

Subject: Parkside Playcentre

Parkside was opened in 1995 the building was originally a home which has slowly been updated into the building it is today. The centre has since seen hundreds of children through their early childhood education journey. Currently we have a roll of just over 30 children with 20 attending on each of our open days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - We are hoping at some stage to open a fourth day pending enrolled numbers.

Parkside is a not for profit charity and its day to day operations are ran on a volunteer basis by the parents of the children attending. Each family volunteers what time and skill they have depending on their families capacity at the time, Currently we are in a fantastic position where all of our available roles within our committee are filled. This has had a great effect on our children's education as everything is being done in a timely matter to the standard needed.

Parkside in this current financial climate is currently viable but we are struggling to fund anything over our day to day running costs. Our parents are currently eagerly fundraising to replace our deck which has been degrading since 2019 and upgrade our internal lighting to meet the updated property standards. We rely on grants, fundraising and donations to do any large projects and purchase updated equipment for our children.

On behalf of the Parkside Community I would like to thank Rotary for their wonderful contribution towards the new climbing boxes, Our children immediately begun playing with them as soon as they arrived and there will be many hundred children in the future that will also get to enjoy these.

Ngā mihi,
Chevaughan - President at Parkside

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