

# Lynnette Barlow née Harris

Kindergarten Teacher  
Trainee, Christchurch  
1972-1973.

Kindergarten Teacher  
1974 – present

All sources are from Lynnette  
Barlow's archival collection unless  
otherwise stated.



## Lynnette Harris (later Barlow) kindergarten teacher trainee 1972-1973

Lynnette Harris entered kindergarten teacher training in 1972, at the Christchurch Kindergarten Association's Hatfield House, one of around 80 girls enrolled across the two year groups. Lynnette's carefully archived collection of documents provide valuable insights into the changing nature of kindergarten teacher training in the early 1970s. A time when trainees purchased smocks along with their textbooks for the sum of \$40.00 and when course fees were a mere \$10.00. Married women had been accepted into training since 1962 and men were soon to be. Pregnancy ended some studentships. Women were expected to resign before they were visibly pregnant. A time when students were becoming more vocal winning an early dispute over the right to wear dress pants. Their voice was to grow stronger with the decade. This intake was second to last before control of kindergarten teacher training was transferred from the Kindergarten Associations to the Teachers' College Councils. A time that saw the start of the end of an era for kindergarten.

80 Park Terrace  
Christchurch 1.

Dear Miss Harris,

15 December 1971.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Education has approved your admission to training at this College in 1972.

Would you please forward full information of your Sixth Form Certificate and University Entrance examination as soon as you know results.

TERM ONE begins on Tuesday, February 1st, 1972 at 10 a.m. at the Kindergarten College.

The Students' entrance, cloakrooms and bicycle racks are off Salisbury Street which is a ONE-WAY street from Park Terrace towards Victoria Street.

The College timetable varies but normally is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 12 - 1 p.m. lunch hour.

DRESS Within the College - casual clothing is permitted, the standard set being the normal one of good taste and sensibility to the appropriateness of attire.

For all Kindergarten visits - professional attire is the rule, i.e. very short, very long or extreme fashions are not professional.

Low heeled shoes are worn in College and kindergartens - not jandals. Sandals should have some support for the heel, e.g. sling straps.

As Christchurch winters (and summers) are sometimes very cold, we advise students to bring some warm clothing and underwear.

Students must come to College prepared for physical education with gym shoes and appropriate rompers. (Secondary College games rompers are quite suitable.)

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| 1. College Fees (used towards equipment and art materials, duplicating lecture notes, also visiting lecturers' fees) | \$10.50        |
| 2. Student Association and Recreational Fees   | 4.50           |
| 3. Kindergarten Teachers Association - students membership fee (obligatory)  | 1.00           |
| ALL FEES will be collected within the first two weeks.   | <u>\$16.00</u> |
| 4. Teaching Smock ordered at College by size and ready by end of February  | 12.00          |

# Letter of acceptance into Christchurch Teachers' College 1972

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## 5. TEXT BOOKS

All these are on order for you at Whitcombe & Tombs Book Store in the Primary Division Buildings.

Children Development and Relationships  
(Smart & Smart)

A new edition delayed by shipping strike  
and now due in April

12.00

\ The Nursery School - K. Read

7.00

\ Origins & Growth of Modern Education - E. Lawrence

2.00

\ Teaching in the Pre-school Kindergarten  
Walker and others

3.50

\ Creative Movement for the Developing child

3.00

\ Work and Play

1.00

\ Nature Tables - D. Beggs

1.00

approximately \$29 to 30.00

Plus several other paper backs which will cost  
approximately a further

10.00

APPROXIMATE COST OF TEXTS = \$40.00

You are expected to provide yourself with the necessary materials for Art and Handwork, pencils, paint brushes, note books etc.; all available at College Store.

You should receive your first cheque (not negotiable) on Wednesday February 16th. It is necessary, therefore, to come to College prepared to pay expenses involved in equipping yourself for work and paying board. After this initial outlay, even students living away from home find that they can manage on their allowance with a careful budget.

## BOARD

Finding board is the responsibility of Parents or Guardians. Private board or hostel life has decided advantages for study and health reasons. Flatting is not permitted in the first year and then later only with written parental approval.

