

# Eskview Kindergarten 25th JUBILEE



2012

Cover photograph.

Adults back from left: Rosemary Johansen, Heather Gilmour, Anne Tasker, Anna Avison

Back from left: Ryan Ells, Sophie Storrar, Henriette Reiss, Charlotte Osborne, Cole Nichol, Kowan Lamont, Reuben Jessep, Isabella Kerr, Jack Tahere, Max Ranapiri, Holly Osborne.

Middle row from left: Carter Hodgetts, Ellie Swayne, Lachie Harkness, Camryn Gooch, Stevie Knowles, Dion Sklennars, Leo Parsons, Tegan Anderson, Benz Booth, Jade Musson

Front row from left: Eva Ross, Eva Hrustinsky, Summer Swenson, Belle Anderson, Eliza Anderson, Lola Nicholls.

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## Foreword

I have to admit that I am guilty of taking for granted the fact that Eskview Kindergarten is available to our children. I suppose I just assumed that the government distributed lots of kindergartens around the Napier area and that we just said 'thanks' and enrolled our children. However, after going through the fascinating minutes, letters and reports written over the period from 1980 to 1987 I have become aware that it is only thanks to the tireless efforts of our community that we have the privilege of having a local kindergarten.

A passionate group of locals who formed the Eskview Kindergarten Establishment Committee, fundraised through numerous catering jobs for the Lions club and others, held fashion shows at 'Hedgeley', ran a coconut shy at the County Fair (now the Eskview Market Day) collected and sold firewood, crutched sheep, created a cookbook and held a number of cake stalls and raffles. The amount raised by this committee and the subsequent interest they earned while waiting and waiting for their kindergarten building, was so much more than what the other local kindergartens were raising, that it became embarrassing!

I'm sure none of those parents who joined the establishment committee would have dreamed that it would take seven years for their plan to come to fruition. Many of the initial committee members no longer had children of kindergarten age when it finally opened. Trish Marshall, a committee member, related to me how she had two children at the time the committee was established, one who was two and probably would be at school when the kindergarten was ready, and another who they thought would surely get in as he was only six months old. Well, ironically even their third child missed out by a month or two from attending the Kindergarten. However, the Marshall's were happy that they contributed to the survey of children likely to attend the kindergarten, of which there were around eight completed – another embarrassment for the committee who felt they were becoming a nuisance!

Therefore, this is a tribute to those on the Establishment Committee, especially Warwick Marshall who deserves special mention as the chairperson of the committee. Warwick was presented with an award for 'Services to the Community' by the local Lions Club for this work in establishing the kindergarten. Jill Hankin, also a member of the Establishment Committee said *'Warwick always was a very well organised and thorough person when it came to dealing with committees. Everything was very professional and properly done. He is a great leader and positive to the end.'*

Last, but not least, we need to thank those teachers, committee members, and students who, during the last 25 years, have kept alive the community spirit, and created such a wonderful kindergarten with its unique traditions and environment. Irma, Colleen and Anne have been the biggest contributors over the years, as the head teachers, and there are many stories and photos of them throughout this book. The committees have continued to be successful fundraisers and, as Donna Chapman said in her Chairperson's Report in 2000, *'The relationship between teachers and committee works well at Eskview Kindergarten and is an asset to the kindergarten community. Some great friendships are made when you work with a small team.'*

I hope you will learn from and enjoy this book as I have when compiling it. Please join me in expressing gratitude to those who have contributed so much over the past years.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions to this book from Heather Gilmour, Colleen Blake, Justine Mahony, Warwick and Trish Marshall, Marg Bunce, Jill Hankin, Paula Nicol and most significantly, Anne Tasker. Thank you also to Rachael Nicholls for the graphic design and Hillary Baker for editing.

*Rachel Ross, current committee member.*



## How we got the ball rolling

In mid 1980 an approach was made by the Bayview Playcentre to the Napier Free Kindergarten Association to establish a kindergarten in the Bay View area as they (the playcentre) considered they were not meeting the needs of the children in that area. A survey was done in July 1980 and confirmed that this was correct.

On 6 October 1980, a public meeting was held in the Game Lounge of the Bay View Hotel and was attended by 44 interested people who unanimously passed a resolution to form a committee to establish a kindergarten.

A comment was made that the attendance 'showed obvious interest in the establishment of a kindergarten' and the people of the Bay View area were congratulated for the enthusiasm they had shown.

The kindergarten Association representative explained the criteria to be met:

- Sufficient children
- An appropriate site
- 1/5 total cost of the new building

The new committee was formed that very evening and fundraising began immediately!

Committee nominated —

Mr W. Marshall ✓  
 Mr G. Robertson ✓  
 Mrs J. Madsen ✓  
 Mrs S. Stolt ✓  
 Mrs J. Harrington ✓  
 Mrs R. Henderson ✓  
 Mrs J. Kyle  
 Mrs B. Crene  
 Mr R. Dempsey  
 Mrs J. Sheppard

Mr J. Henderson  
 Mr R. Harrington  
 Mrs A. Kells  
 Mrs K. Rodda  
 Mrs P. Marshall ✓  
 Mrs A. Smith  
 Mrs N. Roberts  
 Mrs B. Dempsey  
 Mrs E. Spiers  
 Mrs P. Robertson ✓

That all nominees be elected "moved"  
 Mr Marshall seconded Mrs Simis: c/d.  
 Mr and Mrs McQuarrie and Mrs Simis  
 offered support to the Committee.  
 Representatives from the Petane Lions and  
 Ahuriri Rotary Club volunteered support  
 for the establishment of the Kindergarten.  
 Mr Robertson thanked committee members for  
 offering their services. He hoped this venture  
 would receive full support of the local community.

Donations totalling \$750.00 were made  
 by representatives present from some of  
 the 12 already established Napier Kindergartens.  
 Mr Robertson, on behalf of the committee,  
 expressed sincere thanks. The Assn. in  
 with past procedure will donate all



# 1980

## NAPIER FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC

### ESKVIEW ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the initial meeting held on 16 October, 1980 the Establishment Committee have been very busy.

Firstly a suitable site in Petane Road was located. Unfortunately the land is privately owned so purchase negotiations are now in the hands of the Ministry of Works.

Fund raising commenced immediately, after we had been inspired by the overwhelming donations from the twelve established kindergartens in Napier. Projects to date have included a cake stall, organising a suppoer, Christmas hamper lottery, selling Christmas trees, and picking up potatoes. Our funds stand at \$2174.39. In future we hope to raise further funds from catering and the Petane Lions Country Fair.

The Establishment Committee would like to record their special thanks for the tremendous help we have received from Mrs Collier.

W.Marshall.  
Chairman.

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#### Financial Report

we have a total of \$1279.50 entirely from  
donations at this stage

#### Treasurers Balance Sheet:-

Receipts and Payments account from 16.10.80 to 31.12.80

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Fundraising projects		Printing, advert, Stat	5.05
Cake Stall	100.00		
less expenses	1.52		
	98.48		
Potato money	83.00		
Christmas trees	140.00		
Christmas Hamper Lottery	407.00		
	728.48		
less expenses	54		
	727.94		
		Excess receipts over payments	2174.39
<u>Total Fundraising</u>	<u>727.94</u>		<u>2179.44</u>



1981

As you read the chairman's report below you get an understanding of the commitment and drive the Establishment Committee had. When you consider the money made, and how much more this was worth over 25 years ago, you can appreciate the enormity of what was achieved in such a short time. Amazingly, the committee were also able to secure land for the Kindergarten within the first year. In fact, Warwick actually found the land the day after the first meeting. He was also involved with the County Council, which is how we got the caretaker for the section – with a crate of Tui being the currency for his work.

# CERTIFICATE OF TITLE UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT

This Certificate dated the 25th day of July one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five under the seal of the District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of HAWKE'S BAY

WITNESSETH that SACHIKO STRUGNELL of Upper Hutt, Civil Servant

13 July 1981 - an application was made by the Napier Free Kindergarten Association to have the proposed Eskview Kindergarten placed on the N.Z. Free Kindergarten Union priority list for building.

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*General Business - D. Day for section purchase 3rd April  
Suggestions were put forward about what to do with section if o.k. is given.  
Barometre to show money raised would also be needed.*

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lines on the plan hereon  
1011 square  
at 41 on Deposits

17366.1 Transfer to Richard James Bennett  
of Bay View, Meehanie - 8.9.1975 at 10.3a.m.



*Land Registrar*

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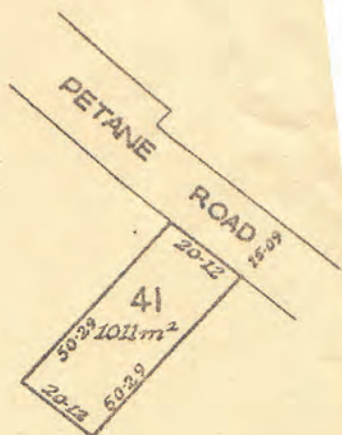
OFFICE OF MINISTER OF WORKS AND DE  
WELLINGTON

21 October 1981



County Clerk  
Hawke's Bay County Council  
P O Box 342  
NAPIER

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Dear Sir

I refer to your letter of 11 August 1981 containing the council's recommendation on my requirement of 28 May 1981 designating an area of land in Petone Road, Bayview as "Proposed Kindergarten".

In accordance with section 118(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1977, I hereby advise the council of my decision to accept its recommendation that the requirement be confirmed subject to three conditions.

Education has advised that staff provided on the



ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

This is our first full year of operation, involved mainly with fundraising and has been a great success due to the terrific enthusiasm of the Establishment committee and its supporters.

My sincere thanks to them all.

Our funds have been boosted considerably by our very successful catering ventures. Our largest venture being the combined luncheon/fashion show which netted \$850.

Considerable progress was made regarding the building site. The Hawkes Bay County Council conditions have been accepted and the site formerly gazetted for Kindergarten purposes. Our thanks to the personnel in both the Department of Education and Ministry of Works and Development who were involved in the purchase of the section.. Although we have a long way to go with fundraising, the Napier Free Kindergarten Association has arrangements in hand to finance our one fifth of the project as soon as we receive the necessary Departmental approval to proceed. We hope this approval will be given in the not too distant future.

Once again, my thanks to everyone who has made this progress to date, possible.

WARWICK MARSHALL  
CHAIRMAN.

Cookbook - suggested by A. Smith to compile a cookbook including handy hints etc. Jude has agreed to collect recipes & suggestions to compile at a later date

### Fundraising

Fashion Parade Tickets - are in process of being sold to fashion parade being put on by DIC we should make approx. \$30 from this.

### Their Services

4/ Fashion Evening - Norma Roberts after a great effort reported on arrangements made for this evening to be held on Wed. 10th June at Westshore School Hall.

Wine and Dessert Supper - Price \$4 each.

Clothes, Jewellery, handbags and makeup are to be shown and four separate raffles are to be run on the night. Various aspects of arrangements were discussed at this meeting.

5/ Recipe Book - Thanks to Warwick we have more than enough sponsors. Many recipes have been handed to Jude and final organising will be discussed at next meeting.

6/ Las Vegas Evening - carry fwd for future discussion



At the end of 1982, after two years of hard work and support by the community, our establishment committee felt they were no closer to getting the Kindergarten they were working so hard for. They conducted another survey and found, as before, that there was a great need for preschool education in our area. The chairperson's report and minutes from meetings make interesting reading.

NAPIER FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC

ESKVIEW ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

1982 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

1982 has been another successful year for our committee with all members regularly contributing their fair share and helping to bring our total funds to just on \$16,000.00.

However it is with great concern that I notice a considerable waning of interest. This I feel, is due to the fact that our small committee and community has worked very hard over these last two years to attain our financial goal to see the establishment of our own kindergarten. We have a section, plans are available, we have the required finance but our building seems as far away as when we began - no wonder support is waning when more and more people who have been enthusiastic supporters of our fund raising ventures find that their children have gone to school without the intended preschool education. It is a pity that our rural children are not obtaining the benefits of preschool education that their urban counterparts take for granted.

In May the committee lost the services of the vice chairman - Mr John Henderson when he transferred out of the district. This vacancy was ably filled by Mrs Sandra Staff.

Finally I would like to record my thanks to all committee members, our supporters and the executive of the Napier Free Kindergarten Association for their dedicated efforts over the year. With the results of our recently conducted survey again proving the need for the establishment of the Eskview kindergarten, I look forward to a positive year.

W. MARSHALL  
CHAIRMAN

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General Business

Mr. Marshall informed the committee that it was unlikely that the Kindergarten would be built this year. He explained that it was because a number of Kindergartens had been built and not used.

A donation from Pan Pac Town the building fund is expected.

A Raffle left over - drawn and notified.

A kindergarten ~~could~~ could not be built. Mrs. How also asked for a further survey be carried out. She said that Eskview was unfortunately low on the list and that there were about 20 on the list. Mrs. Collier then explained the requirements for building a kindy.

