank you!!

A donation is voluntary, and eligible for a tax rebate. When kindergarten resumes service tax receipts for donations will be prepared and available to collect from your kindergarten. We are not allowed to email these.

Consultation thank you

Our Board thanks two kindergarten parents, Paul from Pirimai and Meg from Eskview, for providing feedback regarding our Membership booklet and Application forms, your feedback was really helpful and most appreciated.

Resource packs for kindergarten children

The Ministry of Education has advised that some of our kindergarten communities will receive resource packs for children, which will be couriered to them. We don't have any control over which communities will receive these, however we are grateful for those that will.

Looking for new Members

Our kindergartens are looking for parents or community members to become members of Napier Kindergartens. *Please give your kindergarten your support by becoming a Member.*

The cost of becoming a Member at present is \$0.00.

Membership forms and information about membership can be obtained directly from our website www.napierkindergartens.co.nz.

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Who Are Members Of Our Association?



Association Members are:

- Ordinary Members
- Voting Members
- Board Members
- Life Members

Membership Application Forms are available from your local kindergarten, or our website.

Process for becoming a Member

Complete an Ordinary Membership application form, sign the declaration and submit to gm@napierkindergartens.co.nz

Kindergarten AGM's

This year we will not be holding AGM meetings in individual kindergartens.

There will just be the one Association AGM, which will be held on the 17 June 2020 (subject to it being safe to meet in large gatherings).

