

4. COTSWOLD PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Cotswold Preschool and Nursery for \$10,000 from the Board's 2005/06 discretionary fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Cotswold Preschool and Nursery have submitted an application for funding towards the costs involved in upgrading their outdoor play area for the over twos.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.
4. Previous funding from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board is as follows:

2004/05	Play equipment	\$2,081
2003/04	Perceptual Motor Skills programme	\$2,010

5. The total cost of the project is \$17,585. The organisation will be undertaking various fundraising activities for the remainder of the amount required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Approve the application for funding from the Cotswold Preschool and Nursery towards upgrading their outdoor play area and allocate a reduced amount of \$7,000 from the Board's 2005/06 discretionary budget.

BACKGROUND

6. The Cotswold Preschool and Nursery purchased their current premises from St Gregory's Church five years ago.
7. They currently have 8 babies and 32 over two's attending the preschool on a daily basis.
8. Their current playground area consists of mainly moveable play equipment and the organisation is wishing to construct some permanent structures. This upgrade will incorporate some cultural aspects including a miniature Wharenuī where the children can gather and learn about the Maori culture.
9. They are also wishing to bring in more of the environment by utilising natural materials like river stones, native plantings, and wooden boardwalks.
10. This is an extremely well run Preschool with a high level of commitment from parents and the local community. They have excellent administration systems and have been extremely accountable for any financial support they have received in the past.
11. In 2004 the Board approved funding of \$7,083 for the Preschool to build a new deck but unfortunately this money had to be returned as they were unable to obtain a permit from Council for the deck area. Naturally the organisation has ensured the new playground upgrade will meet all necessary legal requirements.

OPTIONS

12. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - a) grant the full amount requested
 - b) grant a portion of the amount requested as per the staff recommendation
 - c) decline the application