Career For Young Women Who Are Fond Of Children

For a young woman who is fond of small children, kindergarten teaching provides a worthwhile and rewarding career.

**Kindergarten teaching** is, of course, a highly specialized branch of education so that there are special qualifications expected of the prospective kindergarten teacher.

Firstly, she needs to love children, to be really fond of little children, and have a keen desire to serve with their development.

Secondly, she needs to understand the way children grow and that growth is slow. She must have patience, especially those in the early years who are also to be healthy, happy, intelligent, well-adjusted and co-operative personalities. Thus she needs to have wide cultural interests, the capacity to appreciate art, music, literature and history and to be able to help children from the very start to have their own experience.

**Responsibility**

A kindergarten teacher is responsible for the care and development of children while they are in her charge. Her work is important. It is not a five-year job. It is a lifetime commitment and requires a lifetime of constructive training.

**The Essence**

Children are the future of the world and their teachers are the most important people in this world. They are the future of our country and the future of the world. They are the future of our children.

The kindergarten teacher provides a programme of stimulating and varied activities for both indoors and outdoors. This course includes an emphasis on the theoretical background needed for successful work with pre-school children and practical training in kindergartens with children and under the guidance of trained teachers.

**Minimum**

A minimum of three years' post-primary education is required. Holders of School Certificate or higher qualifications will have preference. It will be understood that the personality of the applicant is a most important factor and a satisfactory standard of health is necessary. Ability to play simple music and an aptitude for art and craft work are desirable. Married women may now be accepted to undergo the same two-year's course for kindergarten training.

Applicants are interviewed by the selection committee for each training centre during the second term of each year. Applications and any further information may be obtained from the Principal, Wellington Free Kindergarten Training College, 118 Thakin Hoa, Wellington.
Miss Malcouronne is to spend £2 received from the raffle of the clock on beds covers for the dolls’ corner. A generous contribution was received from Skellerup of a mattress which Mrs. Cook kindly covered. A request was made for a full size pram. This was needed for a boy who is disturbed to play with and in. Cuddly toys are needed and if anyone had such things as an old typewriter or clocks they would be appreciated for the children to play with. It was decided to fix hooks on the backs of the doors of the cloakrooms.

United Mothers Club:

At the meeting on April 16th Mrs. Cook’s name was put forward for President. Anyone interested in attending the meeting was advised to be at the corner of John St. if they required transport there.

Talents:

Talents will be performed on the 2nd 3rd and 5th September this year. The date of the Dress Rehearsal is August 24th.

Coffee Morning:

The Coffee Morning held in Mrs. Bearfield’s home raised £13. Thanks are extended to all who attended. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Berry’s mother.

Rapid Raffle:

A series of rapid raffles are being held in The Manawatu Butchers Shop in Cuba Street on Friday evenings to help pay for the drainage. The shop opens at 6.30 p.m.

Miss Malcouronne was wished a very happy 31st Birthday from Mothers Club members and a presentation was made to her.

During the last week of the May holidays both Mrs. McEwen and Miss McNair are going to the Kindergarten Conference in Brisbane and Miss McNair received a gift towards her expenses.

Next Meeting:

This is set for Tuesday May 18th.

The rest of the evening was given over to a talk on the value of “Milk in the Diet” by a member of the Milk Board, Miss Dodson.

WELLINGTON delegates who leave New Zealand by air on Saturday morning to attend the tenth triennial Australian Pre-school Association conference at Brisbane and to perform their duties as officials of their respective organizations. Back row (left to right), the assistant director, Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School (Miss J. McKeown); the equipment officer, Wellington Play Centre Association (Mrs. M. Brown); and the preschool supervisor, Wellington Free Kindergarten Association (Miss R. Davis). Front row: Director, Johnsonville Free Kindergarten (Miss P. Reddick); director of training, Totara Valley and Waterford Play Centre (Mrs. R. Morris); and Director of Newtown Free Kindergarten and Nursery School (Miss R. McEwen). A total of about 35 members of the New Zealand pre-school services will attend the conference. The theme will be “The Position of Teachers in the Education of Children.” Real recognition will be given to the active part in a variety of discussion and participation groups where they will express their thoughts to 400 delegates from all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands. The conference will be opened by Sir Alfred Nicholls, the principal officer of early childhood education at Queen’s College, City of New York, and the president of the American Association of Child Nurses. A painting by W. McEwen, City of New York, and a painting by W. McEwen, City of New York, was presented to the delegates by Mr. W. McEwen, City of New York.
Tram Chartered To Give Kindergarten Last Ride 1964

What 50 small children of the Newtown Kindergarten probably did not realise when they went on a tram ride recently was that it would be the last they would take on a Wellington tram.

When the director of the kindergarten, Mrs. B. McEwen, discovered that a tram could be hired for £3 she enquired if parents would be willing to sponsor one so their children could have one last ride on a tram.

