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C&K Indooroopilly Kindergarten turns 70

C&K Indooroopilly Community Kindergarten is thrilled to celebrate its 70th birthday on Sunday October 19 from 11am to 3pm.

President Rebecca Nardi said current, former and future staff, families and friends were invited to celebrate this significant milestone and acknowledge the kindergarten's rich and colourful history.

"We are all really excited to celebrate this wonderful kindergarten which has held a special place in the Indooroopilly community for so many years," Rebecca said.

"A lot has changed since the kindergarten first began in 1944, towards the end of World War II.

"It has always been a community hub where families feel welcome and know their children will be in a safe and caring environment."

One of the key people responsible for starting the kindergarten will attend their special day.

93-year-old Dora Smith has lived just down the road from the kindy since the current building was constructed in the 1950s.

"It started to allow the mothers to leave the children somewhere to keep the children out of the city because of the all the military around," Dora said.

"It was just a minding day ... and gradually we got more children and it got to become a regular thing, five days a week."

Indooroopilly Kindergarten began in a church down the road and the original committee worked hard to raise money to build the facility children enjoy today.

"We used to have a big barometer and when we had a street stall and made a few dollars, up would go our barometer and when we got enough together we were able to think about getting a builder in and put a deposit on," Dora said.

Initially the kindergarten contained one big open room with a toilet room and kitchen. Today there are purpose built storage and bag areas and a dedicated arts and crafts zone. Dora is excited to see how the kindergarten now looks, especially after the \$180,000 renovation undertaken in 2013/14 with the help of the State and Federal Governments.

The 70th birthday event will feature a number of stalls, a barbeque, family activities and fun and games.

Where children come first

The kindergarten is seeking memorabilia to display on the day. Please contact staff on [3378 2578](tel:33782578).

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