

# Port Ahuriri & City Children's Centres



Board of Trustees Quarterly Newsletter | DECEMBER 2022

## Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o Tau Hou

As 2022 comes to a close, we are pleased to look back at what we've achieved this year, and most importantly who we've achieved it with. Our staff are the lifeblood of both centres, without their expertise, passion, loyalty, & humour, Port and City wouldn't be the fantastic, and sought-after childcare centres that they are. The trust board wishes to thank our teams for all they have done for us, and our tamariki this year. They go above & beyond and we appreciate them.

We also want to thank our families; it's been a challenging few years, and 2022 has still seen some necessary measures to reduce the spread of illness. Your willingness to help us navigate those challenges are appreciated, thank you for joining our extended whanau & contributing to the vibrant communities around both of our centres.

2023 will bring some exciting developments for both centres, and we are pleased to be able to highlight a few of those in this newsletter.

We hope all our families and staff have a well-deserved break, and a very happy summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed & relaxed in the new year.

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**Your Napier Community Childcare Centre Trustees**

*Chelsea Race (Chair), Christine Downing, Renee Wiggins, Jo Griffin, Krystal Sheeran, Lee Coers, Bex Gabrielle, Stephanie Orbell, Sophie Griffith, Andy Wilson, and Becky Shanahan.*

### Pay Parity

The Napier Community Childcare Centre Trust Board is delighted to be opting in to pay parity for our qualified educators as of 1st February 2023. Pay parity is an important step in ensuring our teachers are recognised for their mahi. We acknowledge this significant decision has been a long time coming. We value the immense loyalty of our dedicated kaiako and recognise many of them have been with us for many years.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Napier Community Childcare Trust Board has worked hard over the past few years to get into a financial position that enabled us to better invest in our people. We need to be prudent in ensuring the long-term sustainability of the centres and we believe investing in our kaiako is the most important priority for ensuring this.

The trustees are so pleased to be in a position to do this for our teachers, and we hope they feel how valued they are, not just by the board of trustees, but by the tamariki & their families, whose lives they impact immeasurably with the important work they do.

**Our Mission:** We will provide (for our communities) a nurturing, collaborative and quality learning environment, with all profits returned for the betterment of the Centres.

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## Port Ahuriri team update

The Trust is delighted to congratulate our Centre Manager Renee on her pregnancy, with pepe due in April 2023!

We are also very pleased to announce Jo Griffin as the interim Centre Manager for Port, covering Renee's 12-month maternity cover. Jo is the current Senior Team Leader for the Kindy room at Port and will be shadowing Renee until she goes on leave, so there's a significant hand over period to minimize any disruption to their team and the tamariki.

We know our families will join us in wishing both Renee & Jo all the best for their new roles.

## City Centre gets a new roof

You may have noticed the work underway at our City centre on Vautier Street this past month. We are finally having the roof replaced, this is a significant undertaking, in both workload and cost, and has been a long time coming.

The roof will be done by Christmas, and new carpet can then be put down early in January. We know the Kaiako at City have been looking forward to this milestone, and we want to thank them & our City whanau for their patience & flexibility during this time.

## Port sand pit & fence repairs

The Sand Pit at our Port centre needs re lining & the fence around it needs to be replaced, or at least some rot repair.

We have a modest budget for this work but would love to employ someone from our community who has the skills and the time for the job.

If this is you, please see Barb, or Renee at Port to discuss what needs to be done, so you can provide a quote for the job.

## Port is getting a new kitchen

Once the City roof replacement is complete our next priority is the new kitchen at Port.

This is another long overdue maintenance job that the board is committed to making happen. The cooked lunches provided by Carol are a real asset to the centre & loved by our families & children.

If anyone in our community has connections to a kitchen or joinery business, we'd welcome the connection.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Port Ahuriri and City children's centres are governed by a charitable trust. That means **all profits are returned** for the betterment of the Centres.

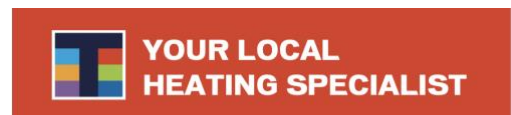
We care for **118 children** and employ **34 staff** across the two centres.

The trust owns both buildings and are responsible for their maintenance & upkeep.

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