## TRANSPORT

A bicycle is a boon in Christchurch and a great saving of time and bus fares to students who are posted to kindergartens all over the city for periods of practice teaching.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Haggitt*

A. Haggitt  
PRINCIPAL

*Applications close first week in August*

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS' COLLEGE - CHRISTCHURCH

This pamphlet is to give you a brief account of the activities in which students take part during their two years of training. It has not been possible to include everything you will need to know, but second year Students' College Staff will always be willing to provide all the help they can. Your enjoyment of College life will be in direct proportion to the fullness of your participation in it.

COLLEGE STAFF

Principal	Mrs Audrey Haggitt
Assistant Principal	Mrs R. Brodie
Lecturers	Mrs A. Andrews Miss M. Roberts
Office	Mrs J. Burke

VISITING and PART TIME LECTURERS

<u>Drama</u>	Mrs J. Harvest
<u>Art</u>	Art Specialists - Dept. of Education
<u>Physical Education</u>	Mr K. Plunket
<u>Psychology</u>	Mr L. D. Stewart
<u>Creative Music</u>	Miss E. Millen (Supervising Head Teacher of the Christchurch Free Kindergarten Association)

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Association President	Mrs A. J. Dearsley
Association Secretary	Mrs D. M. Shepard
Assistant	Mrs B. Martin 173 Cashel Street, Christchurch 1.
Supervising Head Teacher	Miss E. Millen 173 Cashel Street, Christchurch 1.

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## Information brochure – 1972

The complete brochure is available  
online. Search for:  
'Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers'  
College – Information Brochure 1972'





Christchurch KTC 1973 Lynnette Harris (Barlow) 7<sup>th</sup> from left, second row.  
Source: Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers' College Official  
Photos'1969-74, Kidsfirst Canterbury Westland Kindergarten Association

# Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers Training College – Staff, February 1972

2<sup>nd</sup> from left, Mrs R Brodie Assistant Principal, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs Audrey Haggitt, Principal, 4<sup>th</sup> Anne Andrews Lecturer, 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Mary Roberts Lecturer, Mrs J Burke Office Assistant  
Source: Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers' College Official Photos' 1969-74, Kidsfirst Canterbury Westland Kindergarten Association



# SURVEY ON KINDERGARTEN

## STUDENTS – 1972 Orientation Booklet for Christchurch Kindergarten Training College (selected results)

1) Average age of first year students - 18½ years

2) Marital status of students

Single	69%
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Engaged	3%
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Have plans to marry next year	14%
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Married	11%
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Have been married	3%
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3) The kindergarten student entered from

