

Playschool Press

In July we said a sad farewell to our Wellington PC Shayna – who is going to be a stay at home mum. So, we are excited to welcome Linda Muollo to our Playschool whanau – who will be our new Wellington PC. We wish Shayna all the best.

It's refer a family time!
Earn cash now... \$100 for every family you refer plus they earn \$300 too!

Do you know anyone who could benefit from our FREE education programme and our non-income tested subsidies? Now is the time to refer them to our programme and you will both earn some cash!

You will receive **\$100** cash for every family that qualifies to enroll on our Education programme and stays for a minimum of 8 weeks.

Your friend will receive **\$300** if they stay enrolled on our education programme for 6 months or longer. Plus, we have made the criteria even easier to join;

*An educator can be anyone that cares for a child such as family friend, Grandparent, Aunty, Au Pair, Nanny or similar.

*They will get an exemption from completing their first aid course straight away and just need to complete it by September 30, 2020 if staying on the programme beyond this – and the first aid course is paid for by Playschool.

*All they need to do to enroll is be a NZ resident, citizen or hold a residency, study or work & holiday visa. They also need to undergo a simple police check and provide 2 forms of ID.

Standard terms and conditions apply, offer ends September 31st, 2020.

Upcoming dates:
Cook Island Language Week
2nd – 8th August
Father's Day
Sunday 6th September
Tongan Language Week
6th – 12th September
Maori Language Week
14th – 20th September
Loud Shirt Day
27th September

It is great to be able to explore our own backyard again – especially for our Au Pairs. We had a great weekend away with them at the Coromandel.



Neo had so much fun with his Galaxy Dough, seeing his stars sparkle and learning about Matariki.



Child friendly recipe Cornflake & Oat Biscuit

Ingredients:

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup Cornflakes
- 150g butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup dried apricots finely chopped
- 1/2 cup choc bits
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 tbs liquid honey
- 1/2 cup coconut

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix all dry ingredients together
2. Stir in melted butter, vanilla, honey and beaten egg.
3. Drop tablespoons of mixture onto baking trays lined with baking paper. Flatten with a fork.
4. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 180C.



Sensory Balloons!

This month we are going to explore our sense of smell through balloon fun! If a child plays a game incorporating the sense of smell, it improves the ability to differentiate different scents. The child learns to like some smells, such as flowers and fruit, while other smells, such as smoke - trigger danger. These distinctions can help to develop language skills.

Sensory play helps to develop fine and gross motor skills, memory, spatial awareness, and problem-solving. It helps tamariki develop the cognitive skills necessary for science and technology study including:

- Observing
- Experimenting
- Drawing conclusions
- Predicting
- Incorporating new knowledge

Sensory play also has a calming effect on many tamariki and is educational and therapeutic, but perhaps most importantly, it's fun.

Playschool's activity this month supports learning across all strands of *Te Whāriki*. Specifically, Strand 5: Mana Aotūroa/Exploration where tamariki play is valued as meaningful learning and the importance of spontaneous play is recognised; they gain confidence in and control of their bodies; they learn strategies for active exploration, thinking, and reasoning; and they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds.

Monthly Activity Resources Provided 3 balloons, Mint, Strawberry and Vanilla essence

- Instructions: Carefully using the dropper add a couple of drops of 1 essence to the deflated balloon.
- Using the balloon pump, pump up the balloon (making sure the opening is upright, so the essence does not drip up).
- Tie balloon.
- Repeat x 2 with other balloons and essence.

Now explore your sense of smell!

IMPORTANT: Never leave tamariki unattended around balloons.

Below are some sensory ideas you and your whanau might like to explore:

