

Kindergarten snapshots in Gisborne 1963-1973

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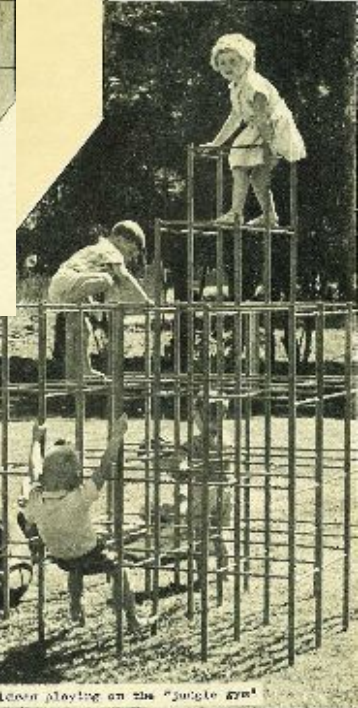
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Contented children playing in the sunshine in the kindergarten's playground



Miss Gallagher (right), showing the "jungle gym" to Miss Pettitt, the kindergarten director, and Miss Williams, the kindergarten's head-teacher.



Children playing on the "jungle gym"

Free

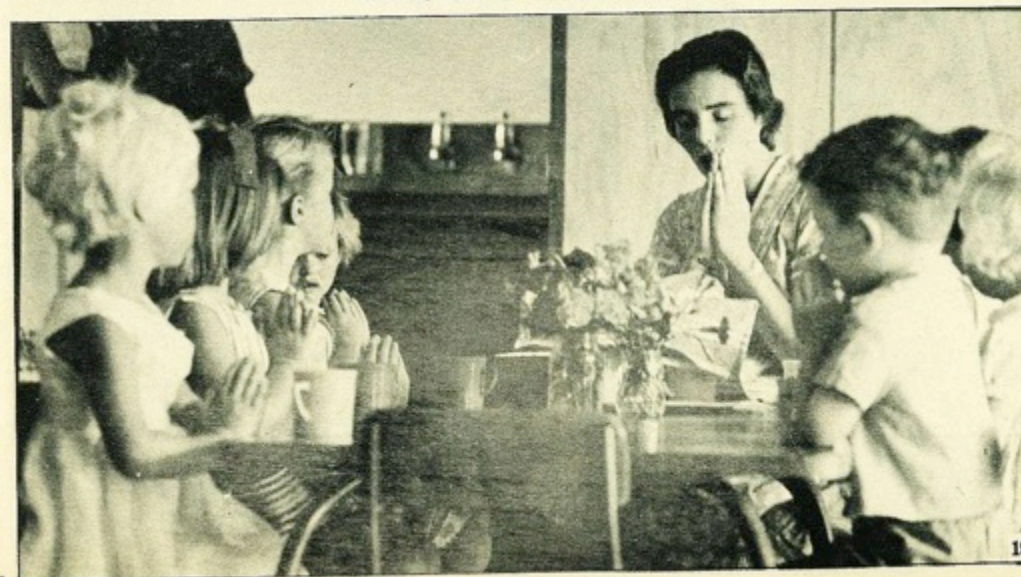
Kindergarten

Gisborne's new Free Kindergarten, housed in its handsome, well appointed building in Rutene Road, was in full swing when "Photo News" paid it a visit during its first operational week late last month.

Supervising the 20-odd children in their wide variety of activities were Miss M.Gallagher, the Free Kindergarten Association's pre-school supervisor from Wellington, Miss C.Pettitt, the Gisborne director, and her assistant, Miss R.Williams.

The modern building has been specially designed for its purpose, with large windows and open rooms giving the supervisors unrestricted vision of their happy young wards' activities.

Below: Miss Pettitt conducts the children in prayer before having their morning drink of milk and slice of apple. The children are: Judy Williams, Adrienne Wilson, Marie Hays, and Ian Cooper.