A general discussion followed. Mr. Marshall thanked Mrs. How and Mrs. Collier for coming to the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting will be held at 2nd September at 7.



AREA SURVEY

Mr Marshall asked for assistance in carrying out a survey. A list was supplied by the school of all the prospective pupils for the school for the next 4 years. A discussion followed on the subject and committee members were allotted areas to cover. It was noted by several committee members that there appeared to be an abundance of babies in the area, Mr Marshall worked out a list for members to cover on the survey. A proposal was made that the Lions Club ~~was~~ be asked for assistance in conducting the survey in Westshore.

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NAPIER FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INCTHIRD SURVEY OF CHILDREN LIKELY TO ATTEND A FREE KINDERGARTEN AT BAY VIEW

NAME OF PARENT .....

DATE SURVEYED .....

ADDRESS .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

1. Is this the first time you have taken part in a survey of this area? Yes / No
2. Number of children    0-1 yr    1-2 yr    2-3 yr    3-4 yr    4-5 yr  
as at 1 Jan. 1984    .....    .....    .....    .....    .....
3. When a Free Kindergarten is established in the Bay View township would your child/ children be likely to attend?    Yes / No / Possibly
4. Is / are your child / children at present attending or on the waiting list of :-  
 a. Free Kindergarten (state name) .....  
 b. Private Kindergarten .....  
 c. Playcentre .....  
 d. Day Care centre .....  
 e. Play group .....  
 f. Creche .....  
 g. Correspondence school .....  
 Please tick the facility you use.
5. Would you prefer your child/ children to remain at your present or intended preschool facility    yes / no / not sure.
6. Please tick the sessions most suited to the needs of your family.  
 a. Five mornings 9 - 12 noon  
 b. Three afternoons 1 - 3.30 p.m.  
 c. All day 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 d. One all day plus 1 half day  
 e. Any other combination of sessions with maximum of 5 half days per week.  
 (Mon, Tues, Thurs.)  
 (maximum 2 days per week)  
 bring own lunch
7. Would an out post at for example TePohue / Tutira / any other .....  
be more beneficial? yes / no    for 1 / 2 afternoons each week.
8. Would you be interested in forming a transport pool with other parents in your area?    Yes / No
9. Would you be prepared to help supervise over the lunch hour on a voluntary roster if all day sessions were implemented    Yes / No
10. Any other relevant comments .....



# 1983

In 1983 the Committee didn't give up the quest for a local Kindergarten, despite the feelings of frustration at the lack of progress. Instead, there was a step up in the push through letters and phone calls to local MPs and the Minister of Education by the Chairperson, Warwick Marshall, as well as the Napier Kindergarten Association. At this time the committee was also looking into piloting a scheme to incorporate the needs of rural children as they saw a need for this in our community.

NAPIER FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC  
ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 1983.

It is my pleasure to present the 4th annual report of the Eskview Kindergarten Establishment Committee.

I consider this to have been our most difficult year yet because our incentive to keep going is at an all time low. Our regular meetings have been changed from evening to morning tea meetings with a more social atmosphere which was required to maintain attendances.

We are still no further ahead with progress than what we were this time last year despite the survey done in November 1982 proving the desirability for preschool education in this area. We now face the task of yet another survey in the new year.

Our committee is very appreciative of the personal assistance given to us by the members of the executive of the Napier Free Kindergarten Association. We feel that this assistance may not have been forthcoming from a large organisation such as the one proposed for the merger into one large association by five of the six associations within Ward 5.

Our fundraising activities at present are concentrated in one effort at the annual Petane Lions Fair.

The proposed building site is now maintained in a very satisfactory state by the caretaker of reserves for the Hawkes Bay County Council and for this we are most grateful.

With other more demanding commitments, Sally Bowen and Sandra Staff resigned from the committee - both have made a very valuable contribution. In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for the support that they have given and I look forward to a positive 1984.

W. MARSHALL  
CHAIRMAN

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*Mr Marshall thanked Mrs Collier for her comments and went on to say that despite every effort being made we were no closer to getting a building. Mrs Collier explained that this was due in main to the present economic climate and that our committee was a little way down the waiting list. She reported that the survey showed that there were enough children in the area to warrant*

*Mrs Collier's matters arising might be in the interim were strong of kindy, teacher con present cho*

*The idea of a mobile kindy was discussed but it was decided that it would not be suitable for our area. It was also decided that no form of temporary kindy would be suitable.*

*Letter of resignation was received from position of Secretary. Also*



1983

5. The Survey carried out in August - September 1982 indicated that now, a year later, these children would be :-

1	-2 Years	35 children
2	-3 Years	44 children
3	-4 Years	37 children
4	-5 Years	38 children

Parents of these children expressed a desire for them to attend the kindergarten when it was established at Bayview. Some firmly stated the normal afternoon and morning sessions but a considerable number wanted a more flexible attendance and suggested 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to fit in with shopping in Napier. Some suggested that some sessions could be held in the settlements such as TePohue if a suitable form of accommodation could be found.

6. Bearing in mind that the Minister has stated that new custom built accommodation will not be approved if suitable classrooms can be relocated, I have discussed this possibility with Mr Melling, Senior Supervisor for buildings with the Hawkes Bay Education Board. It may be possible that in the near future a suitable classroom block could be found that would be suitable for relocation on the kindergarten site at Bayview. While no promises have been made or firm costings worked out it could well be that the Association could find the total cost of relocating a suitable classroom and having it altered to meet the standard building code ready for occupation. This would leave 2/3 cost of equipment and funding for 2 staff salaries to be met from the preschool budget.

In summarising it would appear that the proposed Eskview Kindergarten could meet the criteria for the type of kindergarten the Minister had in mind. i.e. flexible, to meet the needs of rural children. While the majority of the children would come from the nearby settlements of Bayview, Eskdale, Whirinaki and Westshore there are a considerable number of children for whom special attendance patterns would be beneficial.

My Association would like to know if it is the intention of the Union Executive to follow up the comments made by the Minister as we feel that having openly named this type of kindergarten, the opportunity to capitalise on it should not be lost. We feel we have the expertise within the present association executive; an enthusiastic Eskview establishment committee; an experienced Senior Head Teacher who has already successfully opened three kindergartens, to take the minister up on his ideas.

If a pilot scheme is to be implemented we would recommend to the Union Executive that Eskview be given top priority - we will provide the building in the hopes that he would provide 2/3 subsidy for equipment and 2 staff salaries to enable the project to get off the ground. We are confident that the next and hopefully final survey which will be the third, will indicate that there are more children in the catchment area than has been indicated in the above figures.

Yours sincerely

*M.H. Collier*  
M.H. Collier (Mrs J.E.)

## COUNCIL REPORTS

**ESKVIEW** Plan to erect a sign on the section assuring residents that the kindergarten is still alive and only waiting on Govt approval to proceed with building. \$17,599.63 in hand.

**ESKVIEW** Funds in bank \$18,222.81. Committee participating in its annual dinner. Case put to the union for this kindergarten to be given the opportunity to be established as a pilot scheme to incorporate the needs of rural children. Reply from Mrs Lindgren not encouraging but will be pursued by the executive. - both case and reply read to meeting.

**ESKVIEW** - Celebrated 3rd anniversary of committee with a dinner. Sign erected on site. Bank account \$18,324. Sec will discuss building with Union Sec when in Wgtn on 4 October.

*Mrs Collier and Mrs Low attended the meeting to report on all chances of building in 1984. Although unofficial, it looks quite hopeful. Mrs Collier asked if the \$5,000-00 in the Association Savings Account for Building*

"Promising for 1984."



The Annual report explains the situation well. The Committee achieved as much as possible with fundraising efforts at the county fair while doing their best to influence the powers that be, that this Kindergarten should be a priority. There was some doubt raised by the Ministry that there were enough children in the area so more surveys were carried out and more letters were written to and from parliament, New Zealand Free Kindergarten Association and the Napier Free Kindergarten Association. In April it was known that the Minister of Education was visiting the area so one of the committee 'collared him' at the airport and took him out to visit the site. By the end of the year the conclusion was made that all the requirements had been met but the kindergarten had to go on the list and be considered amongst all the other proposed kindergartens nationally. Hopes were high for the Kindergarten to be built the following year.

NAPIER FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC

ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 1984

We have now been in existence for just over four years and to date we have achieved the following :-

With the aid of five surveys (each showing an increased number of children) proved beyond doubt the immediate need for a kindergarten at Bayview.  
 Located and have the Government pay for a site which they have approved for kindergarten purposes.  
 Raised \$21,706.45 as our contribution towards the construction of our kindergarten, but through no fault of this committee or our parent association this rural community is still without its kindergarten.

I am pleased to say that the Establishment committee has stayed together and have held regular 'morning tea' meetings throughout the year.

I am also grateful for the unending support that we get from the Napier Assn.

Once again, the site has been maintained in a very tidy condition by the HawkesBay County Council for which we are very grateful (we can only hope that they will not have to do it much longer).

We look forward to 1985 hoping that it will be our lucky year.

W. MARSHALL  
CHAIRMAN

*Eskview Free Kindergarten Establishment Committee  
Council report. 30 April 1984*

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*Earlier this month, the chairman and committee member Alan Marks took the opportunity of meeting the Minister of Education informally at the site of the proposed kindergarten at Bay View. Although no promises were made, the minister was obviously impressed with what he saw together with the achievements of our committee in the short time that we have been working. Current bank balance is \$2035.85*

*David Marshall  
Chairman*

*Committee for their co-operation.*

*County Fair: This was a success although the weather was against us, everybody did a good effort and were thanked by Mr W. Marshall.*



1984

Secretary:  
MRS J. E. COLLIER  
TELEPHONE  
437-247



17 HIGGINS STREET  
NAPIER

1 October, 1984.

The Executive Officer,  
New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union Inc.,  
P.O. Box 12353,  
WELLINGTON

Dear Mrs Lindegren,

The Executive have received another approach from the Eskview Establishment Committee regarding the likelihood of their being included in the 1985/6 building programme.

As you know we feel that we have met all the necessary criteria -

- Site Purchased
- Access to in excess of \$25,000.00 cash.
- The Hawkes Bay Preschool plan at the ready.
- Surveyed sufficient children to sustain a minimum 25/25 roll.

The Eskview Committee appear to have grounds for understanding that the Department of Education consider that the viability of a grade 0 kindergarten in this area is in doubt. This is the first time after the initial survey that this query has been raised with us. Can you reassure that this is not the case and that the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union will continue to support and press for this project to be included next year?

The Executive to satisfy themselves, have again gone through the survey forms submitted by the Eskview Committee in February of this year. We then decided to double check and completely redo the entire survey. I am enclosing a copy of the results (carried out by telephone contact) which is in two sections.

- a. Those children whose parents have said that they are close enough and will attend on a normal session basis.
- b. Those children whose parents have said that they will attend but on an alternative session basis - see page 4 of the survey.

It is interesting to note that each time that this survey has been carried out the actual Bay View area population increases.

When working out the actual likely attendance patterns we used the PSU scheme as a basis working in 5 children from the more remote areas attending on a full day basis. Some indicated a pattern on 1 1/2 days per week but we only accounted for 1 full day as thought the survey should show minimum not maximum likely attendances.

We would appreciate the Management Committee's comments on this letter urgently so that we know how to proceed in allaying the fears of the members of the Eskview Committee (not to mention the people who have been subjected to 5 surveys !) but assuring them that a Grade 0 kindergarten at Bay View will be given approval to proceed.

Yours sincerely

*Mary Collier*

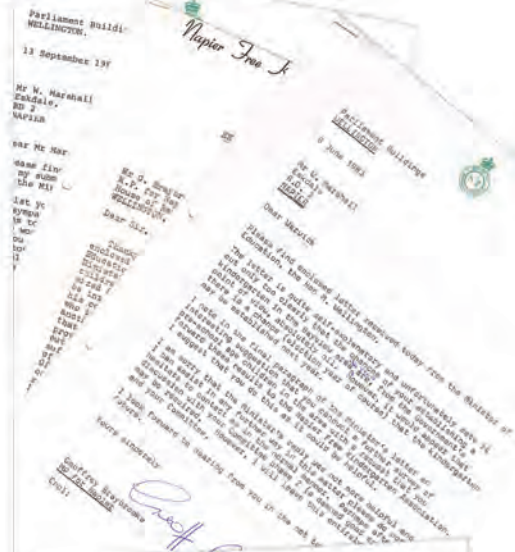
Having received an assurance from your association that these criteria have been met the Eskview kindergarten (proposed) has been included on the establishment list and will be considered along with others which also qualify. At that time the Executive will establish the priority of the projects giving weight to the various known factors in making their decision. It is with that instruction from the Executive that the Union representatives will meet the department.

It is believed that only with national overview can the urgency of the need for various projects be seen. The Executive will have full details on all projects before making their decisions.

I trust this will allay any fears held by your committee.

Yours sincerely,  
B.L. Lindegren,  
Executive Officer

P.S. As you are aware a further formal survey will be required before the project is submitted to the department.



