

ILT Foundation Grant to Waikiwi Kindergarten \$15,000 12 March 2009

ILT FOUNDATION FUNDING HELPS KINDERGARTEN REVAMP

Waikiwi Kindergarten is about to undergo a revamp thanks to a helping hand from the ILT Foundation.

Southland Kindergarten Association business development manager Sandra King said the kindergarten was now running sessions for six hours a day.

This had brought about an increase in teacher-child ratios which meant a need for more office space.

“The new office will be a space where teachers can meet with parents and it will also give teachers more room to complete their work and meet away from the playroom environment.”

The kindergarten also needed a bathroom upgrade to meet regulations. This renovation will enable wheelchair access and will include an area where children can be washed.

The ILT Foundation has contributed \$15,000 to help meet the cost of the \$44,000 upgrade.

Foundation chairman Alan Dennis said creating a better environment for children, parents and teachers could only benefit everyone.

“The ILT Foundation has a firm belief that early childhood education is one of the most important stages in a child’s life.

“It is crucial that education is accessible to everyone and that it is done in a setting which will be comfortable and inspiring for all.”

Mrs King praised the Foundation for its contribution towards the renovations.

“This is a tremendous help for us. Any help is greatly appreciated.”

About 70 children presently attend Waikiwi Kindergarten - 14 of those attend full time.

The work will begin on April 9 and is expected to take three to four weeks.

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