

Resources and Activities for Families

Free Activities on During the September/October School Holidays

Plant and learn in the WELLfed garden

Wednesday 27th September and Wednesday 4th October 2023 - 10am - 12pm

Join the WELLfed Garden crew each Wednesday morning to spend some time gardening and learning! No experience or skills are necessary, everyone is welcome!- our awesome team can teach you about when and how garden tasks need doing and lots of skills you can use in your own garden.

Garden tasks include composting, seed starting, seed sowing, plant health, biology first gardening (working with nature).

Sharing morning tea (delicious WELLfed snacks provided!) is also a great chance to connect with other awesome humans in our community.

Pre-schoolers are welcome during term time and during the school holidays you are welcome to bring school-aged kids. They can get stuck in and connect with Papatunuku as well, or there is space for outdoor play. Children must be supervised by their caregivers whilst onsite.

Plant and Learn sessions are weather and staffing dependant - we will post in the event if we won't be gardening due to rain or sickness.

Check out the facebook events [here](#) for up to date information.

Porirua Library

Click [here](#) to see all the awesome activities on at the library these holidays
Do you want to join the library? It's free - click [here](#)

Pātaka - Activities that may be of interest

Check out all the events [here](#) for more information

Haiku writing workshop for all ages

Monday 25 September 2023- 10.30am - 3pm

A captivating Haiku Writing Workshop for all ages.

No experience required – just an open heart and a love for the art of expression. This is a drop-in event so no booking required. Enter your haiku poem for the month long Haiku competition!

Birthday Cake with Friends

Monday 25 September - 1pm

The Friends of Pātaka have prepared a delicious cake to share to mark the beginning of our 25th Anniversary festivities. The honor of Mayor Anita Baker's presence and the Pātaka family will make this celebration truly special.

Te Awarua-o-Pataka puppet making

Sunday 1 Oct - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Make a puppet of some of our popular characters from Te Awarua-o-Porirua room here at Pataka and put on a show in the puppet theatre. Ages 8yrs+

Origami Waka drop-in activity

Monday 2 October 10.30am - 12pm

Make and decorate your own paper origami waka. Ages 5+

Our Harbour Te Awarau-o-Porirua (Children's Interactive Gallery)

Come and get hands-on and explore the history of Porirua's amazing harbour. Plus a free interactive app to sit alongside the exhibitions. Download *Te Awarua-o-Porirua* app from the App or Google Play Store.

School holiday events at North City Mall- Porirua

Happy Campers - School Holiday Fun! Bringing the feel good vibes with kids yoga, mindfulness crafts and chill zone for the kids these school holidays

Click [here](#) to see all the events and to book these free activities

Nano Girl interactive Bubble show at Johnsonville Mall

Monday 25th September and Monday 2nd October - 11am and 2pm

Prepare to be blown away these school holidays with Nanogirl Labs FREE science shows!

Check out this event along with other cool events at Johnsonville mall [here](#)

Cannons Creek Pool

Sundays, 11am - 1pm is free (charges other times)

- You can check with the Cannons Creek Pool on 04 237 7944 to see if there are other free times - this is subject to their bookings

Toddler in Tow (info for Porirua Parents)

For ideas and events on in the school holidays in the wider Wellington region - [click here](#)

Police College Museum

General Admission to the Museum

Every day, 10am - 5pm (excluding Good Friday and Christmas Day)

Admission is free. There are 2 free activities for children at the Museum -

Junior Detective Trail (4 years +)

Junior Detective, we need your help. Your mission is to find the rainbows and tell us at Museum HQ what you find.

Senior Detective Mystery (8 years +)

Put your detective skills to the test with our Senior Detective Mystery: Operation: Clue. Examine the evidence and eliminate suspects, locations and weapons as you go to solve the case. Can you solve the mystery? No pencil and paper needed, try it out on our in-house app.

For all events click [here](#)

Free Car Seat Checks

Wednesday 11th October, 1pm-3pm

(held every month - more dates [here](#)) at Porirua Park. Trained experts will help you check your car seats are installed properly.



Conductor Hamish McKeich

Presenter Gareth Tiopira-Waaka

New Zealand Sign Language Interpreter Angela Murray

As part of Te Papa's free school holiday events, the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra presents concerts for everyone to enjoy. Experience storytelling at its best, retold in English, te reo Māori and NZSL. There is also a Relaxed and Sensory Friendly performance, catering for neurodiverse audiences of all ages who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment.

NZSO @ Te Papa features some of classical music's most well-known works including Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*, a musical performance of Joy Cowley's *Snake and Lizard*, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake Suite* and much more.

Thu, 05 Oct

10.30am - 11.30am: Whānau Concert

12.30pm - 1.30pm: Whānau Concert narrated in English with NZSL followed with a Post-Q&A with NZSO musicians (including Sign Language Interpreter)

Fri, 06 Oct

10.30am - 11.30am: Whānau Concert narrated in te reo Māori

12.30pm - 1.30pm: Relaxed and Sensory Friendly Whānau Concert followed with a meet and greet with some of the NZSO musicians