A tram was duly hired and at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday morning, April 30, the kindergarten children (with the exception of one small boy who refused to go and hid in the bushes, so was left behind with the housekeeper), clambered aboard.

They were accompanied by four of the kindergarten staff, Mrs. McEwen, Miss H. Malsourone, Miss J. McKeeown, and Mrs. D. Green and three mothers, Mrs. D. Hearnfield, Mrs. M. Findlay and Mrs. J. Cook.

Instead of a tram ticket, the conductress gave each child a postcard of a tram with the history of the trams on the back.

The tram then set off towards the zoo and the children were most disappointed when they didn’t get off there. One little boy had even come prepared to feed the ducks.

They travelled back through Newtown, into town and down to Thorndon, chattering like a flock of parrots as they peered out the windows and exclaimed in delight.
Nawa & Jose (cook), Lynne Freeman, Pat Bax, Robina Philpott.

The Nativity Play was an annual event. "What a performance, teaching 3 and 4 year olds "Oh Come all ye faithful!"
MINUTES OF THE NEWTON FREE KINDERGARTEN MOTHERS' CLUB HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1967

PRESENT: 18 people including the Director, President and the Secretary

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Madame Coates, Berry, Sandercock, Floyd, Patterson and Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank you card from Mrs. Clapham
Letter from Mrs. Hornblow who has been in hospital.
Letter of resignation from Mrs. J. Parry.

GENERAL: Tickets for the raffle were to be sold again on Friday, 11 September in Mr. Muhl's dry-cleaning to raise funds for the Fair.

A bus will be going to Masterton on September 15 leaving Stout St at 5 p.m. for the talents. These will also be talents at Upper Hutt on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 and Lower Hutt on October 7 and 8 at the Town Hall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
The Badgie now has a baby.

Health seems to be much better and Chicken Pox is on the wane.

There will probably be another medical by Dr. Harding this term.

Mothers are asked to bring paper handkerchiefs and are also advised to bring brushes - these are now up to 3/95.

Six children have not returned this term and there has been no notice from the parents so there will possibly be a few vacancies.

If anyone living near Berhampore Kindergarten and who has a child on the waiting list at Newton - there is no waiting list at Berhampore at all and they would be able to take children.

Miss Box is a student at Newton just now.

Mrs. Gass looked after the guinea pigs during the holidays.

Kindergarten breaks up on December 11.

Wants are - Old towels, magazines, cardboard, dressing up clothes.

DEMONSTRATION:
Mr. Major from Bridesmaids came along with a model and an assistant. The model's hair had already been set and the assistant proceeded to demonstrate how the brush and comb are used to produce a beautiful hairstyle.

Mr. Major spoke knowledgeably on hair conditions and offered advice on how to care for hair in general. He also answered various questions from interested people and generally was very interesting.

A small gift for Mrs. Major was given to her and the evening ended with supper for everyone.

W. J. Parry
President

Combined Kindy, Nursery Service

THE Newtown Kindergarten and Nursery School, in Hospital Road, will continue its service to the community as a combined kindergarten and all-day nursery for the term which begins on September 11.

But as the all-day children leave they will not be replaced, and it is expected that by next year only the kindergarten session will remain.

This decision has been made by the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association, which is responsible for the kindergartens in the Wellington City area. A new management committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. G. Wearne, has been formed to administer the kindergartens, and it is hoped this will include parents of children attending.

Opportunity

A meeting will be called early in the third term to give parents the opportunity to form the committee and take part in the running of the kindergarten.

Instead of a roll of approximately 40 children, the building is to be used as a kindergarten to accommodate 50 children, each of 40 children, and so the kindergarten will continue as before in many respects. Many of the children from Wellington are now coming to Newtown. Redecoration is planned, and with new equipment an attractive kindergarten atmosphere will be provided.

A waiting list of names for the kindergarten will be opened immediately and applications will be received from all the waiting list who are not already on the waiting list. Children from ages of two are accepted on the waiting list (through the entrance to kindergarten). No names will be added without the waiting list being completed. To ensure early enrolment, applications should be made as soon as possible.

Survey

The management committee is making a survey to find out how many parents wish their children to attend this kindergarten in the future, and names may be given to the secretary Mrs. L. R. Hampson whose office is in the Superintending Director's office (1217). When the new term begins the kindergarten director Mrs. J. Gardiner will also have application forms available.
Fears That Nursery May Shut Down Is A Blow To Parents

FEARS that the nursery school run in conjunction with the Newtown Free Kindergarten may have to be closed, have been expressed by a number of working parents, particularly those who have to raise children alone.

Most of these parents depend on the nursery, which is Newtown nursery school time, by employing the nursery staff to care for children. They consider the nursery school a necessity for their children's development builds.

The nursery school is崩溃 during the Easter holidays, which is also the period when children's educational needs are greatest. However, many parents do not have the time or means to provide the necessary care for their children.

Can't Manage

"There is no doubt that the nursery school is a necessity for our children's development. But the current management does not provide the necessary care and support for our children. The nursery school should be closed, and parents should be given alternative arrangements."

Statement On Nursery Is Challenged

A statement made by Mr. P. J. Pygott, the chairman of the Newtown Free Kindergarten Association, addresses the concerns raised by the parents. Mr. Pygott states that the nursery school is a vital part of the community and should not be closed. He also mentioned that the nursery school is a unique facility that provides a safe and nurturing environment for children.

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kindergarten Affairs To Be Handed Over

Norton's nursery school and nursery school association is to be handed over to the Newtown Free Kindergarten Association. The association is to be managed by Mrs. A. E. Norton, the chairman of the association, and the secretary, Mr. P. J. Pygott.

Last month the kindergarten members met to discuss the future of the nursery school. The majority of members were in favor of handing over the nursery school to the association. The members felt that the association could better manage the nursery school and provide the necessary care for children.
1970's

Mr Turnbull from the Assoc gave us a few ideas to raise funds. He suggested dressing up kids, bikes or trikes, dressing dolls and a tricky drawer.

Mr Turnbull also suggested that we sent notices to the parents who couldn't come to tell them of our position. While we had a few stalls together, Mr Bennett could tell them what needed fixing. The roof needed mending, so does the veranda door, the winnepeg cage, the main gate. The climbing rope has rotted; we need a new one, and we need a sandpit cover.

There will be a working bee for the next 3 Sundays before 10-12.30

If anyone can get anything down to handy we can use it.

The date for the Hungie will be the 19th Oct at Robbo.

This being all the meeting closed at 9 o'clock.

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Emergency Meeting held 30th September 1974 at Neeshan Kindergarten at 7:30 pm.

Present: President Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Henderson, Secretary Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Bourgeois, Mrs. Patel, Mrs. Berry, Mr. Bird, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Attrill, Mrs. Hawkes, Mr. Aker, Mr. Ferguson, T. Pearson (Student)

B. Bourgeois, H. Southen, J. Ask, L. Petitt, M. Humphrey, V. Beamsley, T. Donnelly, J. Abbs, L. Palmer (Chap), S. Burley, S. Craig (Head Teacher), P. Sutherland, H. Nepea, V. Beamsley, H. Roberts, Mrs. Ogle, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Dimmocks, Mr. Turnbull (Assoc).

Apologies: L. Hends, I. Abbs, Mrs. Henderson.

The president opened the meeting by saying that the meeting had been called because we had run short of funds. We have tried wine & cheese, raffles etc, but we couldn't get off the ground. Mr Bennett read a list of what we need to do and needed the running of the kindergarten to other need all parents help.

When we need help to run raffles or work around the Kindergarten at working bees there are not enough hands to count.

We are having a street stall on Wednesday the 9th at the Assic Theatre.

There will also be a Hungie. Mr. Priest has come along tonight to give us a helping hand to get it off the ground. Mr. Priest's children went through the kindergarten five years or so ago.

We will be opening the Hungie to the public and we will be having a few stalls as well as give raffles.

Mrs. Southen suggested the stalls and raffles.

Mr. Heen said he will donate the vegetables for the Hungie. Mr. McKee will advertise the Hungie on the radio for us.

A sub committee will be set up for the Hungie.

Mrs. Bourgeois, Mrs. Craig.

The mothers club will do tea & coffee for the Hungie.

Mr. Priest.

The Head Teacher, Mrs. Craig suggests a national dinner or something along those lines to carry on from the Hungie.

Mr. Heen said that he and his wife would put on a Chinese national dinner for us.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

December 1974.

We leave 1974 behind us with a real feeling that 1975 must be handled with caution. The economic situation, unemployment, inflation, just to mention a few of the problems that face us, must surely, somehow, find their way into our kindergarten. I feel that 1975 must in some way enhance a true sense of values, along with a tight rein on the ever-increasing social problems.

Local committees had a most successful fund raising year, a big thank you to Brenda Bourgeois, Shirley Burns and all who made fund raising the success that it was.

Many repairs were carried out to our kindergarten, new gate, new fence, heaters in the music room, clearing of the old hedge, etc. etc. a special thank you to Jim Bicknroll.

Last year will also be remembered for its farewells, Miss Leslie, Ida Harding, Bonnie Pettie, these good ladies will be missed.

Welcome to Miss Stephanie Craig, our new Head Teacher, I am confident that she will receive the complete support of local committees.

In conclusion, I am extremely concerned at the number of problem children within our campus. Our teaching staff will certainly need professional help in this area.

My thanks to local committee members for their untiring support during 1974.

Chairman.

Kindergarten Visits included
- Wharves to see Japanese warships
- Local Fish Shop
- Granes at Wellington Hospital