School	67%
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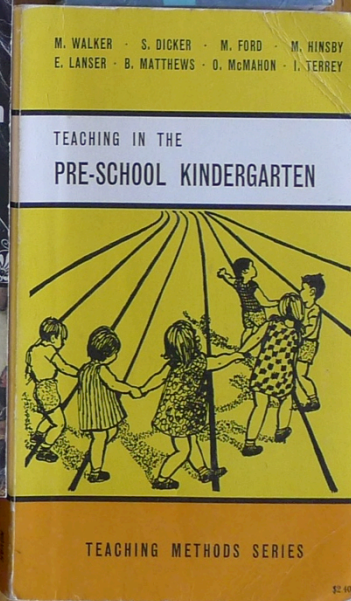
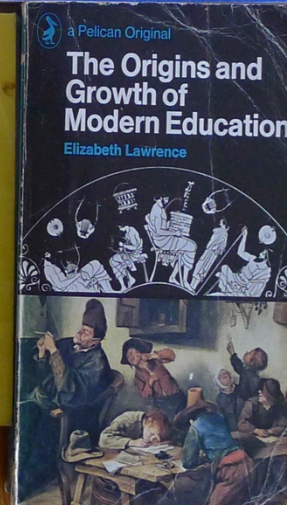
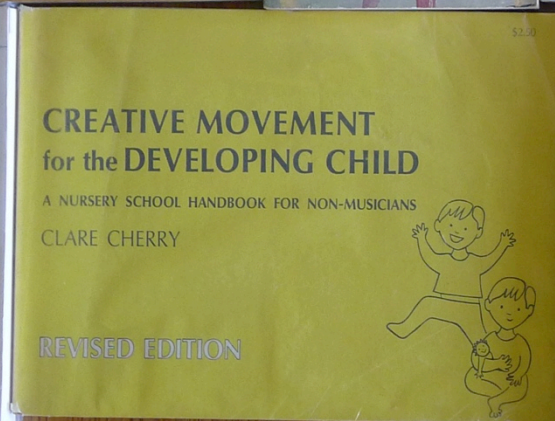
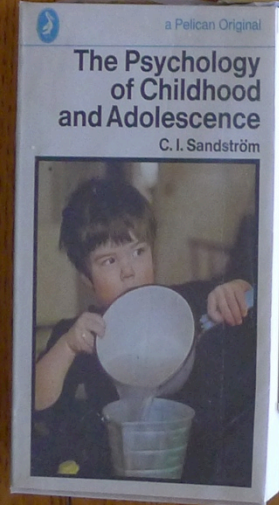
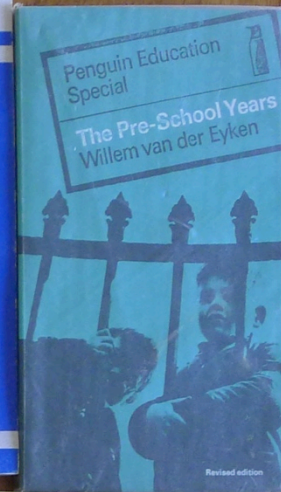
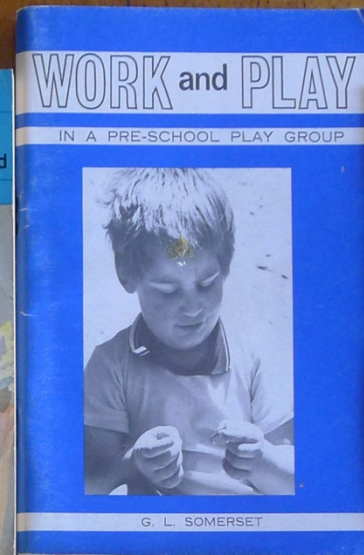
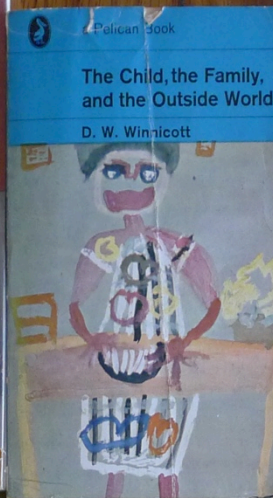
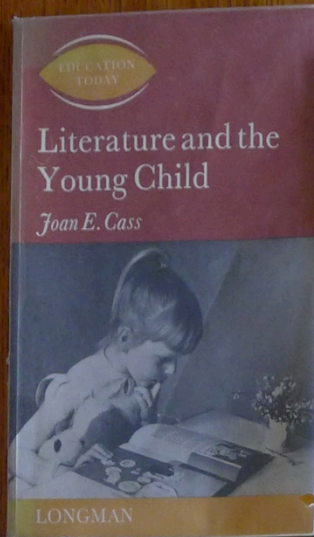
Other occupations	33%
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4) Kindergarten students interest in their work motivated by

Love of children	70%
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Desire to help others	28%
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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS  
photographer Bonita Cooke



ORIENTATION BOOKLET

for

CHRISTCHURCH KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE

1973

Committee -

Wendy Griffiths,  
Irene Speer  
Jenny Lowe  
Nikki Beardsley  
Kay Murray  
Rev. Gormly.

# Orientation Booklet for Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers Training College 1973

- to view full booklet  
see website under  
title

**CHRISTCHURCH FREE KINDERGARTEN  
ASSOCIATION  
(Incorporated)**

The President, Mrs N.E. Larcombe  
and members of the Council  
cordially invite

*Miss L. Harris & 3 guests* .....

to attend the

**PRESENTATION OF  
DIPLOMAS**

by Dr J.F. Mann, M.A.(N.Z.), Ph.D.(London), Dip.Tchg.  
Principal, Christchurch Primary Teachers' College,  
at the  
Christ's College Hall  
Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch  
on  
TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 1973 at 8 p.m.

