

## Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to Playcentre!

### About us

Playcentre is a place for you and your tamariki (children) to play, learn and grow together – to strengthen your bond and make connections with other whānau (family) in your community.

Following the Ministry of Education early childhood education curriculum, Te Whāriki, Playcentre offers a rich array of resources and experiences to support learning through play for tamariki aged 0-6 years.

At Playcentre we foster the involvement of whānau in early childhood education through play-based learning because we value parents as the first and best educators for their tamariki.

### Playcentre provides:

- Variety of quality play and learning resources
- ‘Child-centered’ programme based on each child’s interests
- High adult to child ratio
- Safe and secure environment
- Involvement in your child’s early childhood education
- Friendship and community with other whānau
- FREE education programme to develop parenting skills and understand how children learn and develop.

### Education opportunities

Playcentre provides an NZQA-accredited education programme that leads to the NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) to any Playcentre adult that is interested in participating.

Our adult education programme supports the informal learning taking place in a centre, leading to an expansion in parenting and early childhood education skills for anyone keen to learn.

### What makes Playcentre different from other early childhood education options?

Playcentre is a parent cooperative which means that parents have an active role in supporting children’s learning. This unique opportunity sets Playcentre apart from other early childhood education options.

You get to play with your tamariki and encourage them to interact with others, while you meet other parents and whānau in your community.

They say it takes a village to raise a child.  
Welcome to our Village!

***“I love our Playcentre village. Everyone is lovely and supportive of each other. I love having a place to go rain or shine, where the opportunities for learning through play for my child are endless.” – Leah***

Thanks for coming to visit us. We look forward to seeing you again!

**“Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together”**