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Christine Auld, Jan Beattie, and Ian Cooper enjoying their morning drink of milk



Youthful artist Adrienne Wilson adds final touches to her work



Peter Teutenberg
at block play



Mrs Byrne and son Harvey are greeted by
Miss Pettitt on arrival at kindergarten



Busy doing the "washing up" are
Adrienne Wilson and Debra Evans



Ian Cooper, Alister Kerr, Lynn Mehrtens, Peter
Teutenberg, and Peter Clare wash their hands
before having their drink of milk.



Miss Gallagher
(right) showing
the district
child welfare
officer, Mr T.D.
Kirby, and his
assistant, Miss
J. Morrison, the
children's hand-
washing basins.



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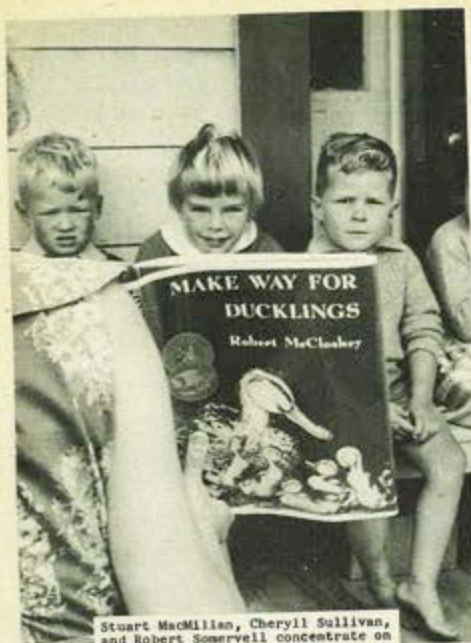
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Christine Auld, Jan Beadie, and Ian Cooper
enjoying their morning drink of milk



"My! I can't be a slow coach".



Stuart MacMillan, Cheryl Sullivan, and Robert Somervell concentrate on first steps in nature study.



Cheryl wears an engaging grin as she tries out the school's telephone.

First Steps at School

School's in again, and thousands of children are back again at the old familiar routine in the classroom. But for tiny tots, the routine is a strange one, and this is where the kindergarten is of great value. There the pre-school kiddies learn to get along with each other in a wide range of activities, from class lessons to handcrafts to communal play.

These pictures were taken at the Elgin Kindergarten, and show Miss Cynthia Speedy, who conducts 2X's Children's Session, at work with her young charges.



Miss Speedy with one of her classes



Future schoolmaster! Craig Williams tries his hand at modern art.



Off to make some dough.

Above: In the pleasant surroundings of the Elgin Anglican Church, the children gather on the lawn for morning milk.

Eight: Craig Williams, Jan Matthews, Adrian Robb, Diane Harrison and Louis Davies present a varied study in expressions at the morning milk session on the lawn.

Below: Young cooks in the making, and the curriculum includes extra subjects too....look at Karen Sullivan learning one of the handy uses for a rolling pin!





The Mayorress, Mrs H.H.Barker, who is president of the Gisborne association, speaking at the ceremony. Behind her are members of the official party.



Free Kindergarten Officially Opened

Gisborne's Free Kindergarten in Rutene Road was officially opened recently by the Dominion president of the N.Z. Free Kindergarten Union, Mrs H. Downer, of Rotorua.

The kindergarten, which is the first of its kind in Gisborne, has been in operation for 12 months.

It is one of 235 such institutions in the country under the control of the Free Kindergarten Association.

The Dominion president, Mrs Downer.



The kindergarten's two specially trained teachers, Misses Cynthia Pettitt and Lesleigh Law.



Children play in the grounds while the ceremony takes place



Bathing Baby

As part of their home interest education, children of the Gisborne Free Kindergarten, Rutene Road, were recently given an insight into the whys and wherefores of babies when Mrs Betty Chrisp brought her young daughter Kirsty along for a bath.

