



## Playcentre Festival of Learning

An inspirational weekend of learning and sharing to connect Playcentre people in the Central North Island region. With special thanks to ACE Aotearoa for their financial support.

### WHEN:

Fri 7 September to Sun  
9 September 2018

### WHERE:

Aongatete Outdoor  
Education Centre

### WHO:

For all Playcentre  
members in the Central  
region and beyond

### TO REGISTER:

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### WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- Play and professional learning workshops on a range of topics relevant to Playcentre whānau
- Two workshops in the first module (Let's Play) of the new PIA
- The two workshops needed for Course 2s to transfer into the PIA
- All of the face-to-face content for two Course 4 modules (4.106 and 4.406)
- The first wānanga for the regional Playcentre Leadership Programme starting this term

# Festival of Learning 2018 Overview

7 to 9 September 2018 at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre

## Friday 7 September 2018

10:30am – 5pm

*Option 1: Course 4 :Module 4.106*

*Te Whāriki & Reflection, Supporting Young Children's Learning*

*Option 2: Conversion for current Course 2 holders to new PIA*

*B402 Kotahitanga Principle in Playcentre, Nurturing Mana Atua in Playcentre*

5pm – 7pm: Registration Desk Open

6:15pm Dinner

7:15pm Welcome

7:30pm – 9:30pm

*Option 1: Grants and Fundraising*

*Option 2: Area of Play: Science\**

*Option 3: Facilitated Write Up Support*

## Saturday 8 September 2018

*Saturday morning*

*Option 1: Leadership Programme (9am start)*

*Option 2: Positive Transitions to School: Playcentre for Tamariki Nui\* (9am start)*

*Option 3: Module 4.406 Workshops 1 & 2 (8:30am start)*

*Option 4: Playcentre Introductory Award B401 Value of Play for Children's Learning*

*Option 5: Facilitated Write Up Support (9am start)*

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm – 3:30pm

*Option 1: Leadership Programme*

*Option 2: Extending Learning: Babies\**

*Option 3: Module 4.406 Workshop 3*

*Option 4: Playcentre Introductory Award B401 Introducing Te Whāriki (4pm finish)*

*Option 5: Facilitated Write Up Support*

3:45pm – 5:45pm

*Option 1: Leadership Programme*

*Option 2: Icebreakers and Energisers*

*Option 3: Module 4.406 Workshop 4*

*Option 4: Independent Write Up Support*

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Try your hand at some craft or bring your ukulele along for a jam session with the Playcentre Ukulele Orchestra. Network and share ideas with other Playcentre people across the region.

## Sunday 9 September 2018

9am – 11:30am

*Option 1: Outdoor Learning and Playcentre Camps\**

*Option 2: Area of Play: Collage\**

*Option 3: Archery*

*Option 4: Independent Write Up Support*

\* Workshop meets the requirements of a play/extending children's learning workshop for both the new and old Playcentre courses.

## Workshop Descriptions

Friday 7 Sep 10:30am – 5pm	
<p><b>Course 4: Module 4.106</b>  <b>Supporting Young Children’s Learning</b>  <b>Te Whāriki &amp; Reflection</b>            Facilitated by Sue Easter (Life member of TVC and Waikato Assns)</p>	<p>Core workshops for Module 4.106. Supporting Young Children’s Learning covers pedagogies and teaching strategies (eg sociocultural learning, Māori concepts of learning, learning dispositions, schemas, guided participation, collaboration, modelling, positive reinforcement, problem solving, open-ended questions, active and reflective listening, coaching appropriate social behaviour, co-construction, teacher is the learner); sociocultural Practice, children’s working theories, schema; how Te Whāriki and learning dispositions are reflected in children’s assessments and parenting styles.</p> <p>Te Whāriki &amp; Reflection unpacks the Te Whāriki framework in terms of planning and implementation. You’ll also discuss different learning and teaching approaches (eg project approach, free choice play), a revision of assessment techniques and Ferre Laevers involvement scale and explore self reflective practice.</p> <p>Whew – who knew so much learning could be packed into one day!</p>
<p><b>B402 Kotahitanga Principle in Playcentre, Nurturing Mana Atua in Playcentre</b>            Facilitated by Kara Daly (NZPF Professional Learning &amp; Development Team, Waikato Assn life member)</p>	<p>The final two workshops in the B402 series. These workshops are aimed at current Course 2 holders wanting to transfer in to the new Playcentre Introductory Award. Also open to those enrolled in the PIA who have completed B401 and the first two B402 workshops. Come meet other Course 2s who are keen to continue into the new Playcentre Education programme.</p>
Friday 7 Sep 7:30pm – 9:30pm/10pm	
<p><b>Area of Play: Science</b>            Facilitated by Amelia Meertens (Tamahere Playcentre, Waikato)</p>	<p>Science is all around us, in everything we do. Come along to explore new hands-on ideas for extending science exploration with your tamariki to help them develop working theories of the natural and physical worlds around them.</p> <p><i>This workshop meets the requirements of a play/extending children’s learning workshop for both the new and old Playcentre courses.</i></p>
<p><b>Grants and Fundraising</b>            Facilitated by Erin Roberts (Lynmore Playcentre, Rotorua)</p>	<p>This workshop taps into Erin’s extensive knowledge about funding and grant applications, with a hint of fundraising information. Advice and guidance on where to find grant information, what makes for a successful application, discussion on what is best to apply as a centre vs. collaborate as an association, and how grant applications and fundraising work complementarily. Bring your own stories of success to share with others in the group.</p>