Kindergarten Union Inc.



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Telephone 858-444

Mr. Marshall was referred to the Executive.

give any assurance that the in the group to be at March, you should know that acts which are on the Union s having been submitted by statement that they meet the sufficient funds for the having proved the existence

"Not on the list this year, but likely for next year."



Unfortunately, 1985 did not start off as positively as everyone had hoped but once again the Committee stepped up a gear by getting the media involved and conducting another door-to-door survey to convince the Government that there were indeed sufficient numbers of children in the area to sustain the proposed Kindergarten. Three submissions were written to the Ministry of Education during the year by Mrs Collier from the Napier Kindergarten Association. In September the news came that they were not on the list for approval this year but that the list was now quite short and it was 'looking favourable' for the next year. The letters and newspaper articles in these pages tell the story well.

Parliament House  
WELLINGTON

16 April 1985

The Minister of Education  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Dear Mr Marshall

I am writing to you once again concerning the matter of the lack of progress in the establishment of the Eskview Kindergarten.

It has come to my attention, and I must say that I am in agreement with the many people associated with this matter, that there is need for concern with the analysis that you have made of the situation concerning the possible establishment of this kindergarten as outlined in your letter to our colleague, Mr Braybrooke, on 28 January.

It is appreciated that any Government must ensure that all projects are viable before they are committed to a building and ongoing expenses, but that does not mean they must have hundreds of children. To my mind it does mean that they must be viable at the level at which that particular kindergarten is to be established, i.e. PS 40, PS 30, PS 20, as they are classified.

In the case of the proposed kindergarten it is a PS 30 and it is equally important to the parents and children of the Bay View and surrounding district as one built in the town as a PS 40. In fact, it is probably more important as urban children have a choice of kindergarten in close proximities to their home, while Eskview will cater for all children north of the airport.

I note that you have taken the survey of February 1984 (this has since been updated) and would concur that the children surveyed did come from a wide area, but would point out that in the survey conducted personally by the executive in September, all actual parents were spoken to, and were found to be prepared to travel to Bay View.



Without taking the children from the more remote areas such as Te Pohue and Tutira, there is sufficient to maintain 25/25 rolls. I am advised that there are more children than listed, as a number do not have telephones, and in the case of Tongio out in the market gardens, rural areas are very difficult to survey in comparison to walking down a town street. Sections and homes are cheaper in Bay View-Whirinaki, and with higher interest rates families are taking advantage of this, plus the much improved shopping area is making the district a very pleasant place to live. The types of family moving in to the area tend to have only one car, which means that a number of young mothers are left without transport to town and little in the way of organised activities. It seems obvious that the kindergarten will provide a very strong base in filling the social need of bringing these young families together on common ground.

I understand that several children are attending Napier kindergartens who would and could be attending a newly established kindergarten in Eskview. In fact, the Free Kindergarten Association in Napier advises me that they would prefer these children not to be attending as they are taking up places that are urgently needed by their urban counterparts. Carlyle in particular, which is the closest kindergarten to Bay View, has 170 children on its waiting list, of which 86 are over the age of 3 years.

I would hope, Minister, that you would agree with me that the Free Kindergarten movement is a voluntary organisation employing professional teachers to provide an educationally based pre-school service that is available to all children whether they come from urban or rural backgrounds.

Records will show you that the Eskview Kindergarten Establishment Committee took up the challenge in 1980 after the playcentre at Bay View made an approach to the Napier Association asking them to establish a kindergarten as they were not meeting the needs of families in that area. There was much enthusiasm shown at that initial time, and at the initial well attended meeting. It seems to me that these people have struggled and done all that has been required of them and spent five years moving up the Union building list. It would be a tragedy if, after all this, the kindergarten is unable to proceed on the grounds of fewer children in a rural than in an urban area. Provision is recognised for both PS 30 and PS 20 kindergartens, and I can see no reason why small pockets of rural children are not entitled to the same high quality pre-school education as their urban counterparts. There are sufficient children in the area in question to sustain a PS 30 kindergarten, and it is my genuine concern and hope that Eskview receives support from those holding the opportunity to make the decisions that are required.

I would be very pleased if you could give this matter your most urgent and gravest consideration. Surely it cannot go on for much longer.

I look forward to hearing from you on the matter.

Yours sincerely

Roger McClay  
MP Waikaremoana



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Parliament House  
Wellington  
21 June 1985

While we will all be extremely disappointed if Eskview is not included this year - having met the required criteria - there may perhaps be some way that a case can be made for a 'one off' project to test the flexibility scheme. i.e. IF Eskview is not among the kindergartens for which finance is available this year under the normal building projects perhaps the Minister may be able to channel some from another allocation.

I have forwarded the enclosed submission to the Union and now can only wait and hope that the outcome is favourable.

The committee to date has -

1. Undertaken 6 surveys which has now become an acute embarrassment to its members and the association executive each time families are now approached.
2. Raised funds in excess of \$22,000. of which \$21,000 is deposited with the Bank of New Zealand Finance Company at 15.25%. As well the Association has a building fund of \$5,000. also with the Bank of New Zealand Finance Company.
3. Maintaining in conjunction with the Hawkes Bay County Council the site in Petane Road.
4. Continuing to fund raise and keep its members together.

The Association Executive has made provision for the Hawkes Bay PS40/30 plan to be available. This plan was recently redrawn and approved for the Riverdale Kindergarten in Gisborne. An excellent tender was accepted.

ESKVIEW SUBMISSION CONT.

Once the kindergarten was in operation it is quite possible that the roll may reach a 30/30 or 240 PSU but we have worked on the minimum rather than maximum.

Once children are admitted on an 'allday' basis the question of one hour lunch break for teachers arises. There are several possibilities to overcome this obstacle but the two most obvious are the employment of a PEP worker who would supervise the children while they ate the lunch they brought with them then perhaps had a quiet time with stories, tapes etc. or the children were taken in to the home of a neighbouring parent/ interested person who would provide lunch (Or the children could bring their own) on a business basis arranged by the parents themselves.) Voluntary roster run by parents was considered but rejected on the grounds of having the element of unreliability.

The Executive have discussed the question of running outposts to Te Pohue and Tutira but rejected this after discussion with parents. All confirmed that they were in the habit of coming to Napier to shop one day a week and would prefer their children to have the advantage of coming down to an established kindergarten. We feel that it would be unwise to concentrate on anything other than a standard kindergarten with some flexibility in attendance patterns. The numbers of children on the latest updated survey confirm that maintaining 25/25 rolls or 200 PSU is realistic.

SUMMARY

The need for this kindergarten is increasing. The children who are already attending town kindergartens would be better served by a kindergarten in the Bayview area and so mixing with children whom they will later attend school. The places in town kindergartens are urgently needed for urban children. Some kindergartens are finding that the lack of input by rural parents is having a detrimental effect on committees and attendances. This in turn places an extra burden on teachers. A kindergarten in the BayView township will provide a much needed community centre for many mothers who have no form of transport.

The executive feels that it has the expertise to support the committee and a very experienced Senior Head Teacher in establishing this kindergarten using the flexibility in roll numbers and attendance patterns outlined in this submission. We feel very strongly that the committee has made every possible effort to provide funds for a building and that rural children in this area, small in number though they may be, deserve the high quality preschool education that is available to their urban counterparts.

We hope that in turn the Union management committee will support this project and endeavour to obtain Government funding for it to proceed this year.

M.H. Collier (Mrs J.E.)  
Secretary



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### UNION BUILDING LIST FROM 1980 ONWARDS

1980	Waiwhetu	-	Lower Hutt
1981	Eskview	-	Napier
1981	Pinehurst	-	Canterbury Westland
1983	Katikati	-	Tauranga Regional
1984	Albany	-	East Coast Bays
1985	Aorere	-	Auckland

24 September 1985

The Secretary  
Napier Free Kindergarten Association  
17 Higgins Street  
NAPIER

Dear Mrs Collier

After a long long wait we have now finally heard from the Education Department the list of new kindergarten projects accepted for grants in this year..

Regretably the number of grants allowed by the Government and the National priority of need has meant that your Eskview project will not proceed this year.

As you will be aware each year the Union Executive looks at the whole list of new projects on the building list qualifying under the requirements of land held, money available and available children and determines a priority based on national need. The criteria for determining this need is not cut and dried and depends on many factors which grouped together determine in the executives view the ability to be put forward to Government for a grant. This year the Government advised that six projects would be given grants with the possible addition of two further still to be advised, but for which the Union has identified projects.

We can advise that as the Union establishment list is now quite short (see list enclosed) the opportunity for your project to be favourably considered in the near future is high and I trust I may be in a position next year to advise you of a start to your project.

Yours sincerely

*Brian Elliott*  
BRIAN ELLIOTT  
PRESIDENT

Matters Arising  
Clarification of a Grade 'O' Kindergarten was requested by some members. This refers to the size of a kindergarten, a Grade 'O' being the smallest size built, and sustaining a 20/20 roll with one trained teacher and one untrained teacher. A 20/20 roll, caters for 20ch. in the morning and 20 in the afternoon session.

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1) The Chairman Mr. Wornick Marshall outlined the details for the proposed survey of all pre-schoolers in the Bay View - Eskdale - Whirinaki areas. This survey is to take place during the week beginning 11th November, by committee members and supporters.

2) Xmas Party.

This event is to take place on Sunday 1st Dec, from 3pm onwards at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Hankin, Eskdale. The invitation has been extended to supporters of this committee.

A few projects are listed prior to 1980 however all are extremely unlikely to proceed.

While this does not ensure Eskview will proceed - provided we can secure sufficient children for as a minimum of 30 for each age group we should be rep'd

## The Daily Telegraph

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1985

### Eskview kindy a special case

It seems a nonsense the Bay View-Eskdale region is unable to qualify for a kindergarten, a nonsense which promises to drag on excruciatingly for those who have worked hard to get one established.

Because the region doesn't have sufficient pre-schoolers it can't have the kindergarten - but without the kindergarten how can it attract more families with pre-schoolers?

The Eskview people seem to have done everything by the book so far, forming an enthusiastic committee to oversee the project, securing a piece of land for it and raising the \$25,000 needed towards the subsidised building cost.

Perhaps that is the trouble - because they have been so careful to dot each "i" and cross each "t" the Education Department may be doing likewise.

The parents would appear to have the ingredients of a special case in their statement that they currently take their pre-schoolers to kindergartens in Napier. Not only does that impose a financial burden

on families, but it means the Eskview children are taking up places which might otherwise go to Napier kiddies.

If the proposed survey planned for the Eskdale, Whirinaki and Bay View areas on November 11 does not turn up the required 50 pre-schoolers required for the building to begin, perhaps the Education Department could consider granting some dispensation for the kindergarten committee to extend its catchment area?

There is talk of children being available in the Te Pohue and Tutira regions who could make up the numbers - what is to stop them being lumped in to satisfy what appears to be an unnecessarily rigid criteria?

The Education Department is one of those government agencies which does not appear to suffer as much from the ravages of bureaucracy as some. However, every so often an example crops up of the rules being applied too inflexibly. This seems to be one of those occasions.



# Napier Free Kindergarten Association (Inc.)

Secretary:  
MRS J. E. COLLIER  
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17 HIGGINS STREET  
NAPIER

28 November, 1985

The Executive Office,  
New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union Inc.,  
P.O. Box 12353,  
Wellington.

Dear Mrs Lindegren,

As discussed with you previously the Eskview Committee were bitterly disappointed that they did not receive the go ahead for building this year this year. They felt that in light of a considerable number of young families moving into the area that they should do another survey prior to Christmas.

I am enclosing the results of this survey which as you will see is very encouraging. The map indicates the area surveyed and you will note that the area round Charles Street, Whakarire Avenue and the Esplanade have been omitted. They were included in previous surveys as parents were adamant that they would attend Eskview and then waiting longer at Carlyle (waiting list over 3 years taken the Westshore children as an



ABOUT 70 people turned out at the vacant section in Bay View's Petane Road today to show their support for a kindergarten in the area.

## Kindergarten hopes knocked back again

Promoters of a long-awaited kindergarten at Bay View are sitting on a \$25,000 bank account and a vacant section — but cannot persuade the Department of Education to set up the pre-school centre.

The Eskview Kindergarten Establishment Committee has been rebuffed in its bid to have the centre built for the fifth year in a row because surveys show the roll would fall just short of the required numbers.

The land has already been bought in Petane Road by the department, and the committee has raised \$25,000, which qualifies for a further \$100,000 Government subsidy.

"But the hold-up is the long building list," the secretary of the Napier Free Kindergarten

Association, Mrs Mary Collier, said.

The establishment committee has to show the department there are enough pre-school children in the area to sustain a kindergarten.

The latest survey fell just short of the required roll of 50.

But the supporters plan to battle on. More than 20 people will knock on doors in the Bay View, Eskdale and Whirinaki area on November 11 to count every pre-schooler in the area.

