

4. PAPANUI FREE KINDERGARTEN

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board assistance for costs associated with upgrading the play facilities of the Papanui Free Kindergarten.

BACKGROUND

Members will recall that representatives from the kindergarten made a deputation to the previous Board meeting. Following this deputation, three Board members, plus the Community Development Adviser and the Community Secretary visited the kindergarten's premises and spoke with the Head Teacher and the Chairperson of the Committee (see attached report).

Papanui Kindergarten presently has a role of 75 children and has a voluntary fee which is only collected in 60% of cases. Many of the children come from families in low socio-economic areas.

THE NEED

The kindergarten is badly in need of upgrading its outdoor play equipment. Much of the existing equipment is unsafe with some failing to meet Occupational Safety and Health standards. The total cost for the upgrade (including a climbing structure, swing, miscellaneous playground equipment, bark, soil, sand and plants is \$14,000).

The Kindergarten Federation's annual grant does not cover teaching resources, equipment, property maintenance or enhancement projects.

FUNDING

The kindergarten has managed to obtain \$8,000 towards this project in the form of fundraising and grants, leaving a shortfall of \$6,000. There is presently an application before the Hillary Commission's Community Sport Fund for \$4,971. The maximum likely under the scheme is in the order of \$2,700, with the final figure being dependent upon the amount of funding sought by other applicants.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$3,000 to the Papanui Kindergarten from 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds for its outdoor facility upgrade.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.