



**Who is this pack for?**

This information pack is to help prepare all visitors planning to attend Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day with what to expect.

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# Introduction

We are going to the Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day event in Queens Wharf square.

Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day is an annual event for tamariki, with singing, dancing and art activities.

The event runs from 10am – 3pm. There will be groups singing, dancing and playing music on a large stage under the sails.

People might be dressed up or have their faces painted.





# Queen's Wharf

You might arrive at Queens Wharf from the Waterfront or from Jervois Quay. Queen's Wharf Square is very big, with lots of room to move around. The big white sails provide plenty of shade for us.

Lots of things will be going on under the sails and lots of people.



When you arrive, you will see a large, black stage at one end of the square. There might be people singing, dancing or talking onstage. The performers will be wearing microphones, so they will be loud. Capital E staff will be around the square, in brightly coloured clothes. If the stage is too loud, they can give you earplugs or earmuffs.

A lot of the performers onstage are children, but some are adults. The MCs are two sparkly, brightly coloured Drag Kings. They will introduce each performance and tell you about it, as well as any other important notices in between.



In front of the stage, there will be bean bags and camp chairs for you to sit on. You can sit here to watch the performances, eat some food, or have a rest. Some of the performers might go into the seating area at times and ask you to sing or dance. The performers will ask you first and you can say 'no' if you don't want to join in.



Behind the seating area, you will see some green astroturf and lots of pink, plastic shapes. This is BLOOM, a building activity. Two BLOOM gardeners will help you put the shapes together to build things. They will also make sure you stay safe.



Next to the stage, Daizy Design will be painting faces. You can get your face painted too, but you will have to line up and wait your turn. Then you can choose your design and have cool face paint on all day!





Behind Daizy Design, there will be an area with mats and items like poi or pōtaka to play with. Adults from Tū Mātau Ora will be there to show you how to use the toys and what they do. Some of the items might be thrown about or spun around. The Tū Mātau Ora team will keep you safe. They only throw items that are soft so they will not hurt you if you get hit.



Sometimes you might see people on stilts or a person guiding a Moa around the square. They are part of the performances and will move around the area. You can watch them but make sure they have enough space around them to perform.

In the morning, there will be a puppeteer in the square with her puppet, Enid. Enid will paint your portrait if you queue up and sit for her. If you don't want your portrait painted, you're welcome to watch other tamariki being painted. Just remember to give them some space and don't get too close unless it's your turn.





In front of Nōku te Ao Capital E, you will see some scaffolding, with a large canvas hanging on it. This is a messy art activity you can enjoy. If you want to take part, a member of staff will give you an apron or smock to put on and some gooey paintballs to throw at the canvas. After you throw them, you will get a wipe for your hands and staff will make sure you didn't get paint on your shoes.



At the Museum end of the square, you'll see a marquee with lots of tables underneath. They are here to help you if you need any information, get lost or need sunscreen. You will also see a green screen and some cameras. Our Learning team will show you how to make a cool video that you might have done with your school.





By the info stall, you will see an ice cream seller. If you get food from them, you can eat it on the camp chairs or on the benches in front of Wellington Museum.



## PlayHQ

PlayHQ will be open on Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day from 10am till 3pm. Read about accessibility at PlayHQ [here](#).





# Chillout Zone at Wellington Museum

Through the shop and around the corner in Wellington Museum, you'll see a small nook with blue walls. This area is where you can relax if the noise and energy in the square gets too much. This area will have bean bags and cushions to relax on. There will be a small bookshelf, with books and some games. You can spend as long as you want here.

For a guide to visiting Wellington Museum, including what to expect on a visit, download the [Wellington Museum Social Story \(pdf\)](#).



# Thank you

Thank you for supporting Nōku te Ao Capital E by coming to our Children's Day event.

A big thanks also goes to our supporters who make this event a truly wonderful day for all whānau.

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