

Glenfield Community Centre
3rd Quarterly Summary (January—March 2019)
Due 15 March 2019

What activities/programmes have been started/run within this quarter?

- **Teddy Bears' Picnic — 8 March**



We hosted a Teddy Bear's Picnic where we encouraged young families to come in to the Centre, bring a blanket and a teddy bear and join us for lunch. We partnered with the North Shore Community Toy Library, who brought with them toys and games for the children, and the Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust, who lent us the use of their family of bears. We intended to host this in our courtyard but the weather gods were not with us and we had to relocate to the Mission Hall. Still the families who came, including children from our Early Learning Centre, had a great time and enjoyed the BBQ and free sausages.

- **Where the Fairies Are — Kaipātiki (month of March)**



We are part of the Kaipātiki-wide push to encourage people to get out and into parks, reserves and playgrounds around the Ward.

28 Fairy Doors have been decorated and distributed around the Glenfield/Hillcrest area, information distributed to schools, kindergartens, early learning centres, and around the community as well as on Facebook, our Centre's website and KLB noticeboards advertising the event. Families with younger children have provided very positive feedback around the event with many commenting they did not know about the many great playgrounds and walking tracks around the area.

What activities/programmes/events were not successful within this quarter? Give an explanation why:

Not applicable.

Highlights for this quarter?

- **Wilson School Student**

We have a new student from the Wilson School, Marcus who has joined us as a volunteer. He and his support person visit us weekly on Wednesdays and he has been enjoying helping out in our garden.

- **GELC Staff**



Nick Batley has joined us as our new Head Teacher at our Glenfield Early Learning Centre (GELC), so the Teaching Team could start 2019 with a full roster. Male ECE Teachers are rare as hen's teeth so we are very lucky to have him and he has been settling in really well with the parents and children.

During this quarter, did you have any issues, concerns, complications?

- **Air Conditioner Vandalism**

On 5 March we arrived to discover thieves had disconnected our GELC's air conditioning inverter from the back of the building, carry it out to the carpark and smash it for the copper converter. This unit was paid for by a Birkenhead Licensing Trust/Lion Foundation grant in 2016 and to replace it may cost as much as \$3,000. This is particularly disappointing as we will struggle to replace the unit but will be forced to carry the cost as it is essential to heating during winter.



Police were unable to locate the perpetrators so the only good luck was it didn't happen during the hottest part of the year as you cannot operate a teaching facility above a certain temperature and February was especially warm this year.

- **Bike Rack Funding**

We were unsuccessful in our application to Auckland Transport's Bike Grant. They came back saying they don't fund items such as a bike rack or repair station. We had a separate application in to the KLB and so will wait to hear the outcome from their next Round.

Did you have anything start, or new opportunities come up this quarter, not expected on the work-plan?

- **Business Network Meeting – 12 March**

The first meet and greet of the group happened at the Birkdale/ Beach Haven Community Centre's Beach Haven house. This was a low key affair but it is hoped that attendance will grow as it is an excellent opportunity for business and community to talk about potential areas of common interest.

Below the line activities not funded by Council:

Not applicable.