

# Sunshine in Shirley

February / March 2026

## Welcome back for 2026

We've already had some great activities and events, and there's plenty more to come!

### Kids Holiday Programme



### Neighbourhood BBQ



OUR SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT

# Shine

Sunday 15th March

12 - 3pm

At MacFarlane Park  
Acheson Ave, Shirley

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

Food stalls // Entertainment // Archery // Pedal Mania  
Water Rollers // Bouncy Castles // and much more!

Like our Facebook page for event updates:  
facebook.com/shirleycommunitytrust  
or for more information, contact Sharyn: 022 621 8269

Christchurch City Council

Now that the big kids are back at school, check out some of these great local activities for pre-schoolers:

## Shirley Sparkling Stars

- Music • Movement
- Craft • Play

And morning tea for 0-5 year olds and their whānau. \$3 per family.

9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Every Monday during term time  
MacFarlane Park Centre  
19A Acheson Ave

Contact Carol for more information  
027 282 0693

Wednesdays 1 - 1:30 pm, term time only.  
Come early for a coffee, stay after for a play

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**kidsfirst MacFarlane Park**  
kindergartens

Kidsfirst Kindergarten MacFarlane Park  
19 Acheson Ave, Shirley  
(Next door to Neighbourhood Community Centre)  
Ph: 027 550 8407

Barnardos Early Learning

Te Puna Oraka

Enrol your child and receive  
**30 hours FREE**  
for 0-6 year olds\*.

0-6 year olds 8:00am - 4:30pm 0800 227 627 bel.org.nz/tepunaoraka

Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki

**FREE Children's day! 2026**

Sunday  
1 March  
11am - 3pm  
Cuthberts Green, Bromley

Event parking and entry from Linfield Park  
56 Kearneys Road, Bromley

ccc.govt.nz/childrensday

Playcentre  
**Messy Play Week**  
2-6 March '26

Come and join us at Shirley Playcentre for Messy Play Week!

61 Chancellor Street  
Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 9am - 1pm

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### MIGRANT VOICE PROJECT

If you've come to Aotearoa from another country we would love to hear about your experiences and what you would like to see happening in Shirley. Complete the survey or contact Masako (masako@shirleyvillage.org). <https://forms.gle/p68KY4n2gbFowU6a6>



### COMMUNITY GARDEN EXTENSION

You may have noticed oak logs (from Emmett and Riselaw Streets) beside the MacFarlane Park Community Garden. This is the start of a new extension to our existing community garden and development of a food forest.

To get involved in the community garden, join in on Thursdays 9:30-11:30am or contact Ann 027 470 0442. To get involved in oak projects contact Tim 022 198 4765.



### THE LISTENING POST + PLAY PRESERVATION TRUST

The Listening Post is a free afternoon tea at the MacFarlane Park Community Garden **every Monday after school, weather permitting**. Activities for kids, a chance for adults to have a cuppa and a chat.

Kai and inu (food and drink) provided.

**Play Preservation Trust** are joining us at the end of the term with Pop-up Play... just bring your imagination.

- 16th March - Pop-up Play & Smoothie Bike
- 23rd March - Pop-up Play
- 30th March Pop-up Play & BBQ

# What's on:

Neighbourhood Centre: 17 Acheson Avenue  
 Park Centre: 19A Acheson Avenue  
 Community Garden: Off Jebson Street



Monday/ Rāhina	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Shirley Sparkling Stars* - Park Centre</b> Music, movement, craft, & play for 0-5 year olds and their whānau. \$3 per family. Contact Carol: 027 282 0693
	10.00am - 2.00pm	<b>Neighbourhood Centre*</b> A warm, welcoming community space with \$2 barista drinks* (10.30am-1.30pm). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barista training* - \$7 per session.</li> <li>• TechMate device support first Monday of the month. Contact Sharyn: 022 621 8269</li> </ul>
	2.30pm - 4.00pm	<b>Listening Post* - Community Garden</b> Afternoon tea, activities for tamariki, a chance for grown ups to chat. No cost. Contact Emma: 022 103 8351
	6.15pm - 8.00pm	<b>'Pick Up' Touch Rugby - MacFarlane Park (outside the Park Centre)</b> Casual games, all abilities, no cost. During Daylight Saving. Contact Tim: 027 655 7172
Tuesday/ Rātu	10.00am - 1.30pm Every 3 weeks	<b>Nurse-led Foot Care Clinic - Park Centre</b> Foot spa/massage and nail care overseen by a Registered Nurse. Appointments essential. Cost: \$15. Contact Sharyn: 022 621 8269
Wednesday/ Rāapa	10.00am - 2.00pm	<b>Neighbourhood Centre*</b> A warm, welcoming community space with \$2 barista drinks* (10.30am - 1.30pm). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barista training* - \$7 per session.</li> <li>• Fruit &amp; Vege bag - \$15. Pick up 10am - 2pm. Contact Sharyn to order: 022 621 8269</li> <li>• Affordable Hair Cuts - last Wednesday of the month. Contact Sharyn to book: 022 621 8269</li> </ul>
	10.00am - 12.00pm Fortnightly	<b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group - Park Centre</b> Meet on yellow bin weeks to knit for good causes. Contact Sue: 027 6149 600
	10.00am - 11.30am Fortnightly	<b>Groove &amp; Move Seated Exercise Sessions - Park Centre</b> Meet on red bin weeks. No cost. Contact Teresa: 027 581 2555
	11.00am - 1.00pm	<b>Employment &amp; Services Support - Neighbourhood Centre</b> Free support for employment, study or accessing services. Contact Teresa: 027 581 2555
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	<b>Kidzone* - Park Centre</b> A free after-school programme for primary-age kids. Contact Sharyn: 022 621 8269
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	<b>Kapa Haka* - Park Centre</b> A group of locals learning Kapa Haka songs and actions. No cost. Contact Bec: 021 125 7846
Thursday/ Rāpere	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Gardening - Community Garden</b> A place to garden, sit, and chat with others. Contact Ann: 027 4700 442
	10.00am - 11.30am	<b>Groove &amp; Move Seated Exercise Sessions* - Park Centre</b> No cost. Contact Teresa: 027 581 2555
	12.00pm - 2.00pm Fortnightly	<b>Sewing Circle - Neighbourhood Centre</b> Sewing machine available to work on your project. Meet on yellow bin weeks. Contact Teresa: 027 581 2555
Friday/ Rāmere	9.30am - 12.00pm	<b>MacFarlanes on the Park Café* - Neighbourhood Centre</b> A warm, community café with fabulous food and barista drinks.
	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Shirley Walking Group* - meet at the Café</b> Join a group who walk around Shirley for 30-45mins. Contact Teresa: 027 581 2555

\*These groups meet during school terms only. All welcome at any activities.

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