



CHILDREN'S DAY 2018 Information Sheet

What is Children's Day?

This day is a national, non-commercial day to celebrate how special our children are.

Children's Day – Te Rā O Te Tamariki – provides New Zealanders with an opportunity to give time to children and take part in fun activities that start new traditions as well as continue old ones.

Many nations in the world have a Children's Day but the magic of Te Rā O Te Tamariki is something that is unique and special to New Zealand. We celebrate this day across the country through events, activities and celebrations.

KEY MESSAGES

Children's Day has five important messages:

- Giving time
- Praise and encouragement
- Listening and talking
- Love and affection
- New experiences.



This year Christchurch's Children Celebration will be happening at 152 New Brighton Road. The celebration will take the form of a FREE community event that provides an opportunity to provide an inclusive day for all children and families. This is achieved through performing arts, adventure activities, crafts, demonstrations, sports, and games.

Event Organisation

The Day is a popular annual event organised by a Planning Committee from a collaboration of community, voluntary and government organisations. Christchurch City Council Community Governance and Support Unit will take a lead role. The event is funded from a variety of sources but is heavily reliant on the goodwill of the community.

Event Format

A great day of FREE family fun and entertainment, with stage performances, education and information, kids and family games. As well as these areas there are opportunities for groups to promote themselves active displays, food stalls, active craft stalls and active information stalls.

There will also be a range of children's entertainment including face painting, craft, bouncy castle, train rides, and of other activities.

Performance Area

Main Stage

It is essential that performances are a **maximum of 10 minutes**, including getting on and off the stage.

The stage dimensions are: 6m wide x 5.7m deep & about 1.5m high. A small gazebo is available for performers to use as a changing area.

Please note that there is no guarantee that all groups will be accepted to perform on the day. This decision will be made by the committee. We will be in contact within a month to let you know if you are successful or not. We try to include a variety of performances and only have limited spaces.

Food and Information Stalls

Stalls are only available to non profit groups- If you are running an Information stall you must also run a FREE Children's activity.

Due to electrical regulations, all groups using electrical implements must have these **tested** before the event and all appliances must show a current electrical test tag to ensure they are safe. If your appliances do not have these tags, the electricians on site may stop you from using them. All caravans must also follow this process and also have an electrical warrant of fitness for the van. You can get your implements tested at Electro-Tech Services, 72 Mowbray St 374 3211 at a cost of \$5.00 per appliance. Alternatively any qualified electrician can do these tests.

Equipment

All Groups need to supply their own Trestle tables chairs and Gazebos. All food stalls must provide their **own shade structure/gazebo this is compulsory** as well as adhering to other health regulations (as indicated on separate sheet). Electricity is available and groups are asked to state their electricity requirements on the registration form.

Registration of Interest

If your group is interested in participating in this event please complete the 'Registration of Interest' form at the link provided and return it no later **Sunday 10th December**.

Promotion

The Children's Day is promoted through a variety of mediums, in order to reach as many people as possible.

Car Parking

Parking will be available for participating groups. The location of this parking will be send out closer to the time of the event.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday 4th March 2016
Time: 11am – 3pm
Postponement Date: None
Event Location: 152 New Brighton Road

If you have any questions please contact:

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For more event information check out:

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