

What can I do if I am interested in being a parent/caregiver representative for the Homai Early Childhood Centre Education Trust?

Expression of interest papers will be posted to all parent/caregivers in Term 1, with a closing date of 16th May.

Please note that the person expressing interest to become a HEC CET parent/caregiver representative needs to be a parent/caregiver of a child enrolled at HECC at the time of appointment.

The BLENNZ Board members will appoint two parent/caregiver elected trustees to the HEC CET, selected from the expressions of interest, at the June board meeting.

If you would like any further information please contact Megan Walker:
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**Homai Early Childhood
Centre Education Trust
Parent/Caregiver Member**

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To all parents and caregivers of children and young people receiving services from HECC:

Please consider being on the HECCET after the next BOT elections to be held on the 30th May 2013. As a parent or caregiver of a child attending HECC we would like to encourage you to stand for a parent appointed trustee position on the HECCET Board. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the trust, which governs the only licensed early childhood centre in the country for children who are blind, deaf-blind and low vision.

Stuart Dunn - BLENNZ BOT Chairperson
- HECCET Chairperson

Jane Wells - Principal, BLENNZ

Sharon Duncan - Licensee, Homai Early Childhood Centre

Who is BLENNZ?

The Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ or BLENNZ provides services nationally to children and young people who are blind, deafblind and low vision. BLENNZ delivers most of its support through regionally based Resource Teachers Vision (RTVs) who work with children and young people and their whānau right throughout New Zealand. There is also a national base at Homai Campus in Auckland where we have a range of services which are available to and which support the inclusion of, all children and young people supported by BLENNZ. These include a special school, the National Assessment Service, Residential Services, the Special Formats Library. Immersion courses and the Homai Early Childhood Centre (HECC).

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Who is HECC?

HECC is a licensed early childhood centre for children who are blind, deaf-blind and low vision. Children who attend HECC must be enrolled with BLENNZ. HECCET is the governing body of HECC.



What would be involved in being a HECCET trustee?

HECCET is a national board, made up of members of the BLENNZ Board of Trustees and two HECC parent and caregiver representatives. There will be 4 meetings in 2013 and one professional development day on a Saturday. Meetings are held in Auckland at the Homai Campus starting at 6:00pm and usually going to no later than 7:00pm. All trustees receive an allowance for each Board meeting they attend.

What is the makeup of the HECCET board of Trustees?

HECCET has a group of Trustees which is representative of BLENNZ parents nationally and the wider blindness education sector. We are seeking to have two parent representatives from HECC on the HECCET. The HECCET Board is made up of the elected BLENNZ BOT:

- One trustee elected by parents of students enrolled at Homai Campus School
- Two parents/caregivers of children who attend Homai ECC, as appointed by BLENNZ BOT
- Four trustees elected by parents of students who receive services from BLENNZ through a Visual Resource Centre
- The Licensee of Homai Early Childhood Centre
- The principal of BLENNZ
- One trustee appointed by the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind (RNZFB)
- One trustee appointed by Blind Citizens NZ (ABC)
- One trustee appointed by a panel of representatives of recognised kāpo Māori organizations
- Board co-opted trustees, provided that the number of parent elected trustees is greater than the total number of co-opted and appointed trustees