

About our Holiday Programme

YMCA holiday programmes are the perfect way for your kids to get out and about with their friends over the break. Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your kids on-board.

For those of you with busy schedules, we offer a partial session from 7:30am – 3:30pm and a full session from 7:30am-6:00pm, please check each activity for the pricing.

All children must be on site by 8:30am.

Alongside our holiday programmes we also run a selection of holiday camps at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre. For more information on all holiday programme sites and full T&Cs please head to our website ycentral.nz

You may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy which you can use towards the cost of our programmes. Visit the Work & Income website for more information.

This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we may need to amend our programmes at short notice.

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Te Aro School, 360 The Terrace

Our Commitment

We have a commitment to the development of our Y-Kids while they are under our care. We do our best to ensure our activities fall into the following three categories:

active

Energetic games designed to support fundamental movement, teamwork and being on the move in a supportive environment.

LIFESKILLS

A range of activities which encourage self expression and to explore new mediums and techniques.

CREATE

Preparing our tamariki with diverse skills to navigate their way through their development and their experiences.

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Y-Kids Mt Cook

Holiday Programme

6 - 17 July 2026

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Week 1

Mon 6 July 
Zappo's Magical Balloon Twisting Workshop



Start your holiday break with a twist, and join us in welcoming back Zappo the Magician! Visiting us on-site, he will teach young magicians how to twist and conjure up their own balloon creations. All balloon sculptures that they make, they get to take home. It's guaranteed to be a magical day!


Partial \$60
Full \$68

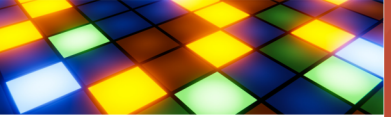
Tues 7 July 
Discover Your Passion at Te Tai Ohinga



There's something for everyone today! We'll walk down to our Youth Hub on Willis Street for exciting performances, engaging workshops, and hands-on activities. Maybe you'll leave with a newfound interest in dance, culinary arts, music, or art! Ignite the start to discovering your passions at Te Tai Ohinga! Please wear warm, comfortable attire for our walk to the venue!

Partial \$62
Full \$70

Wed 8 July 
Adventure at Archie Brothers Arcade



Ready player one! We're going on exciting, adrenaline-filled visit to Archie Brothers Arcade in town. Joining us in the friendly competition will be our friends at Ngaio Y-Kids. Please wear warm, comfortable attire for our walk to the venue!

Partial \$67
Full \$75

Thurs 9 July 
Celebrating Matariki



Join us in bringing in the Māori new year together! We'll learn about and share in different Matariki traditions, whether it be writing wishes for the year ahead, remembering our loved ones, weaving or telling stories, or creating manu aute. Today, we are coming together in a time of renewal and celebration under the stars.

Partial \$57
Full \$65

Fri 10 July CLOSED
Matariki



Week 2

Mon 13 July 
Mana Taiao: Nature Awareness Day



Today we're exploring our connection to nature and our responsibilities to care for it. We will discuss different ways that we can live sustainably, and how simple changes in our everyday routines can make meaningful change. A visit from Wellington City Council's Zero Waste Education team will enrich our learning, with focus on recycling, landfills, and composting through group activities, songs, and sharing stories.


Partial \$57
Full \$65


Tues 14 July 
Y Warriors



Y-Warriors are coming together for an epic day at the Walter Nash Stadium. There'll be games, challenges, and loads of fun as all the Y sites unite for a day of energy, excitement, and friendly competition!

Partial \$67
Full \$75

Wed 15 July 
Minions & Monsters at Lighthouse Cuba



Calling all little minions and monsters: We're headed to Lighthouse Cinema Cuba to watch the new Minions & Monsters movie on the big screen! Sit back and relax on the velvet couches, and enjoy some buttery popcorn with your friends. Please wear warm, comfortable attire for our walk to the venue!

Partial \$67
Full \$75

Thurs 16 July 
Sharing a Day with Our Community Heroes



Join us for an exciting day with visits from our local emergency services, including St. John's and the Wellington Central Police! Tamariki will get the opportunity to meet real-life heroes that keep our community safe. This will be a fun-filled day of learning through interactive activities, meaningful kōrero, and personal stories.

Partial \$57
Full \$65

Fri 17 July 
Winter Pajama Party with Furry Friends!



You're invited to our Winter Pajama Party! Dress code: cosiest pajamas. Don't forget to bring along a stuffed toy as your plus one! Escape the cold with us as we bake yummy goodies and sip on hot chocolate. We'll even share a puppy cuddle session with furry friends at Chance for Change, a local, not-for-profit dog rescue. If your child has a fear of dogs, please let us know.

Partial \$60
Full \$68

WHAT TO BRING:

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and hat
- Warm waterproof jacket
- Enough food for morning and afternoon tea plus lunch
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for an active day



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