

# Oamaru Kindergarten Association Board

## What you need to know

### OKA's Purpose

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To inspire nga tamariki to grow as confident and competent learners

- ◆ OKA employ 45 employees in both full time, part time and relieving positions. The Board's role in employment matters is to employ the General Manager who is delegated the day-to-day management of the Association.
- ◆ OKA have been committed to North Otago since 1950 currently supporting approximately 230 children and their families across our five kindergartens.
- ◆ OKA have an annual income of \$2.4 million. The Board's role is to annually approve the budget and monitor this through the monthly financial reports. OKA are here for children - not for profit.
- ◆ As a new Board Member, you will be assigned a buddy who will support you to prepare for and attend your first few meetings. The first meeting following the AGM is focused on induction and supporting documentation will be supplied.
- ◆ Ongoing Board Professional development is provided each year, and this includes the opportunity to attend New Zealand Kindergarten meetings and conferences.

If this sounds like you or you need more information, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Julie at the Association Office on (03) 434 2422

### EXAMPLES OF RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS ARE:

- » 100% registered teachers at all kindergartens.
  - » Opening two new kindergartens.
  - » Offering an all-year kindergarten.
  - » Offering a holiday program each team break.
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### GENERAL THINGS YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW:

- » The Board meets nine times per year and these meetings are held on a Saturday from 9:00am to 11:00am.
  - » Time requirements are between 5-10 hours per month.
  - » Board members are paid an honorarium in November each year.
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### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

- » Passion for children and education.
- » Professional approach to the role.
- » Future focused outlook.
- » Prepared to have robust and open conversations.

For further information about our organisation and the Board's role go to [www.oamarukindergarten.co.nz](http://www.oamarukindergarten.co.nz)