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Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities	

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the coming Centenary of the Sunbeam Kindergarten and to seek a contribution from the Board towards the funding of activities to commemorate the event.

Members of the Sunbeam Kindergarten will be in attendance at the Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Sunbeam Kindergarten began operating from the Old Public Library building in Dover Street in 1899 before shifting to its present site in Cornwall Street in 1905. Originally operating on its own, it came under the umbrella of the Canterbury Westland Free Kindergarten Association in 1911. Sunbeam Kindergarten is the oldest kindergarten in Canterbury and one of the oldest (possibly the oldest) existing organisation in St Albans.

CELEBRATORY ACTIVITIES

The main focus of the Centenary Celebrations is to be over Labour Weekend 1999 and will include:

- An Open Day at Sunbeam on Friday, 22 October 1999.
- A formal ceremony on Saturday 23 October, including the burial of a Time Capsule in the new Centennial Garden.
- A Fun Day for past and present Sunbeam families and friends on the afternoon of 23 October 1999.
- A dance at the Scottish Society Hall on the Sunday evening.
- Production of a Centennial Book recording Sunbeam’s history.

COSTS

The total for the celebratory activities is expected to be approximately \$5,000.

At present the Committee is fundraising and expects to raise some income through ticket sales for the dance. However, a grant towards the costs of this celebration from the Board would help relieve the “uncertainty” factor that the Committee is presently operating under.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate a grant of \$1,000, from 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds, to the Sunbeam Kindergarten for the purposes of celebrating its Centenary.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a grant of \$1,000 be made towards the cost of a Centennial book to be written about the Sunbeam Kindergarten.