

# CHILDREN'S DAY 2016 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 the Spencer Park. 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 able to perform on the day. 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 a 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 \$3.50 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 enclosed 'Registration of Interest' form and return it no later **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. **Filling out your form online and emailing it directly would be preferable to helen.miles@ccc.govt.nz or if you prefer to print the form to fill out you can do this, then scan it and email it.** If you do not receive a confirmation email within 10 days, please contact me to confirm I have received your form.

### 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 and the public at the 'Spencer Park', exact details of the parking will be sent in an email once registration has been received. Due to traffic congestion, there will be an area roped off for **performing groups** that arrive throughout the day (you will be issued with 2 parking passes). Food and information stalls are asked to park in the main car park as you are arriving early enough to get into the park.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
**Venue:** Spencer Park  
**Time:** 11am – 3pm  
**Postponement Date:** None

**Event Location:** Spencer park Heyders Road Christchurch

**If you have any questions please contact:**

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**For more event information check out:**

**[www.childrensday.org.nz](http://www.childrensday.org.nz)**