Establishment committee chairman Mr Warwick Marshall today said the current pre-schoolers were attending kindergartens in Napier.

Because of waiting lists, city youngsters were being deprived of attending kindergarten by the rural pre-schoolers, he said.

"So if we can get a kindergarten in Bay View, everyone will benefit," Mr Marshall said.

The Bay View facility could include special sessions for rural children from as far away as Te Pohue and Tutira, he added.

"But it is purely and simply a numbers game, and we are competing with urban areas in the cities like Auckland which are also trying to get kindergartens established."

Mr Marshall believes that once established, there would be enough children in the area to keep it going.

"I have lived in this area for the past 34 years and it is getting bigger and bigger. In the last 10 to 15 years especially, more and more people have come out here to live."

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After a new submission, following the detailed survey conducted at the end of 1985, the words that the committee had been waiting so long to see, arrived in November 1986. Finally, the Establishment Committee received the official word that the Eskview Free Kindergarten had the go ahead. So, to continue with the tenacity shown in the past, a tender was put out almost immediately.

1. Many callers read <sup>to</sup> the meeting the letter she had sent to Mrs. Lindgren about the recent survey, and also read Mrs. Lindgren's reply. This reply indicated our chances were high as far as getting the Kindergarten <sup>approved</sup> this year as concerned. Many callers explained that talks began in April re approval of Kindergartens for the building list, and we may hear something in May. To summarise, as a result of the survey we had a very favourable reply from Wellington, and the Association have indicated that a Grade O Kindergarten is a viable proposition.

1. Mr. Brian Elliot, Chairman of the Kindergarten Union, gave an indication that our chances of having the Kindergarten approved this year were fairly promising. We should know after a meeting on 23rd May, and hopefully the Kindergarten would be up within 12 months.

1. It should be recorded that most of the Committee had already heard that official word had been given for the Kindergarten to go ahead. W. Marshall also informed the Committee that the plans sent to Wellington had been approved by the Building Committee, including the modifications. Vendors for building would be called next week.



In January of 1987 building of the Eskview Kindergarten got underway. In April the first teachers were appointed and in June a new Kindergarten Committee took over from the Establishment Committee. The Kindergarten began operation with a full roll and a waiting list that exceeded expectations. Provisions were made for the country children who wanted to attend for a full day. Many donations were made by other kindergartens, the local playgroup and local businesses and families. It is a delight to read the first head teacher's reports, especially where 'beer crates' are requested for equipment!

## Building Tender

The Executive have asked me to advise your committee that the Hawkes Bay Education Board on behalf of this Association have let the tender for the Eskview Kindergarten.

The successful tenderer was Warren Builders. 18 sets of plans were uplifted and 11 tenders were actually received. The prices ranged from \$116,029.10 up to over \$200,000. The successful tenderer is well known to the Education Board and Mr Clapcott had no hesitation in recommending to the Department of Education that the tender be accepted.

Warren Builders intend to commence construction on 20 January and the date of completion is 8 May. I shall probably be advertising for the two teachers in 15 February issue of the Education Gazette. All being well the teachers will commence without children on 25 May and the first children will be enrolled on 2 June. The waiting list will be opened on 2 February at your annual general meeting and it will be held by Miss Mayell, our Senior Head Teacher until it is handed over to the appointed Head Teacher.

Mr Clapcott will during the next week or so, furnish me with a schedule of areas which will require a decision regarding colours. These will include the exterior colour scheme plus the interior including wallpapers. It has been this Associations policy that the committees who have done all the hard work in raising funds be permitted to suggest suitable colour schemes but we do ask that these be kept subdued as many different teachers will probably work in the building before it is re decorated.

Miss Mayell will be ordering initial furniture such as childrens tables and chairs but we shall leave as much as possible for the incoming Head Teacher to select. I am holding \$5,000 in the Associations funds for initial equipment but as a committee you should set yourselves a target of a minimum of \$4,000 to raise this year.

## The first head teacher appointed

The Executive have asked me to advise the Eskview Committee that Mrs Irma Sutherland has been appointed Head Teacher and Miss Elizabeth Slow, Teacher to open your kindergarten. Both appointments to be confirmed at the conclusion of the two weeks appeal time and we do not anticipate any problems in this direction.

Mrs Sutherland is the present Head Teacher at the Nga Tamariki Kindergarten. She is a very experienced and loyal member of our staff and we could not have wished for a more appropriate head teacher for this position. Miss Slow is at present at the Mahora Kindergarten in Hastings and we are delighted at her acceptance of her position.

## Role numbers

Head Teachers Report  
Mrs Sutherland informed the Committee that 27 children were on the morning role with 3 places reserved for country children. And 23 on the afternoon role with 4 places reserved for country children. There were 56 on the waiting list.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if the committee has any queries. The waiting list, being held by Miss Mayell has exceeded our expectations and we are all looking forward seeing the kindergarten in operation.



# 1987

## Committee change over

A date will need to be set for the change from Establishment committee to local committee and after discussion with Mrs Sutherland and Miss Mayell our Senior Head Teacher 30 June seems a suitable tentative date. The reason being that it is within the first month of operation and the rolls will be building up to enable good parental participation.

*It was moved J. Marshall, seconded J. Spiers that the date of the change-over meeting be 30th June 1987, and that Mrs Collier be informed*

### ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN LOCAL COMMITTEE, 1987

Rewa Apuwai  
Heather Bell  
Hugh Cobley  
Lyn Cole  
Jackie Clarke  
Tom Dacre  
Julie Glazier  
Jill Hankin  
Pip Hewson  
Jeanie Lowe  
Adrianne McIntosh  
Karen Morgans  
Angela Nathan  
Lyn Nicholls  
Mona Pharasyn  
Denise Place  
Norma Roberts  
Trish Salenius  
Libby Spiers  
Judith Terry  
Shelley Tinker  
Marianne Williamson

*All people recorded are the new committee and we reserve the right to co-opt people on to the committee during the year. It was moved J. Dore, seconded J. Spiers that the above motion be accepted.*

### Election of Officers

Chairman

Marianne Williamson

Vice Chairman

Tom Dacre

Secretary

Libby Spiers

Treasurer

Julie Glazier

Signing Authority

Libby Spiers  
Julie Glazier

Council Reps:

J. Salenius  
J. Roberts

L. Spiers  
S. Hankin

J. Lowe  
J. Clarke

T. Salenius  
M. Pharasyn

H. Roberts  
J. Hankin

T. Dacre  
T. Salenius

## Country children

As you know the Eskview kindergarten was established on the grounds of diversification and the probability of some distant children attending all day. Already Mrs Sutherland has had a request from a Te Pohue parent for this. At present we are unable to finance auxiliary assistance to cover children being supervised over the mandatory 1 hour that teachers observe between sessions. To overcome this problem the executive have discussed the possibility of another parent/committee member who lives close to the kindergarten taking the (at present) one child home for lunch (provided by the child itself) then returning it to the kindergarten for the afternoon session. We feel that there would have to be some financial reimbursement but that would be a matter between the child's parents and the person who undertakes the lunchtime caring. We anticipate this as a stopgap only until the rolls are full and a clearer picture of the attendance pattern is evident. We would appreciate some discussion on this at your next meeting.

## Praise for the Napier Kindergarten Association

*Over the past six years during our fund-raising activities and struggle with the authorities to get this kindergarten off the ground, both yourself and Mrs Collier have, we feel, contributed a tremendous amount, and gone far beyond the call of duty. We have had close contact with Mrs Collier at all stages, and feel her unerring devotion to this cause has in no small way contributed to our final success.*



## Head teachers first reports

Equipment

Anna Netherlands showed the Committee a list of equipment required, and the <sup>notice</sup> ~~list~~ which had been sent out to schools and put in post-boxes was passed around. The following were needed from the Committee or elsewhere:

- beer crates
- off-cuts and nails
- vinyl aprons - it was moved J. Jones seconded J. Jones that a cheque be written to cover the cost of vinyl for these, and that this together with the patterns be given to the Womens Institute who had volunteered to make them.
- camera - to be supplied by Johnny Jones
- wooden cable reels
- clock - to be donated to Judith Perry
- groceries and stationery to be purchased last Friday of the holidays.
- 40 acre mugs for use by parents and children
- containers for flour, salt, rubbish etc.

4. It was agreed that a notice be put up to inform people that stiletto heels were unacceptable, and Karen Morgans is to purchase plastic caps.

## Donations

Mrs - Mrs Butler had donated a dollhouse and a letter of thanks should be sent. Oates Kindergarten had given books and puzzles, and lent tables.

The Bayview butchers had said he will donate something to the value of \$100, and discussion took place as to what this, and the Harris \$50, should be used for. It was decided that it would be good to use the \$50 for some trees in the play ground, in view of Mrs Harris' interest and she may be willing to advise us too. The \$100 would probably be used for musical instruments.

The Earlsdale Playgroup had donated quite a lot of equipment, and a letter of thanks should be sent.

## Sandpit discussions

2. Jack Marshall reported that Rotary were prepared to make a substantial donation as a result of the scaffolding stand job some members of the Committee assisted with. They would like to put this towards the construction of a sandpit. Anna suggested the Committee look at the various sandpits around, and choose one. This project would take careful planning and should not be rushed in to. A list of suitable sandpits was to be supplied by Anna, so that Rotary could photograph these, and the matter could then be discussed further.

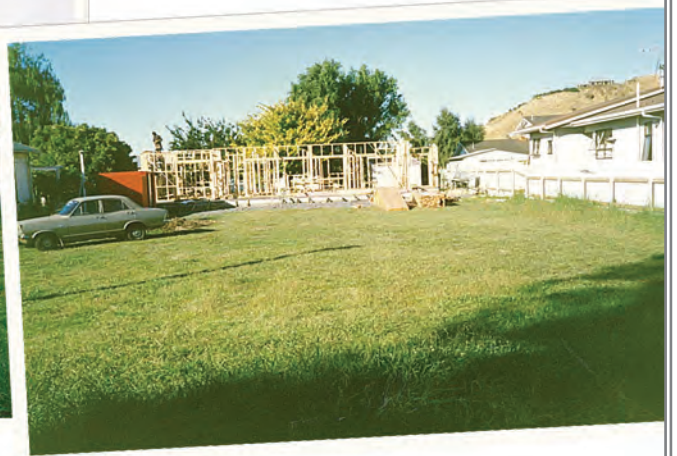
## 6. Grounds Sub-Committee

A general discussion on grounds development was held with photos of sandpits and climbing frames being looked at. Our first priority for development was decided as being the sandpit. This is envisaged as a free form in roughly figure of eight shape. It could be bridged by a climbing frame as a separate project. Both the Jones and Rotary have expressed interest in project involvement.



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## The building process





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First day

2 June 1987

## Our first day

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45.87	2.6.87	Jason Bismar
46.87	2.6.87	Matthew McManis
47.87	2.6.87	Doreen Clegman
48.87	2.6.87	James Nicholls

49.87	2.6.87	Zowie Garland
50.87	2.6.87	Devlin McLeay
51.87	2.6.87	Christina Rahmadi
52.87	2.6.87	Vance Ruffin
53.87	2.6.87	Marcus Moss
54.87	2.6.87	Leigh McBae
55.87	2.6.87	William Crosswick
56.87	2.6.87	Daniel Scott Ward
57.87	2.6.87	Hayden Lord
58.87	2.6.87	Brandon Bates
59.87	2.6.87	Lia Finks
60.87	2.6.87	Edward Roberts
61.87	2.6.87	Jessica Turner
62.87	2.6.87	Shannon Price
63.87	2.6.87	Amey Bickert
64.87	2.6.87	Robert Blackall
65.87	2.6.87	Michelle Hyling
66.87	2.6.87	Brendon King
67.87	2.6.87	Ryan McElith
68.87	2.6.87	Mark Leary
69.87	2.6.87	Hayley Marie Bonman
70.87	2.6.87	Rayan Jay McConaghty
71.87	2.6.87	Brandon Dillmer
72.87	2.6.87	Godfrey Bernard Heaps

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Admission No. first two digits of year of admission, followed by last four digits of year of admission, i.e. 851 852, 853, 854, etc.	Former Admission No. of Pupil previously admitted	Date of Admission or Re-admission	Name in Full (Surname first)
49/87		22.6.87	Zowie Garland
50/87		22.6.87	Devlin McLeay
51/87		20.6.87	Christina Rahmadi
52/87		2.7.87	Vance Ruffin
53/87		2.7.87	Marcus Moss
54/87		2.7.87	Leigh McBae
55/87		6.4.87	William Crosswick
56/87		13.7.87	Daniel Scott Ward
57/87		13.7.87	Hayden Lord
58/87		21.7.87	Brandon Bates
59/87		3.8.87	Lia Finks
60/87		4.8.87	Edward Roberts
61/87		10.8.87	Jessica Turner
62/87		14.8.87	Shannon Price
63/87		15.9.87	Amey Bickert
64/87		21.9.87	Robert Blackall
65/87		28.9.87	Michelle Hyling
66/87		21.10.87	Brendon King
67/87		21.10.87	Ryan McElith
68/87		21.10.87	Mark Leary
69/87		12.11.87	Hayley Marie Bonman
70/87		16.11.87	Rayan Jay McConaghty
71/87		12.11.87	Brandon Dillmer
72/87		12.11.87	Godfrey Bernard Heaps



After a remarkable start in 1987, the Eskview Kindergarten was coming into its own in 1988 with the building of the sandpit in February, many donations received, equipment purchased, more fundraising ventures, including a 'microwave' demonstration and of course, a first birthday celebration. After teachers, Mrs Tonks and Mrs Slow resigned, Kathy Boyle and Justine Mahony were employed during the year. Irma, the head teacher was already planning the first bikeathon and the children had some wonderful walks in the neighbourhood with interesting 'supervision' as you will read!

## The sandpit

Teachers Annual Report: This was read by Irma Sutherland.

Discussion: T. Dacre talked about the sandpit. He said there would be a meeting with the Rotary Reps, tomorrow. As this was now top priority, over the next 2 to 3 weeks the sandpit would be built. A pit will be dug on Friday afternoon and a Working Bee continuing over the weekend. By Monday morning the sandpit would be in operation. Work will continue in the evenings completing the area. They hope to have it completed by the end of February.

Diane Friis from Assn congratulated Irma on her report and for all the work and planning put in by the teachers to keep the Kindergarten running smoothly.

It was moved by T. Dacre, seconded Jeanie Lowe that the report be adopted.



## Head teachers report

### Matters Arising from Report

- 1). Roles 30/30 with 19/19 average attendance.
- 2). Sickness had included Chicken Pox during month.
- 3). Walks undertaken supervised by "Ginger" the cat.
- 4). Shelf and peg still needed in shed.
- 5). Keyboard quote \$475.30 delivered. Moved to purchase T Dacre 2nd Kt. carried.
- 6). Sand shovels needed. Approval for H/T to purchase 4 T. Dacre moved. T. Saloniuous seconded - carried.
- 7). Slide to be viewed. H/Teacher and H. Bell to report.
- 8). Books to value of \$50 per month to be purchased. Moved T. Saloniuous. Seconded S. Tinker. can

## Fundraising

### Fundraising:-

- 1) Microwave Evening: T. Saloniuous reported, date to be 30th June. John Cornish to demonstrate with products from Richmond Meats as he is their Product Promotions & Research & Development man. Table to be provided by kindergarten. Trish sent Mr Cornish an official letter confirming the date. This night will be held at the Kindergarten 7.45pm Tickets \$5.00 complimentary wine & fruit juice.



## Official report on Eskview Kindergarten

## Napier Free Kindergarten Association (Inc.)

Secretary:  
MRS J. E. COLLIER  
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17 HIGGINS STREET  
NAPIER

8 June, 1988.

ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN, GRADE O (240 PSU)

BACKGROUND

This kindergarten was established to meet the needs of the families in the township of Bay View; semi rural communities of Eskdale, Whirinaki and Westshore North as well as families from outlying areas west onto the Taupo Road and north onto the Tutira/Wairoa Road. To accomplish this aim some children required to be catered for on an all day basis. Incorporated in the building is an extra room known as the 'parents room' - this room was totally funded by the committee. The first children were admitted on 2 June, 1987. The kindergarten was officially opened on 1 August, 1987.

ROLLS / STAFFING

Roll numbers 30/30 - 240 PSu  
Staffing entitlement 2.5 trained kindergarten teachers.  
Note : The extra .5 teacher was granted during term 3, 1987 to enable some rural children to attend all day.

SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE KINDERGARTEN IS CURRENTLY OPERATING.

1. Standard 30/30 rolls (240 PSU) which include 10 rural children who are admitted on an all day basis provided that they travel a distance of 24 KM or further each day.
  - a. Rural quota - is set at 10 children who may attend all day Tuesday and Thursday plus one other half day of the parents choice.  
Note: For the purpose of defining rural children the distance of 12 KM each way was nominated - this being 1KM further each way than the Eskview kindergarten to the nearest urban kindergarten (Carlyle)
  - b. Supplementary Group - This is a further 10 children who may attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning sessions. These children are selected from the afternoon roll or waiting list (in consultation with the Senior Head teacher and parents) in an effort to meet individual needs e.g. physiological defects/ distance travelled/ car pooling/ readiness to attend/ home circumstances.
2. The .5 additional teacher is employed to work all day Tuesday and Thursday with the children. Wednesday to undertake parent/administrative work plus planning and evaluation working as a team member with the 2 full time teachers. This has enabled the kindergarten to operate a flexible and diverse programme to meet the needs of these rural/ urban families.  
Note: All the teachers share (on a rostered basis) supervision of the rural childrens lunch hour by staggering their child contact hours on Tuesday and Thursday.
3. The 'parents room' is utilised in many diverse ways.
  - a. Lunch room for rural children.
  - b. Public Health Nurses clinic.
  - c. Plunket Nurses clinic.
  - d. Other clinics as necessary e.g. Visual tests, Hepatitis B Immunisations.
  - e. Rural parents to feed and put younger children to sleep.
  - f. Parents discussion groups e.g. Teachers introduction to kindergarten. Parenting skills.
  - g. Committee meetings.
  - h. Withdrawal area for small group special activities.
  - i. As time goes on it is anticipated that there will be extra demands from the local community.

SUMMARY

The first year of operation for the Eskview Kindergarten must be termed as highly successful. The teachers set out with clear goals in mind and have achieved their desire to have the kindergarten accepted as an integral part of the Bay View community. The employment of an extra .5 teacher has enabled some children to establish attendance patterns best suited to the restrictions placed on rural families. The Association is confident that given time and the opportunity the teachers will provide a greater depth of diversity for this kindergarten.

*M.H. Collier*  
M.H. Collier (Mrs)

**KINDERGARTEN  
CELEBRATES**

The Eskview Kindergarten celebrated its first birthday a few weeks ago. They've come a long way from a meeting of local parents held at the Bay View hotel on Thursday 16th October, 1980. From this gathering the Establishment Committee was formed and over the following years raised nearly 30,000 dollars.

Nearly half a dozen surveys were completed to examine the numbers and ages of children in the Bay View/Eskdale and surrounding country areas. These surveys plus constant support from Napier Free Kindergarten Association members, helped convince the Education Department in Wellington that a Kindergarten was needed in the Eskdale/Bay View area. The first children started on the 2nd June, 1987, and the building was officially opened on 1st August, 1987.

The Eskview Kindergarten is a grade 'O' and special because it allows for up to 10 country children two full days a week, and one half day of the parents, choice. Country children are defined as living 12km or more from the Kindergarten, the addition of a parents room, built from committee funds has added to this special situation.



Thanks

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17 HIGGINS STREET  
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28 June

88

Senior Station Officer,  
J.D. Harwood,  
Day View.

Dear Mr Harwood & Fire Brigade Members.

I write to thank you for making available to us the Fire Station for the first birthday celebrations for the Eskview Kindergarten. The fire station is a lovely setting and made even more cosy now with the addition of carpet and the wood panelling. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all who attended our dinner. Our thanks also to the two fireman who voluntarily gave of their time to act as barmen for us.

Yours faithfully,

Eskview Kindergarten Committee.  
T. Deane (Chairman)  
P.P. R.H.

Change of teachers

5) Letter from Assn advising on resignation of teacher Mrs Hina Tonks and replacement teacher Mrs Jill White (who is now replaced by Mrs Kathy Boyle)

1) Copy of Letter sent by Association to A.A.

2) Notification that Justine Mahony has been appointed to the position of Teacher. Congratulations

3) Letter from Darwin Commercial Cleaning - Resignation tendered for cleaning.

Donations

Head Teacher's Report: Irma Sutherland.

1) Mrs T. Dave / Mrs R. Heaps that the staff took Ralph & Lowe to take Kindergarten photos next term. Cfd.

2) Working for term 3 - Sunday 4th Sept 9-30 am.

3) Committee approved of the posters purchased

4) Thanks to Tom for flares & shelf re-organising

5) The Wallaces for the posting box.

6) Murray & Jan McConaghy for looking after Pecker.

7) Debbie Nielson & Kim Erickson for fabric & carry

8) Mary for dress-ups

9) Delwyn Dave for Library Books on a Friday.

10) Justine now permanent - Heather will be with us until Labor weekend.

11) Disappointing response to Parent Help.



## Head teachers report

ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN LOCAL COMMITTEE

The second Annual General Meeting of the Eskview Kindergarten Local Committee was held on Monday 13th February 1989, at 7.30 p.m, at the Eskview Kindergarten.

APOLOGIES: were received from M. Doohan, S. Tinker, K. Kempkees, A.S. Wilson, S. Pickering, S. Grant, M. Sutherland, P & S. Lacey  
Moved S. Wallace/T. Dacre c/d

PRESENT: S. Low (Association), M. Collier (Association), A. Holschie (Association), R. Heays, T. Dacre, L. Benson, S. Wallace, K. Ericksen, E. Martin, H. Cobley, M. Oakes, J. Emms, K. Slagter, A. Henriques, D. Neilson, I. Sutherland (Head Teacher), J. Mahony (Teacher)

MINUTES OF THE 15th FEBRUARY 1988 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONFIRMED  
AS CIRCULATED - Moved M. Oakes/T. Dacre c/d

MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT: this was read by Tom Dacre  
Moved T. Dacre/J. Lowe c/d

Moved T. Dacre/J. Lowe c/d

HEAD TEACHERS ANNUAL REPORT: this was read by Irma Sutherland  
Comment from Mrs Mary Collier - We are very lucky to have an excellent  
teacher, and it is always a pleasure to hear Irma's Annual Report.  
(comment from those present, we certainly do know how lucky we are  
to have Irma). Mrs Collier also made the point that Eskview  
was all that they had hoped it would be, and were very encouraged  
by the growing waiting lists. The grounds and building were looking  
excellent also.

Moved H. Cobley/R. Heays c/d

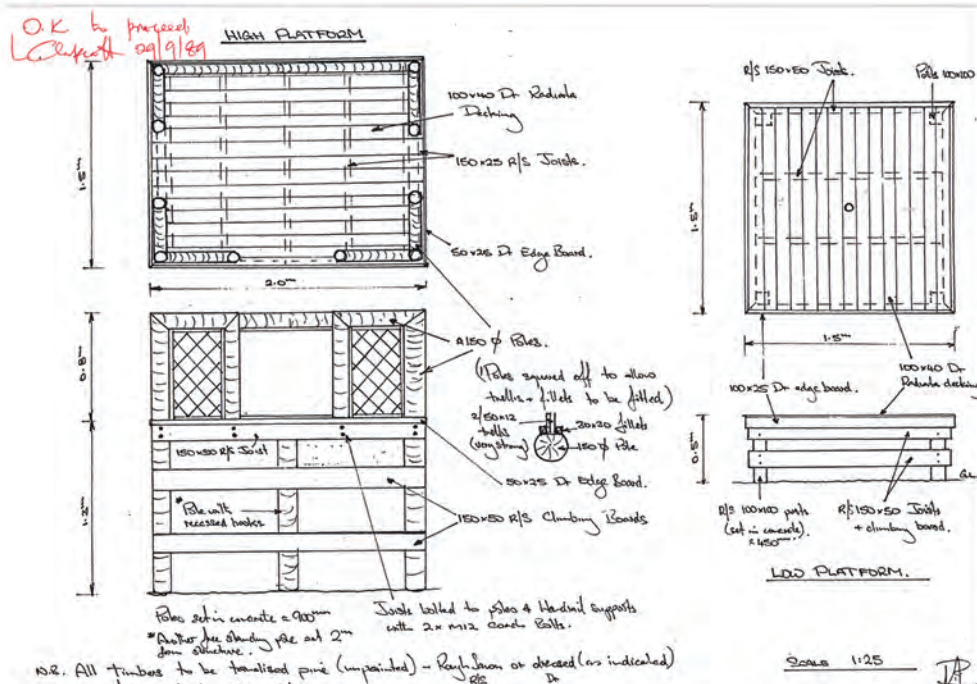
Moved H. Cobley/R. Heays c/d

TREASURERS REPORT: The receipts and payments Account for year ending 31 December 1988 was sighted by those present at the meeting. Mrs Collier thanked Tom Dacre and Robyn Heays for work done. As Eskva Kindergarten was the only one with GST, this was a problem but we had to claim back the GST on the buildings etc etc. No longer GST registered.

Comment on alot of fundraising done by the committee. Parents donation fine effort as not the numbers of parents involved as a kindergarten in town. We are an unique kindergarten as we accommodate the country children, both morning and afternoon, two days a week.

Disco/Square Dance combined to show profit. There will be further money spent on equipment throughout the year.  
Tom Dacre mentioned Combined Gala - fine effort and excellent job done by committee Chaired by Robyn Heays.