Three of the girls (from left), Cathryn Glengarry, Mandy Sharp, and Maylene Halveston gaze with fascination as Mrs Chrisp prepares Kirsty for her bath.

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Above: Miss E. Dickinson and Mesdames P. Ellis, J. Richardson and N. Cousins exploit "the creation of water". Right: Miss Wendy Jacques, director of the kindergarten, and Mr Adsett discuss the completed project. Below: Mrs M. Kuttia and Mrs L. Cairns participating in the theme.



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Kindergarten Workshop

The Gisborne Free Kindergarten held a workshop recently for mothers of kiddies attending the kindergarten, Outside kindergarten and playcentre mothers also participated. The workshop was designed to enable parents to understand more of how their children adapt themselves to various situations in play, and also how the child's mind channels its ideas. The workshop was conducted by Messrs Sandy Adsett and Muru Walters of Auckland.



Mr Walters demonstrates a point in the use of sound as an adjunct to a second project undertaken at the workshop. From left, in front: Mrs C. Dobson, then Mrs H. Cave, Mrs R. Francis and two observers.



NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER

With the free kindergarten having a waiting list of 18 months, and private kindergartens too far away, mothers in the new Sheriff housing subdivision have got together, under the sponsorship of the Waikirikiriri School, to form their own pre-school education groups. At the moment there are about five groups operating in the area with the mothers personally supervising the children's activities, on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The first to start was the Lyell Road group and they recently held a visitors' morning for other mothers and groups in the area. The groups are run on play-centre lines but still need equipment. (If you have anything suitable you could leave it at the Waikirikiriri School).

RIGHT—Debbie Keefe implores (?) — for more equipment or clean hands, we're not sure which. BELOW—Stacey Coffey takes intense interest in her work. BELOW RIGHT: On the other side of the easel James Mita comes up with a masterpiece.



Mrs D. Lancaster supervises Tracey Lancaster (left) and Christine Kola at their finger painting



Brenda Noble is all set to start up shop



ABOVE—Wita Mita and Carl Tuhou take time off from their puzzles to study the camera. RIGHT—Mrs H. Rowe and Carl at the painting easel. BELOW—The Lyell Street group and visitors pictured during the mid-morning activities.

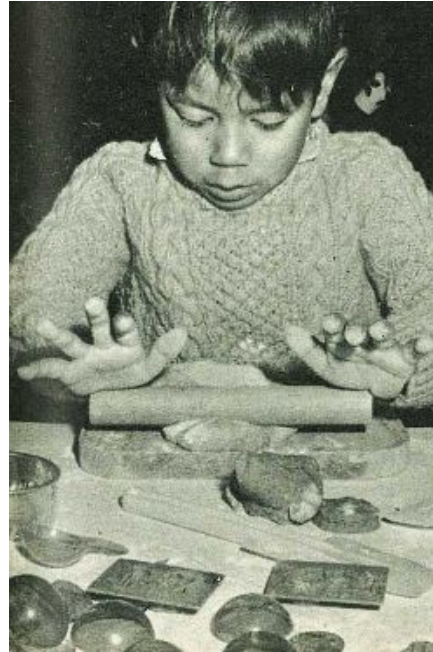


Kindergarten Publicity Week 1973



"I LIKE LEARNING..."

"All about everything — in kindergarten, now, but also at school, high school and higher training later on — for the whole world is becoming more advanced each day and the more knowledge and education I have, the more I'll be able to appreciate and use everything to advantage in my life ahead . . . Absolutely no point in adopting a negative approach to life and learning, IS THERE?" Not his actual words but typical of the obvious attitude of Erin Harris, of the Pickering Street Kindergarten, towards his ADULTHOOD WHEN HE WILL STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE YEAR 1990! More pictures of Kindergarten National Publicity Week on Pages 46 & 47.



LEFT—Thinking cordon bleu thoughts possibly is Andrea Thompson. ABOVE—An architectural career, perhaps, for Vicki Padman, who has a penchant for drawing houses

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