Saturday 8 Sep morning	
<b>Playcentre Leadership Programme</b> Facilitated by Kara Daly 9am start	This programme aims to bring together Playcentre leaders across the central region to share ideas of best practice and create a network of professional learning. We will explore what excellence means within Playcentre and look at leadership through different cultural lenses. We'll also delve into the considerations for leaders in the updated Te Whāriki and how that impacts our practice as Playcentre leaders. This is the first wānanga in the leadership programme, running Sat 8 Sep from 9am – 5pm. It will continue though to Term 1 2019, with additional local hui to connect leaders and the opportunity for one-on-one support from Kara. Anyone who sees themselves as a current or future Playcentre leader is welcome to join.
<b>Course 4: Module 4.406</b> <b>Adult Learning Styles</b> <b>Planning &amp; Presenting a Workshop</b> Facilitated by TBC 8:30am start	The first and second workshops of Module 4.406, these workshops investigate how adults learn and the role of facilitators in adapting facilitation to support learners of all abilities and learning styles to succeed.
<b>Positive Transitions to School:</b> <b>Playcentre for Tamariki Nui</b> Facilitated by Cherie Grant (Past Waikato Playcentre Assn President and primary school principal, Peachgrove Playcentre)	Is Playcentre a good ECE option for four and five year olds? Does your Playcentre challenge your tamariki nui with new learning opportunities? How well do Playcentre tamariki transition into school and what role do we play as kaiako in supporting their transition? How can centres promote Playcentre as an excellent ECE option for older children? Come draw on Cherie's immense knowledge and experience as a mum to three Playcentre graduates and one soon-to-be graduate, a primary school principal and past president of the Waikato Playcentre Association. <i>This workshop meets the requirements of a play/extending children's learning workshop for both the new and old Playcentre courses.</i>
<b>Playcentre Introductory Award (PIA)</b> <b>B401 Value of Play in Children's Learning</b> Facilitated by Judy Gore (Western Bay life member)	The first workshop of the first module (Let's Play) in the new Playcentre Introductory Award. This workshop looks at the value of play for children's learning and development, and our role as adults in supporting their play.
<b>Facilitated Write Up Support</b> Facilitated by TBC	Do you need some support and guidance to complete your written work in the Playcentre Education programme? Or just some peace and quiet away from children to focus? If you would like specific resources at the session, please request them in advance from the facilitator.
Saturday 8 Sep 1:30pm – 3:30pm	
<b>Playcentre Leadership Programme (cont.)</b> Facilitated by Kara Daly, 9am start	As above
<b>Course 4: Module 4.406</b> <b>Giving &amp; Receiving Feedback</b> Facilitated by TBC	The third workshop in Module 4.406, this workshop looks at communication and feedback with adults, and what makes it effective.
<b>Extending Learning: Babies</b> Facilitated by TBC	Sometimes Playcentre's youngest members are overlooked at Playcentre. How can we ensure we are providing our babies with opportunities to support their well-being and learning from day 1? This workshop combines hands on ideas with latest

	research into infant brain development and more.
<b>Playcentre Introductory Award (PIA) B401 An Introduction to Te Whāriki</b> Facilitated by Judy Gore	The second workshop of the first module (Let's Play) in the new Playcentre Introductory Award. This workshop introduces parents and whānau to NZ's early learning curriculum used by all licensed ECE services in NZ. We will look at the structure of the curriculum and how to use it at Playcentre. We'll also help you get started with creating learner maps and writing learning stories for your children.
<b>Facilitated Write Up Support</b> Facilitated by TBC	Do you need some support and guidance to complete your written work in the Playcentre Education programme? Or just some peace and quiet away from children to focus? If you would like specific resources at the session, please request them in advance from the facilitator.
<b>Saturday 8 Sep 3:45pm – 5:45pm</b>	
<b>Playcentre Leadership Programme (cont.)</b> Facilitated by Kara Daly	As above
<b>Course 4: Module 4.406 Ethics</b> Facilitated by TBC	The fourth and final workshop in Module 4.406, this workshop introduces kaiako to the Code of Ethics and how it can be used as a tool when making decisions in ethically challenging dilemmas at Playcentre. A useful skill to have for all Playcentre leaders.
<b>Icebreakers and Energisers</b> Facilitated by TBC	Enjoy a fun afternoon session trying out teambuilding games, icebreakers and energisers to revitalise your meetings and workshops. Wear comfortable clothing and get ready to have a good laugh!
<b>Independent Write Up Support</b>	Find a quiet corner to focus on your education tasks or catch up on learning stories. A tutor will be available at the beginning to help get you started.
<b>Sunday 9am – 11:30am</b>	
<b>Outdoor Learning and Playcentre Camps</b> Facilitated by TBC	Interested in exploring beyond the Playcentre gates with your tamariki? Come discuss the ins and outs of outdoor sessions and Playcentre camps with those who have done them before – what works, what doesn't, and where to go in the central region. <i>This workshop meets the requirements of a play/extending children's learning workshop for both the new and old Playcentre courses.</i>
<b>Area of Play: Collage</b> Facilitated by Judy Gore	End the weekend with some hands on fun with collage. What role does collage play in extending children's learning? Gain new ideas to try out at your centre. Have you heard of ephemeral art? An environmentally friendly art form great for families who have shelves and boxes of "creations" collected over the years! Come along to find out more. <i>This workshop meets the requirements of a play/extending children's learning workshop for both the new and old Playcentre courses.</i>
<b>Archery</b> Facilitated by the camp staff	Before you leave camp, try your hand at archery. Who will be crowned the inaugural Festival of Learning Archer of the Year? If times permits explore the camp problem solving and challenge experiences. Cost \$7pp.

## Workshops – what is there for you to do?

A quick overview of where to start looking in the workshop descriptions:

<b>New Playcentre families</b>	Playcentre Introductory Award B401 workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon Play and professional learning workshops
<b>Current Course 2 holders</b>	Playcentre Introductory Award B402 workshops on Friday Play and professional learning workshops Playcentre leadership programme
<b>Enrolled in Course 4</b>	Module 4.106 (Friday daytime) + 2 Extending Children’s Learning workshops Module 4.406 on Saturday Play and professional learning workshops Playcentre leadership programme (if not doing Module 4.406)
<b>Everyone else</b>	Play and professional learning workshops Playcentre leadership programme

## Venue

The Professional Development weekend is at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre (35km west of Tauranga, or a beautiful 7 hour walk over the Kaimai range via the Wairere Falls if you prefer 😊). What an entrance you will make!). <https://www.aongateteoec.co.nz/>

Accommodation is in camp-style lodge accommodation. BYO bedding and towels.

## Catering

In order to keep costs down, this weekend will be self-catered. Individuals will be asked to help with setup and cleanup of meals and accommodation. If possible, we ask each individual to bring some kai to share for the weekend: eg a plate to share for morning/afternoon tea, a pot of soup for Sat lunch, a yummy dessert for supper. Please tick on the registration form if you are able to contribute.

Where possible special diets will be accommodated however please appreciate that this is a weekend run by volunteers.

## Children

This weekend is intended as a learning weekend for adults. There is no crèche provided. Young babies are welcome within workshops. Toddlers and older children are welcome to attend if they have a caregiver attending as well. The venue is on the DOC land with rivers and streams nearby. It is unsuitable for unsupervised children.

We suggest that you work with your centre to swap childcare to allow members to attend child-free. Enjoy a weekend to yourself and celebrate!

## Costs

### Registration costs

**Adults:** \$30 per night, day visitors \$15 per day

**School age children:** \$15 per night, day visitors \$8 per day

**Babies and preschoolers :** \$5 per night, day visitors \$2.50 per day

(Note that families coming briefly for drop off/pick up will not be charged fees)

**Archery** \$7pp

**Late fee** (registrations received after Fri 31 August) - \$15

Centres will be invoiced for costs once final registrations are completed. Cancellations after 31 Aug will only be refunded at the discretion of the event organisers.

## Registration

Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/mAhEHmdHbj0EkSaj2>

Priority will go to members from Playcentres in the Central North Island. Members from other regions are warmly welcome as space allows.

## Queries

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