## Graduation – December 1973

Two years of study completed.  
Time to graduate and become  
a teacher.

CHRISTCHURCH FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION  
(Incorporated)



# **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

CHRIST'S COLLEGE HALL  
TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 1973 AT 8 P.M.





## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS



### NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

### OPENING REMARKS

Mrs N.E. Larcombe, President, Christchurch Free Kindergarten Association

### CONGRATULATIONS OF THE COLLEGE

Mrs W.L. Haggitt, Principal, Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers' College

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. J.F. Mann, M.A.(N.Z.), Ph.D.(London), Dip.Tchg., Principal, Christchurch Primary Teachers' College

### GRADUATION ADDRESS


Mr B.G. Nelson, M.A., Dip.Educ., Dip.Tchg.

## Awarded

### NEW ZEALAND FREE KINDERGARTEN UNION DIPLOMA

ASHLEY, Helen Miriam	JENNINGS, Elizabeth Ann
ASHTON, Christine Alexandra	KAY, Mary Elizabeth
BEARDSLEY, Nikki	KEENE, Patricia Anne
BEAUCHAMP, Elizabeth Mary	LINDSAY, Yvonne Louisa Drayton
BLACK, Audrey Johanna	LOWE, Jennifer Mary
DEWAR, Margaret Joan	McAULEY, Anne Lucia
DOTT, Janetta Marie	McLEAN, Glenis Rosemary
EVENDEN, Dale Carol	MOORE, Judith Anne
FOLEY, Elizabeth Mary	MURRAY, Kay Jennifer
FORD, Vicki Dawn	PRIDDY, Anne Marie
GLOVER, Anne Elizabeth	PROTHEROE, Joanne Lyn
GORMLY, Beverley Ann	RICHARDSON, Jill
GRIFFITHS, Wendy Phillis	RICHARDT, Wendy Judith
GROSE, Yvonne Frances	SCOTT, Judith Ann
HAMMOND, Blanche Jane	SPEER, Irene
HARRIS, Lynnette Marie	THORNTON, Carol Faye
HOLLOBON, Kathleen Lorna, B.A.	WALLS, Rosemary Joan
HOY, Judith Ann	WOOD, Mary Elizabeth
JAMIESON, Anna Lynne	WRIGHT, Susan Helen





# Starting teaching

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Taught at  
Stoke Kindergarten, Nelson, 1973  
Grove Street Kindergarten, Mid 1973 – 74





1975 - appointed  
as Head Teacher  
at Lowther  
Kindergarten,  
Manawatu  
Free Kindergarten  
Association

MANAWATU FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSN (INC)

FORM OF APPOINTMENT FOR STAFF

Phone 78.264

P.O. Box 1484,  
Palmerston North.

To:

28th November, 1974.

Miss Lynette Harris,

Nurses Home,

Nelson Public Hospital,

NELSON

Dear Miss Harris,

Your application for a teaching position with this Association has been considered by the Staffing Committee, and we are pleased to advise that we are able to confirm an appointment with this Association as Head Teacher for the ensuing year.

Your appointment is to our Lowther Kindergarten which is situated in Abraham Cr., Palmerston North Palmerston North, but in the case of teachers it should be borne in mind that it is the prerogative of the Association to change staff from one kindergarten to another at their discretion.

The term commences on the 4th February, 19 75 and you are expected to be present the day before this date. Should you require assistance with accommodation please advise urgently.

Term dates for the year are :-

1st term: Tuesday 4th February - Friday 9th May

2nd term: Monday 26th May - Friday 22nd August (Mid term break July 7)

3rd term: Monday 15th September - Tuesday 16th December.

The staff By-Laws of this Association are attached and should be read carefully, after which the Acceptance Form at the bottom of this document should be completed and returned. New appointees are expected to remain at least one year with this Association.

Salaries are in accordance with the scale of the Department of Education.

Yours faithfully,

*Lawless*  
SECRETARY.



# Introducing afternoon sessions and extended rolls

## *Manawatu Free Kindergarten Association*

(INCORPORATED)



MANAWATU FREE  
KINDERGARTEN ASSN. INC.

TELEPHONE 78-264

P.O. BOX 1484,  
PALMERSTON NORTH.

9th December 1974.

Miss Lynette Harris,  
Nurses Home,  
Nelson Public Hospital  
NELSON

Dear Miss Harris,

Your letter 6th December to hand.  
The scheme we are operating at two of our other kindergartens is 2  
two afternoon sessions - two groups of 40 children, each group  
attending two afternoons. The morning remains unaltered.  
The waiting list at the moment is 22 4yrs 98 3 yrs and 94 2yrs.  
An extra teacher would be employed 5 afternoons, plus one morning.

We are still awaiting Departmental  
approval to the scheme, but at the same time wanted your views.  
When approval comes through, I will again communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

*Rowell*  
SECRETARY

# Manawatu Free Kindergarten Association

(INCORPORATED)



P.O. Box 1484, P.N.  
117 Grey Street  
Phone 78-264 (9-11 p.m.)  
PALMERSTON NORTH

3rd December, 1974.

Miss Lynette Harris,  
Nurses Home,  
Public Hospital,  
NELSON.

Dear Miss Harris,

Your letter 29th November is acknowledged. We are trying to obtain accommodation for you, but if you do not hear from me within the next week or so, I suggest you place an advertisement in the Manawatu Evening Standard. Accommodation in Palmerston North is fairly difficult.

I have been asked to write and get your views on extended rolls. Lowther Kindergarten has a very large waiting list and the parents are very keen to commence an extended roll next year. However, we would want your confirmation that you would be happy with this. Please let us know, and if you are in agreement then we will try and obtain Department of Education approval to the scheme.

Yours faithfully,

*Lawless*  
SECRETARY

Association  
assistance with  
accommodation

## *Manawatu Free Kindergarten Association*

(INCORPORATED)



MANAWATU FREE  
KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

TELEPHONE 78-264

P.O. BOX 1484,  
PALMERSTON NORTH.

12th December 1974.

Miss Lynette Harris,  
Nurses Home,  
Public Hospital  
NELSON

Dear Miss Harris,

If you contact Mrs Kay Lowther, 27 Aspiring Ave.,  
Palmerston North, she would help you out with board. Mrs  
Lowther is a young mother - 3 school age children - is a super  
person, and would be terrific to board with! The kindy was  
named after her.

Compliments of the Season.

Yours faithfully,

*Doreen*  
SECRETARY.

# Accommodation found

# Manawatu Free Kindergarten Association

(INCORPORATED)



81 CAMPBELL STREET  
PHONE 78-264

P.O. BOX 1484  
PALMERSTON NORTH

3 November 1981

Mrs L Barlow  
8 Sinclair Ave  
Palmerston North

Dear Lynette

I wish to advise that your application for maternity leave has been approved.

According to regulations leave can extend to a period of not more than 12 months after the birth. Within six weeks of the birth you are required to advise the Association if you wish to return to your position and if so, the date you would commence duties. Whether or not you return to your position you will be paid a maternity grant equivalent to six weeks of your full salary upon application accompanied by a birth certificate.

Thank you for the work you have done for us at Lowther and we wish you all the best for your future role as mother.

Yours sincerely

Brenda Robertson  
Secretary

1981  
Application for  
maternity leave  
approved



## Teaching positions held at Ruahine Kindergarten Association

- Westend Kindergarten Teacher  
1992 – 1994
- Cloverlea Kindergarten Head Teacher  
1994 – present




2016

Lynnette Barlow  
Head Teacher

These children have a strong interest in building/constructing.

I brought in some scrap wood from a deck being built at my home and these children helped to load the pieces into the wood box. They were curious about the wood and where it had come from. I explained and then the next day in response to their interest I showed them photos of the progress of the deck building over the last few weeks. Again the children expressed interest asking many questions. I explained the different stages with each photo with the children being very interested and focused.

Lynnette Barlow, August 2016



To view the following titles see the  
KINDERGARTEN HERITAGE COLLECTION OF  
NEW ZEALAND website:

- 1) Orientation Booklet for Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers Training College 1973
- 2) Christchurch Kindergarten Teachers' College – Information Brochure 1972'