

Playschool Press

We are excited to welcome Ruby Nevin to the team this month, who will be our new programme coordinator for our Bay of Plenty region. She will be contacting families in her region to introduce herself and book in her appointments over the next week or so.

Unfortunately, with Auckland returning to Alert Level 3 and then Level 2 on Monday 31st of August, with the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level 2, the government has imposed nationwide restrictions for businesses and work places to keep workers and customers safe, which includes Playschool educators. We know this may seem unnecessary – but this now has become a government requirement and we apologize for any inconvenience, just remember this will help slow down the virus and keep our most vulnerable (children) safe.

What this means for you – from **12pm Wednesday 19 August**, each home where child-care is taking place and is enrolled on the

Playschool Education Programme will be required to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code poster in a prominent place at or near the main entrance/s of the home. This will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand by supporting faster contact tracing. Note: This is a nationwide requirement.

To create your own poster please go to: <https://qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>
Getting your QR codes

Each home where care for a child takes place will need to display their unique code at the main entrance.

How it works

- 1. Verify your identity**
You'll need a valid New Zealand driver licence to verify your identity.
- 2. Enter your location details -**
Provide the physical address and contact information of your location.
- 3. Get your official NZ COVID Tracer QR code poster -**
Receive your QR code poster via email once it's ready.
- 4. Display the poster at your entrances -**
Print out copies and display them wherever people enter your premises.

Upcoming dates:

Chinese Language Week

20- 26th September

Tuvaluan Language Week

27th Sept – 3 October

World Teachers Day

5th October

Fijian Language Week

4th – 10th October

Niuean Language Week

11th – 17th October

Tokelauan Language Week

25th – 31st October



Last month was all about exploring our senses - namely our sense of smell through balloons! The tamariki used a dropper with different essences and put this in their balloons! Such fun!



Child friendly recipe Four Ingredient Crepes

Ingredients:

½ cup flour ¾ cup milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg Butter or oil (to fry with)

Directions:

1. Beat the egg and add the milk, flour, and vanilla extract.
2. Mix until smooth, (it should be a thinner consistency than pancake batter, almost watery).
3. Melt some butter in a frying pan on low heat.
4. Pour a thin layer of batter in the pan and spread it around.
5. Cook for a few minutes on each side until done (you can also add chocolate at this point to melt it).
6. Top with ingredients of your choice.
7. Enjoy!

Optional toppings: Fruit (strawberry, blueberries, banana, lemon juice, orange), icing sugar, chocolate, maple syrup.





Hepetema (September) Activity 2020

Terrific Tapa

This month Playschool is exploring the Tapa cloth. Tapa cloth or bark cloth is a traditional textile from the islands in the South Pacific. The word Tapa is Samoan or Tahitian depending on what resource you consult and describes the border of the cloth. Tapa cloth is made from harvesting breadfruit or paper mulberry trees. The inner bark of the tree would be beaten to release the fibre much like flax is beaten to produce linen. This fibre would then be flattened or "felted" into sheets. The resulting cloth was used for clothing, bedding, and household items - special cloth was made for religious occasions as well as for royalty.

Playschool's activity this month supports learning across all strands of **Te Whāriki**. Specifically, **Strand 4: Mana Reo – Communication** where the languages and symbols of tamariki's own and other cultures are promoted and protected. Tamariki experience an environment where: they can experience the stories and symbols of their own and other cultures; and they discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive.

Monthly Activity Resources Provided

brown dye, vivid, paper

- **Instructions:**
- Using the vivid create your design.
- Crunch up your paper as much as you can (around 10 times to make it soft) – careful not to rip it.
- Lay out the paper and dye the entire paper brown.
- **Now let your paper dry! (this make take 2-3 hours).**