# Playground structure plan





1990-1999

Eskview Kindergarten turns five

1992





# 1990-1999

Marg's farewell, teddy bears picnic, pets and play

1993



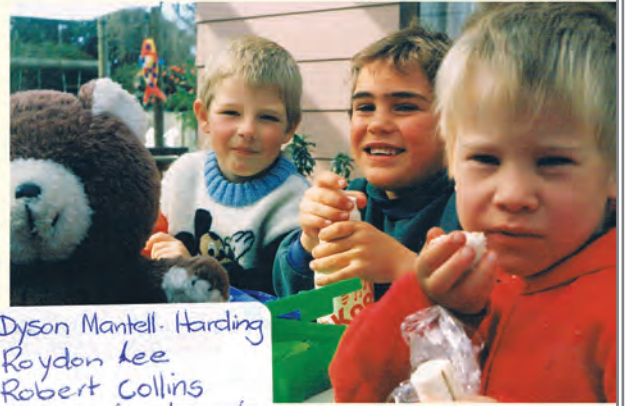
Farewell to  
my beloved  
Eskview Kgtm  
August 1993



Myself, Justine  
& Colleen  
August 1993



Justine the teddy bear



Dyson Mantell-Harding  
Roydon Lee  
Robert Collins  
Eskview Kindergarten



Simon Exeter  
& the baby  
kid goats





**STAFF REPORT.**

After six years of stable staffing, Eskview Kindergarten took rather a hammering this year, after the resignation of Ms. Irma Sutherland, in January 1993. Ms. Justine Mahony became acting head teacher assisted by Miss Christen De Lautour and Ms. Marg Bunce as .5. Upon my appointment, Christine was appointed to a relieving position at Nga Tamariki Kindergarten until she won a permanent position at a kindergarten in Wainuiomata.

In June it became increasingly aware that the association were going to have to make changes to enable them to operate in the boundaries that Bulk Funding was issued to them. With Eskviews separate licence and very unique all day rolls on two days of the week, Our .5 teacher position was under threat. The association wished to correct other kindergarten staff ratios by rearranging the staff, increasing roll numbers in Grade 1 kindergartens to generate enough funds to accommodate three teachers in each viably. Eskview, is a Grade 0 kindergarten (30 children per session) and very much part of the association shortfall problem by a deficit of \$15,000. With only 30 children in our session per day and with our 2.5 teachers the budget was not able to accommodate our special teacher to allow us to carry on our Country roll and all day licence. Marg had to make a choice, either move to another position or stay at the risk of her permanent job security. Wharerangi Kindergarten were the receivers of our much appreciated and loved Marg. Mrs Pam Jarrett an experienced teacher and reliever took her place until the end of Term 3 and the local committee agreed to pay her salary until end of term to give a subcommittee time to approach Ministry to help find an answer to save our very unique position so valuable to this community.

During the third term Justine accepted a secondment to Taradale Kindergarten to undertake an acting Head Teacher position. Justine after much deliberation, decided to take on this new challenge and as the position is now being advertised she will remain there until such time as a new head teacher will be appointed. Eskview's children and parents have gained much from Justine's expertise and love of Eskview Kindergarten and look forward to her return. Many thanks go to Mrs Lucy Hughes for her input to Eskview in those last eight weeks.

During the year, despite the staff changes Focus's carried out were: Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales, Pets, Keeping Ourselves Healthy, Autumn Insects, Sharing and Caring and Tidy Kiwi and Christmas.

The regular routines set up by Irma and Justine, I felt very strongly about maintaining, in order to continue the security experienced by the children who enjoyed them very much. Baking days, Radha Music sessions, Shared morning and afternoon teas once a week still are a special routine in our programme and as well as this planned walks to see local things, Mr Otter's goat, Mrs Van Berkel's farmyard animals, Morning tea and see the view from Mr Cunninghams garden and to see a house being built, were all included this year. Parents and caregivers are a most necessary part of our kindergarten environment. We had Teddy Bears Picnics, Fish and Chip luncheons, Soup and French Stick luncheons and a planned excursion to the Game Farm and the S.P.C.A. All which seemed to be most enjoyable to all who participated. The christmas function included the co-operation of the Fire Brigade and the Father Christmas who came with them. Such a lovely way to end the year.

It's with thanks to the local committee that we were able to have the added bonus of Artists to highlight the childrens awareness. These were: Anthony Verity, a music and mime artists and Ken of Impact. Both were enjoyed immensely by the children and adults. Other visitors were: Ms. Sarah Blewett, a Ballet teacher, Mrs Gill Curtis an Aerobics Instructor, Ms. Sue Lopdell the Dental Therapist, Constable Johnson, Local Policeman, Board of Management, Tania Wright, President and Dave, Maintenance Ms. Diana Moore, District Health Nurse, Ms. Lorraine Gray, for E.C.D.U. Mr David Lowe Photographer. Frequent visits to both the Eskdale and westshore schools have taken place and they in turn visit us. This is enjoyed immensely by children who are ready to go to school and those who are in the new entrants class and have memories of belonging to Eskview Kindergarten. I feel very privileged to have had the time to have come to know Eskdale school through Sue Burgess.

It is with grateful thanks to the retiring committee for their help to me during this year. It has been a very busy year with always something to cope with as well as the very full programme we run. To the committee and parents who have donated goods towards fundraising, or gifted upon leaving, who mended equipment, gardened, parent helped during sessions, sewed, looked

after pets, helped to supervise during walks or excursions, I sincerely thank you very much. When I think of the times we ask you to come and join us in a luncheon, either to say goodbye or just for the fun of it we get a wonderful response. Thank you for making Eskview such a lovely place and for sharing your children with others and us.

Yours sincerely,



Colleen Blake, Head Teacher, Eskview Kindergarten.



# 1990-1999

Dominion Post

1996



Photo BILL KEARNS

**HIP HOP TAP:** Troy Armitage was invited to join in when Napier tap dancers Grant Swift and Megan Hanley danced at Eskview kindergarten yesterday.

10 year celebration and Anne goes on maternity leave

1997



Catherine's farewell

1999





# 2000 - 2009

## C.A.L.M.

2000-2006

C.A.L.M. stood for Colleen, Anne, Lynette, and Marie.

In 2000 the staff began signing off all newsletters, reports, and messages to parents and the community as the C.A.L.M. team. Marie Bates was a teacher aide working Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and she job shared with Lynette Holschier, who had been employed three years beforehand in 1997 and worked Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first initials of their names plus the teachers, Anne and Colleen spelled the word 'calm' and so it was to be for the next seven years. In 2005 Colleen Blake retired but they remained C.A.L.M. because Catherine Nichol was employed! The C.A.L.M. signature continued for another year until both Lynette and Marie left Eskview Kindergarten.

Although, since the middle of 2000, we have had new teachers and a new Kindergarten support worker and our initials no longer spell C.A.L.M. the ambience of calm still remains at Eskview.



## Colleen's farewell

2005

After making sure everyone promised not to make a big fuss about her leaving, Colleen was taken out one day. When she reached the venue and was walking up the path for lunch a bagpipe started playing (played by Rob Campbell, the local policeman in Ahuriri at the time), at which time Colleen commented that there must be a special occasion. Then it dawned on her, after seeing a crowd of faces, that everyone was there for her! A beautifully crafted book, with a cover created by Pip Jones was given to Colleen with the words 'Handmade with love from Sue Stilwell and Dawn Mintoff' on behalf of the Eskview Kindergarten Committee and Families December 2005.





# 2000 - 2009

## Change to Kindergarten License

2008

In 2007 our numbers decreased and we were struggling to keep full rolls. At one stage there were only 15 children on the waiting list and 12 of them were between two and two and a half years of age. Although the Kindergarten had always had place sharing with our country children on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in which they attended a full day, our local children either attended three afternoon sessions, when they were three, or morning sessions when they were four years. With parents' needs changing and more working mothers, and also the benefits of seeing how well our older children coped with the six hour day, it was time to diversify and offer our local children the option of six hour days as well. This meant that although there was more place sharing, families had the option of combinations; half day sessions, full days, and Kindergarten free days, if their children had other activities on.

After office extensions and breakout room renovations were addressed and modifications done to meet the full day licensing criteria, we diversified in May 2008.





2010

New sandpit, new grass, new shade sail





2011

Indoors make over



Outdoors one year on





2012

## Kitchen make over



## Eskview Kindergarten today





## The story behind the rainbow

The original sign at the gate of Eskview Kindergarten had on it a small painted rainbow. The Bible tells us that God placed a rainbow in the sky as a promise that he would never flood the earth again, and somehow the kindergarten, over the years, picked up on this promise as it's own, starting with a cancelled fundraiser.

It had rained so hard on that day that the event was postponed, and it was decided to have it on a week day instead. What a blessing that turned out to be!

It was discovered that, by having fundraisers on a week day and combining sessions, inviting all families and whanau to a shared lunch that the Kindergarten was blessed with great numbers and successful money making ventures. This remains to date. Not only that, but there has not been one postponement in the years since.

The miracle is that often, after everyone has gone home from such an event, remarkably ... it has often rained, and on occasions a rainbow appears in the sky in the vicinity of Eskview or out in the bay.

It has been a habit, in the days gone by, to have the children paint a rainbow, which is then used as a decoration inside the kindergarten. Once dried, it would be carefully placed in a strategic place up over the wall and roof and down the other side to remind everyone that Eskview Kindergarten is a very blessed place!





# Head Teachers

## Our first Head Teacher, Irma Sutherland

1987-1993

*'We were particularly lucky that Irma Sutherland applied for the position of head teacher. We had to have someone with a rural background and someone who understood the needs of an urban/rural kindergarten. Someone whose understanding was not clouded.'* - Mrs Mary Collier of the Napier Kindergarten Association.

Justine, who taught with Irma at Eskview, beautifully described Irma as giving 'a new kindergarten a grounding soul.' Irma taught with Libby (Elizabeth Slow) in 1987 and Justine joined the team a year later when Libby resigned.

In 1988/1989 a new Education system called 'Tomorrow's Schools' was introduced, which meant that kindergartens were changing from structured table top activities to encouraging children to go out and explore the environment. Previously, children were just seen to be little adults and they were now allowed to be children in their own right. Child initiated play was now priority. Irma was one of the first teachers to take on board the new system.

In an article written for a Wellington newspaper which said 'There's nothing average about Eskview', Dr Anne Meade, who had visited the kindergarten also said that, 'In Eskview, Hawke's Bay has an example of the new education system working beautifully.' The article went on to say that 'Irma believes firmly that children should be able to make choices. There are no set times, for example, for painting'. Irma was quoted as saying 'The paints are always ready and the paper of varying sizes so they can do some painting whenever they want. They know they have to put them away when they are finished too. The only structured time is at the morning session when everyone gets together for songs, poems, reading and discussion.'

Irma was able to explore the environment far more than teachers at urban kindergartens. 'We can do nature walks in Mr Cunningham's nature area. We can have picnics up on the hills and we can visit Mr Otter who has aviaries of precious birds. We are lucky out here' said Irma in the article.

Irma is described by Justine Mahony as being kind and having empathy for everything and everyone. Her overarching philosophy was love of the natural world – nurturing and caring for animals, plants and each other. She followed a wonderful child-based programme and was ahead of her time. She was passionate about encouraging the children to be involved in the world around them and now the 'Enviroschool' concept is being promoted everywhere! She was very careful about eating healthy food, growing plants, looking after animals and recycling. The children used to be amazed when she brought out her salad as she sat down for lunch with the children and ate dandelion leaves and nasturtium flowers, as well as sheets of seaweed. She also fought very hard to have chickens at the kindergarten and 'Pecker' is mentioned a great deal in the article.

Irma started including Te Reo Maori before the push by the Ministry to do so. This is another example of how Irma moved with the times and pushed ahead.

One of Irma's favourite quotes is:

*'Treat children as though they arrived as total, complete human beings rather than as though they are on their way to something or some place in the future.'* - What do you really want from your children by Dr W Dyer.



The teacher who has helped put Eskview Kindergarten on the map, Irma Sutherland, helps (from left) Adam Turnbull, Hayden Ericksen and Sarah Ockey with some modeling.



Irma's farewell

Photos: Bill Craig



# Head Teachers

## Colleen Blake

1993-2005

Colleen Blake was the second Head Teacher to come to Eskview Kindergarten. She started here in May 1993 and was Head Teacher until December 2005. (12 and a half years)

Colleen knew that Eskview Kindergarten was a very special Kindergarten and that the Bayview community had fundraised and worked hard for a number of years. When Colleen started here she was also very aware that Eskview had many traditions and special occasions the children, teachers and families engaged in.

Colleen carried on with these traditions adding her flavour to the mix. Anne Tasker came to Eskview eighteen months later and together they were a two teacher team for just over 11 years, give or take a few months here and there when Anne had her four children. During Anne's maternity leave Colleen Blake worked with Rachel Murray, Catherine Nichol and Deborah Neilson.

Colleen Blake had a real passion for the families as well as the local and wider community of Bayview. She spent many hours at the Kindergarten in her own time during weekends, holidays and often until six in the evening. She was so loved by us all that the committee put on a surprise leaving party for her which was attended by many past families, committee members and members of the community came to.

Unable to completely retire, Colleen has come back to us over the years in relieving positions and we all love to see her back amongst us.

Colleen taught Anne Tasker a lot about community, families and traditions and so today Colleen's legacy is continued with many of our Whanau days and events still happening. Our traditions here are part of our culture now. Each teacher adds their flavour but we have kept the essential essence of who we are alive and well.



## Colleen's Cottage

Colleen's cottage was built eight years ago in 2004. It was purchased from a place in Waipukurau called Kiwi backyard. In order for us to be allowed to have an outdoor cottage, (we were the first Kindergarten in Napier to do so) we had to get the Kiwi Backyard to modify the plans and put a tri folding door in so the whole front of the house opened and teachers could see inside the cottage at all times.

Pam Nichol, a committee member, drove down to pick it up on the back of their very large truck. Over that weekend her and her husband Phil and committee member Dawn Mintoff and husband Paul secured it in place, attaching the decking to it. Later Paul and Dawn made the boxed gardens as a gift to us and planted the grasses before they left. This was Colleen's last big project before she retired. Two years later in 2006 I had a parent make the mosaic calling the cottage "Colleen's Cottage" as a legacy to her.





# Head Teachers

## Walking down memory lane with Colleen

*'The year was 1993 and I remember walking into Eskview in awe of this lovely kindergarten.*

*I was aware that along with the then long-standing President, Mary Collier, Irma Sutherland and her team had devised an unusual timetable to accommodate country children (further than twelve kilometres away) for two days a week. They could spend Tuesdays and Thursdays alongside the local children for a full day. It was the exception to the rule in those days to have such a scheme. This kindergarten was built to accommodate a maximum of thirty children at each session; morning sessions five days a week for four to five year olds, and three afternoons a week for the three to four year olds. In order to get the maximum number of children during the week (then up to 80) local parents of four to five year olds were allotted three morning sessions at first, then nearer to school age five morning sessions, thus allowing the country children one or two mornings depending on vacancies. The plan was ingenious, complicated, but brilliant and indeed fulfilled the dreams of the Establishment Committee, many of whom had come together to contribute time and energy, and fundraising ideas for many years.*

*An official license was obtained through the Ministry of Education and Eskview and it's unusual role structure remained a mystery to many other kindergartens for many years that followed. If, when you come into the kindergarten, you look up to the outside office wall, you would see the weeks roll charted and changed to keep up to date when a child leaves for school. With the present day roll structure it is still, if not more so, extremely complicated and takes up many hours of the head teacher's time and gives her many headaches!*

*In 1993 I was extremely fortunate to have had several months to work with Justine Mahony and Marg Bunce to 'glean' some of the fabulous programmes, practices, and connections that Irma and her teaching team had dreamed up and set in place during Irma's*

*foundation years at Eskview. They were wonderful professional and experienced teachers, and are still remembered even today if you speak to the local residents of Bay View and the few who chose to come in from the country or from Napier itself. They set the bench mark that Anne Tasker and I aspired to over the years together with our teams. Everyone added their own individual flavour.*

*Eskview is a vibrant, exciting kindergarten which has developed through the overlapping of staff and traditions held onto passionately by the thread of staff. Another of the traditions I hold dear to my heart is the still continued support from our parents who, every year, come together and form a local committee and embrace every challenge put before them. I would love to name them individually. They faithfully gave and still give us their time and enthusiasm by meeting monthly to support the teachers in the projects, fundraising and whanau days. What would Eskview do without the support of this committee and the parents who give financially and willingly?*

*I have left the children until last because I wanted to thank you all for the privilege of working with your gorgeous children. I believe I was a chosen person to have had the opportunity to work at Eskview and I loved every moment of it. I only had one sibling myself. A huge influence for me was Mr Mac Donald, a teacher at High School in Waipukurau, which was my home town, who said that he had heard that my aspirations were to be a teacher. I replied that that was a good idea. He then asked me had I ever thought of being a kindergarten teacher. Actually, I had never heard of kindergarten in those days and when I was 16 years old they were only just coming into the public's notice as an option. There had been one operating in the old St John's hall, but a new one called Hunter Park had been built on the hill not too far away from my home. Mr Mac Donald suggested that he could arrange a visit for me to spend a day there if I would like ... and the rest, as they say, is history'.*

Poem about the children in the Cottage by Colleen Blake, June 2005

### **Come in for a Cuppa**

**There is nothing like a cup of tea to make  
the party swing  
Where friendships are formed,  
And people might even sing.**

**Anne has brought the cups out  
To start the party off.  
Zoe is the Mother, and the twins and  
Bethany are the lot.**

**Lilian is patiently waiting  
As is Georgia in the back.  
Hope you have a great time girls in the  
Lovely play house shack.**

**You look so warm and cosy  
Everything is so new  
I think I might call in some time  
For a cup or two**



# Head Teachers

## Anne Tasker (nee Nisbet) our current Head Teacher

Anne applied for and won the position of Head Teacher at Eskview Kindergarten following the retirement of Colleen Blake in 2005. She had been employed since September 1994, working alongside Colleen for many years. Her transition to Head Teacher meant she was able to continue time honoured traditions and initiate new staff into what was really important to this unique community. She was also a parent at the kindergarten with four children all passing through over the years.

Anne led the Teaching Team through the diversification process, using this opportunity with new staff to present new ideas and embrace the six hour days which are now available to the whole of the community. She has brought a wealth of knowledge to the role, which encompasses much 'behind the scenes' understanding and work to make sure the complicated structures of placing children and meeting the Ministry requirements happens.

Anne has brought with her a flair for the dramatic and the arts. She displays this ability in many of the activities and fundraising events which take place at the kindergarten. Her continuing passion and love for the role she engages in should be admired. The kindergarten community continue to motivate and inspire her to provide the best for the tamariki in our area.

*'Anne and Stuart's Special Day. 18 November 1995,*

*We have had some wonderful excursions over the years, but one of the most memorable was a lovely sunny Saturday when we hired a bus for the many parents and children to take us over to Hastings to surprise Anne when she came out of St Andrew's church, on the day she and Stuart were married.*

*We had prepared canes of pink paper blossom which we could hold up to form an arch as a guard of honour for them. It was such a surprise for her; while we all enjoyed the excitement and the children loved seeing their teacher as a real life bride.'* - Colleen Blake, teacher 1993-2005.



A photograph of her grandmother on her wedding day inspired Anne Nisbet to have a 1920s-style wedding on Saturday. She married Stuart Tasker, wearing a replica of her grandmother's veil, and her wedding party and most of the guests dressed in 1920s style. She is pictured with girl-friends Kim Keary, left, and Juliet Keating outside St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings. One of her guests said Anne has always done things a bit differently — the "best man" was Anne's best girlfriend from schooldays, Tracey Powell.





# Traditions

## The birthday/farewell rituals

When each child turns five and is ready to leave Eskview Kindergarten, there has always been a series of particular rituals which take place. Over the years new teachers to the team have added new ideas to make this a really special time for the child and family.

In the early days of the Kindergarten the children who were soon turning five were taken on school visits to both Eskdale and Westshore schools depending on where they were to attend.

On farewell day a poster which has been individually tailored is displayed to let everyone know who is leaving and turning five. When the child arrives they are given a large packet to decorate and this is filled with goodies for them to take home. Next they have to find five items from our garden to decorate their dough cake with and add five candles. Once this is done, they ring the bell to call everyone to the mat and take their place of pride sitting in the 'Red Chair'. The 'Red Chair' was donated by Rick Brownley who was the owner of Esk Valley Meats. This is the special chair reserved only for the birthday boy or girl.

There is a test which requires the child to place their arm over the top of their head and touch the bottom of their ear. Once they have done this, they are able to graduate from Kindergarten and the farewell ceremony begins. In the past year a graduation gown has been added to the procedure and the child is photographed wearing it.

The birthday cake is lit and songs sung, the child's profile is shared with the group and family and their packet of goodies presented. Inside the packet is the golden heart of love and friendship which is presented to the child with this message. *'When you look into this heart you will see your reflection. Give yourself a smile and remember everyone at Eskview Kindergarten loves you very much.'*

The children then form a circle of friendship around the child on the 'Red Chair' and we sing *'\*\*\*\* we're sorry you're leaving today, we hope you've had a wonderful stay, new and exciting adventures ahead, \*\*\*\* we wish you goodbye. Ka kite ka kite ka kite ano, we'll see you, we'll see you, we'll see you again.'* Then every child is asked to farewell the birthday child with a hug and a message.

Since the advent of digital cameras and computers to Kindergartens, the birthday procedures have been photographed and documented at each step and included in the child's profile to remember their special day.

*'It's always a special time celebrating each child's learning, uniqueness, strengths and support from their family on their learning journey.'* - Margaret Bunce 1991-1993.



Fraser Ross, 2010



Leah Roberts & Kirshla Hopkins, 2000



Lucy Ratray, 2004



# Traditions

## Eskview at one with nature

Right from the start Eskview Kindergarten has always complemented its local environment, and nurtured and cared for a large range of animals. A bird aviary was donated to the Kindergarten in the very early days of operation and although we are now onto a second aviary, it was built to replicate the original. At present we house canaries, quail, budgies and doves. All birds have always been donated to us. Presently we also have a guinea pig and blind rabbit that cohabit our aviary.

Eskview Kindergarten also, in the first 10 years, had a chook house with free range hens. First there was Pecker the hen and later came a series of bantam chooks. The children enjoyed collecting the eggs and using them to bake with.

Turtles and fish have also always been part of Eskview's aquarium with large turtles at times being exchanged for babies. Blinki, who only has one eye, is our current turtle and we have raised him since he was very tiny. He is very special to us.

Our gold fish have recently moved into a larger tank and are enjoying the extra space.

We also, for the first time now, have two mice, Stinky and Chloe, who were gifted to us. They are male and female and hence we have decided to keep them in separate houses.

When we look back over the years at photos we can see annual visits from local lambs and children's puppies.

Irma Sutherland, Eskview's first Head Teacher was a nature lover and Forest and Bird Society member. She planted native trees at Eskview such as the Puriri tree to attract native birds. 25 years later we reap the benefits of this as Bellbirds, Tui and native Wood pigeons come to feed on the berries and serenade us with their wonderful songs.

Our vegetable garden flourishes and we grow vegetables for ourselves and animals. More recently we have become an 'Enviroschool' and have a worm farm, litter-less lunch days and also a bug hotel for our found 'mini beasts' to go in after the children have studied them.

We have rock gardens, native grasses, a little cottage, bark area, plants and a painted mural which depicts our local environment.

We are indeed lucky to have such a lovely natural environment for our children to play in.



Mick, Taskforce Green



# Traditions

## Eskview Kindergarten pets

*'Another integral part of the early years was the collection of pets the children cared for. Chooks, which gave us eggs, turtles, birds and, of course, the RATS! I never developed a liking or feeling of ease with these particular pets. The children knew that when they were carrying Rosie or one of the other rats around, they had to stop a little distance from me to share their ideas or news. On the odd occasion someone would forget and I would look down to see a little whiskery face sniffing beside me. I could move pretty quickly!! On Friday afternoons we had admin time with no children and Irma would let the rat have a run around the kindergarten. With the office door closed we worked away and at the end of the day Irma would put the rats back in their cage. Sometimes she couldn't find them – she would then ensure the office door was clear and I would run to the middle of the Kindergarten with a chair – which I stood on and 'rat spotted' in safety! The trials of a rat-phobic Kindergarten teacher.'* - Justine Mahony, teacher 1988-1993.

*'A unique feature of the Kindergarten has always been the birds and animals that have lived there. I remember a chook house, chooks roaming and a pet rat which I hated.'* - Heather Gilmour (nee May), teacher 1991 and 2007 - present day.

*'Our children loved little animals that they could sit under the verandah to hold and cuddle. In the past there had been a chicken that Irma and Justine called 'Pecker'. She used to roam freely amongst the children and was quite a sociable pet. We wondered if it was possible to raise chickens and then raise another Pecker. We were able to locate an incubator and some fertile eggs, and with information I had, we set about doing it. 21 days of turning daily and with the addition of a small amount of water, and on the due date hey presto ... Wee chickens to hold and cuddle ... until they turned into roosters!' - Colleen Blake, teacher 1993-2005.*





# Traditions

## Grandparents Day and Eskview Kindergarten's 'World Famous in Bayview' soups!!!

Ever since I have been at Eskview Kindergarten we have held a soup luncheon for our families. These soups have always been made by the teachers and children. Over the years we have changed recipes and types of soups to find the most popular ones. Ten years ago we decided to have our soup luncheon in conjunction with inviting our grandparents to spend some time with their grandchildren at Kindergarten ... so 'Grandparents Day' was born. It was hugely successful and our soups went down a treat.

