



Name:	Mary-Jane Dixon
Playcentre:	Tairawhiti
Rōpū Māori:	Tairawhiti
Region:	Te Poho o Puriri Whakamaru

Ko Mauao te maunga
Ko Tauranga te moana
Ko Mātaatua te waka
Ko Ngai Te Rangi te iwi
Ko Ngai Te Ahi te hapu
Ko Hairini te marae
Ko Ringa Moiri-Ririnui tōku pāpā
Nō Tauranga ia
Ko Carol Ririnui tōku māmā. Ko Dixon te wahine ingoa o toku Māmā
Nō Matapihi ahau
Ko Lee-Andra, rātou ko Patrecia, ko Monica, ko Calais aku tamāhine.
Ko Mary-Jane Dixon tōku ingoa
Nō Matawai te Tairawhiti ahau

Nō reira
Tēna koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Kia ora,

My name is Mary-Jane and I am from Gisborne. I first started playcentre with my oldest child when she was all of six weeks old, that is coming up twenty six years ago this December. All four of my children's main playcentre was Matawai, but with them all we attended three other Playcentres during the week.

I have never actually left playcentre when each of my child/children started school (I have a

set of twins). Playcentre has taught me so much, education, child development and the skills to work with a variety of whānau. Playcentre has helped me to grow into the confident woman that I am today.

I didn't know about māori roopū until I was part of Tairwhiti Board of Governance close to 10 years ago. I have attended several national governance and hui ā tau for several years and have only missed three hui.

I am presently working with māori groups from the education sector to implement localise curriculum within our centres of Tairawhiti.

I am employed as the centre advisor and is the reason why I will not be putting myself forward as one of the nominees this year. But I would like to keep my name in the succession plan pool for next year.

Mā te wā,
Mary-Jane Dixon