Although we started this day biannually, its popularity with extended families caused us to reflect on how we ran Grandparents Day and it soon became an annual tradition. So successful has it been that some of our grandparents travel from as far away as Wellington and Auckland to attend. The special day is carefully planned and often we talk to families whose grandparents live faraway, giving plenty of notice so that they are able to arrange their visits around when our Grandparents Day is being held.

Regular features at our Grandparents Day are Trigger the mechanical horse who gives rides and delights the children. Face painting and sausage sizzles and more recently, beautiful portraits or canvas works created by the children for their grandparents are sold. A highlight is also a small concert the children put on for their grandparents show casing their music and movement talents.

*'A great day for involving Grandparents and wider family.'* - Catherine Nichol, teacher from 1992 and parent.





# Traditions

## Eskview Kindergarten cookbooks



### ESKVIEW FREE KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

This committee was established in October 1980 to raise funds for a kindergarten to serve Bay View and surrounding districts.

All proceeds from this recipe book will go towards the building fund.

We would like to thank all sponsors for their generous contributions, and all those who have made this book possible by providing recipes.

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### HOT & COLD DESSERTS

#### BAY VIEW FAVOURITE CHEESECAKE

Base: 8oz crushed biscuits  
4-5oz butter

Melt butter and add to biscuits. Bake 325° 10 minutes.

Filling: 1 lemon jelly  
juice 1 lemon  
1 cup water

Make and cool.

Beat 1 large pot cream cheese (150g) with ¼ cup sugar and cooled jelly and ½ pint whipped cream. Pour on biscuit base and cool.

Makes 1 large or 2 small cakes. Flavour of jelly may be varied. Decorate with kiwifruit or sprinkled chocolate hail etc.

#### LEMON CHEESECAKE

Make day before

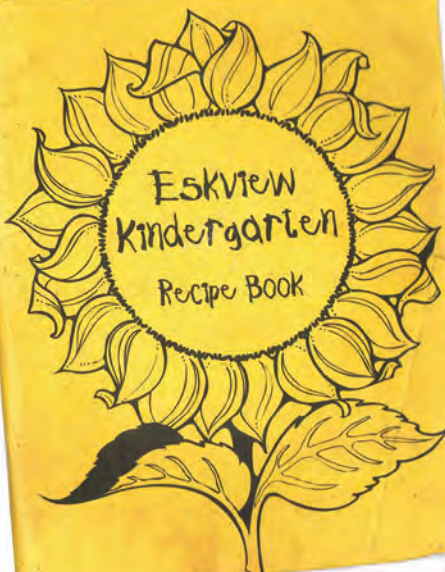
1pkt malt biscuits, finely crushed  
½tbsp castor sugar  
4oz melted butter

Mix all together and press into greased plate. Place in fridge.

Filling: 4oz cream cheese  
1loz unsweetened condensed milk  
1 lemon jelly  
¼ cup sugar

Dissolve jelly in one cup boiling water. Beat cheese, sugar and jelly. Beat milk until thick. Add cheese into base and set in fridge. Leave overnight. Pour Decorate with whipped cream.

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## Foreword

On behalf of the Staff and Committee of 1997, we have pleasure in producing this Recipe book. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be put towards providing Shade cloth over the play area.

Below is a list of our Advertisers and we encourage you to support them whenever possible. Finally a big thank you to all those who contributed to this book.

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### MARG BUNCE'S FEJOA ICE CREAM

8 oz Fejoas peeled and sliced and cooked until tender. (Marg does this in a saucepan on the top of the stove on a low heat - stirring constantly) Can be softened in a microwave. Cool before the fejoas are added to the following.

8 oz Castor Sugar 1 Egg White  
2 tbsps Lemon Juice 1 cup Whipped Cream

Put all ingredients in a bowl (except cream) and beat until fluffy and light (about 5 minutes). Whip cream and fold in. Freeze in a 2 litre ice cream container.

### EASY POPULAR DESSERT BY COLLEEN BLAKE

Whip 1 bottle of cream. Drain 1 can of boysenberries (omit juice). Add 1 packet of soft marshmallows to cream, along with the drained boysenberries. If liked, add some chocolate peanuts, or a couple of handfuls of chocolate chips. Place in an attractive bowl and keep in the fridge ready for serving. - Eat and enjoy!

## Eskview Kindergarten Recipe Book



2nd edition  
2004/05

### ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN RECIPE BOOK, 2ND EDITION

#### FOREWORD

On behalf of the staff and committee of 2004/5, we have pleasure in producing this recipe book.

At this year's famous soup luncheon day, a grandmother requested one of the recipes, with a suggestion we make a recipe book to go alongside the tasty soups. As a result we have gathered a few more wonderful recipes to share with you and enjoy.

Proceeds from the sale of this book will be put toward our wonderful new outdoor playhouse.

A list of our advertisers is below, and we encourage you to support them whenever possible.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who have contributed to this recipe book.

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### ESKVIEW KINDERGARTEN RECIPE BOOK, 2ND EDITION

#### CORN AND BACON CHOWDER ANNE TASKER

2 tbsp butter 2 carrots  
2 potatoes 2 onions  
½ pkt bacon chunks or rashers  
2 tsp instant bacon stock powder  
2 cans whole kernels corn

Peel and cut potato and carrots into 1 cm cubes then cook in a large pot of water until tender. While this is cooking add the onions and bacon until onions are clear, then add the pot along with the corn kernels and bacon stock. Before serving make a cheese sauce and combine it with the soup to make a lovely creamy texture. Serve immediately.

#### CROCKPOT FISH CHOWDER (KINDERGARTEN LUNCHEON RECIPE)

1 cup cheese ¾ litre milk  
1 tin smoked fish fillets  
2 packets bacon soup (Maggi)

Make a cheese sauce with 50 gm butter, 3 heaped tsp flour and 1 tsp mustard. Melt butter in pot, add flour, mustard and salt, fold till blended.

Taking off the heat, add milk and cheese. Stir till thickened. Open tin of smoked fish, mash till flaky and add to the cheese sauce. Make up 2 packets of Maggi Bacon Soup or Onion soup and mix with the cheese sauce. Season with condiments desired: e.g.; pepper, garlic salt. Add to the crockpot for a few hours and serve garnished with parsley.



# Traditions

## Annual Bikeathon

For as long as Eskview Kindergarten has been running there has been a bikeathon held as a way of earning money for new equipment and resources. This has always been a well supported fundraiser with children earning sponsorship money by biking a certain distance. As with everything, safety rules are a lot more stringent with the humble bikeathon now.

All children must have an adult to accompany them on their way around the block. Helmets are worn by each child. Over the last 18 years, at least, we have always had a police escort who drives his police ute ahead of us alerting any traffic that there are children biking. For many years this was our local Constable Craig Skeats, and more recently Bayview's new Community Constable, John Bruce has escorted the children around the block, a position of responsibility he inherited with his job. On the completion of the bike ride, everyone is a winner and a medal is placed around each child's neck as a token of the effort they have made. We have a sausage sizzle, and coffee and slices, which are made by the children, available for parents. We like to support small community enterprise and often invite a parent or someone close to our Kindergarten to have a stall on this day.

There is a small break after the bikeathon for parents to catch up with each other before an entertainer arrives. Over the last few years we have had Lulu the clown come and perform hilarious antics with the children before making balloon animals and the like for each child.

We finish our Bikeathon with a shared yummy lunch which all families have contributed to.

This has become a lovely way for children to have fun and be part of raising money for new equipment. It also encourages health and fitness and an opportunity for us to look at Road Safety Rules.

## Head teachers report planning first Bikeathon

1988

2<sup>nd</sup> Bikathon - time will be 11-2pm. Fire Stn to be approved for the venue for Sunday 1st May. Saveloy's bread & cordial will be provided, as well as a barbeque to cook on. Alternative venue will be WeK Woolstore No 4. Lunch and a May Day Festival will be held afterwards. Notice to go out from the committee.





# Traditions



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# Traditions

## Visits to Mr Cunningham's garden

Visits up to Mr Cunningham's garden have been happening almost since the day Eskview Kindergarten opened. First teachers, Irma Sutherland and Justine Mahony often made impromptu decisions to walk up and visit local identity Ashlee Cunningham. A quick phone call to check if he was home and that it was OK to come up, back packs put on backs, and walking shoes on feet. Teachers and children would go for a visit, often stopping to view Mr Otter's exotic bird aviary and gardens. In these early days the Cunningham garden was still being planted with the many species of exotic trees and pines.

Over the years, and with different teaching teams working at Eskview, walks to Mr Cunningham's garden have continued, but now they have become an annual walk incorporating all our sessions and families. This is an outing that is looked forward to by teachers, children, and families as one of our Kindergarten Whanau highlights of the year.

With technology we can now document these visits so that children have a permanent record of this experience. The panoramic view from the Cunningham garden never ceases to delight us, as does the Austrian style house nestled between beautiful gardens and large trees.

We thank the Cunningham family for allowing us onto their private property each year and treasure this special privilege.





# Traditions



'We often went on walks – everyone put their bag on their back and we set off with Brandy the neighbourhood dog, barking joyfully and tagging along. We made quite a colourful, noisy procession as we made our way to Mr Otter and his aviaries. After watching the birds, we would say goodbye and set off up the hill to Mr Cunningham's. Ashley and Sheila Cunningham had planted the side of their sloping driveway with young native trees, and the children and teachers felt like intrepid explorers as we threaded our way along the thin tracks through the saplings. At the top we would have a picnic and the children would pick out the wharf and Napier Hill in the distance. Earlier this year (2012) Irma and I retraced our steps up the hill and were amazed at the growth and size of the trees.' - Justine Mahony, teacher 1988-1993.



'Visiting Mr Cunningham's garden transported us to another land. A magical journey 'up in the Alps'. Beautiful bird song, fauna, flora and clear air. Mr Cunningham was warm, friendly and loved sharing his knowledge and respect for the land, animals and life with the children.' - Margaret Bunce, teacher 1991-1993.

'My first visit to the garden was in 1991. I just remember trekking snake-like along the road, trudging up the steep gravel drive, then arriving at the magnificent glade. Mr Cunningham's association with the kindergarten has been a long and well-respected one and many, many families have been able to share and enjoy this tradition, right up until 2012.' - Heather Gilmour (nee May), teacher 1991 and 2007 - present day.



'A magical place and enjoyed by all.' - Catherine Nichol, teacher from 1992 and parent.



2011





# Traditions

## Eskview Christmas party

As traditional as Christmas is, so is Eskview Kindergarten's Christmas Party. It is, without a doubt, the largest of all our Whanau days with all children on our rolls taking part and their families joining in the celebration. In fact, it is often not just immediate families who come but extended families such as younger siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and the like.

Eighteen years ago Colleen Blake, and the children put on a small nativity play and concert and we haven't looked back since. The Nativity play is the same, although there have been modifications over the years. Every child who wants to be in the play is given a part. Over the years many white sheets have been converted into angel costumes and it's amazing how scrap material and old towels transform our children into Wise Men, Shepherds and Rich Kings. When the nativity play has been performed, the children sing an array of Christmas carols and other songs.

Our Christmas party day always includes an entertainer coming in and over the years we have had Bill the Magician, Cherry the Clown and Mary Kippenburger, an interactive story teller.

A yummy shared Christmas lunch is then had, which has been brought in by all the families.

The highlight of our Christmas party is, of course the man in Red, Father Christmas who duly arrives in our local fire engine amongst great sirens and bells ringing. This is loved by everyone as he carries his sack that has something little in it for all children, including those younger siblings as well.



1992





# Traditions



Thank you to the Local Fire Brigade for their involvement every Christmas.



*Jamie Cullen*





## Eskview cleaner

Neville Venning-Slater, our cleaner, lives locally in Bayview, and started his employment 2 April 1992 and has been here ever since. You could count on one hand the number of days Neville has had off during his 20 years as Eskview's cleaner.

Not only does Neville clean our Kindergarten daily, but he is the mystery person who fixes broken toys and equipment he finds lying around. Often equipment disappears and then reappears looking in much better condition than it was last seen. This is not in Neville's job description but an extra added bonus and an act of kindness he does for us. For his effort, teachers often leave little treats such as baking, chocolate, and thank you notes.

Neville is a huge, often unnoticed part of our Kindergarten, and a true representation of community spirit that is Bayview.

*'Another person who I found such a blessing was our dear cleaner Neville Venning-Slater. This faithful man was there at Eskview from the day I started and is there currently (in fact, I believe he was there as cleaner when Irma was Head Teacher). Not only would he have done his work efficiently but he would have found a truck or piece of equipment broken and what we thought was passed it's used by date, taken home and brought back, repaired with such intricacy that only an engineer could have devised a solution. Neville you are a legend!' - Colleen Blake, teacher 1993-2005.*



## Eskview entertainers

