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The Auckland Playcentres Association is very excited to present the opportunity for pre-school aged children to explore their creativity with an environmental focus at the Playcentre Trash to Fashion® Awards.

This is the second year that pre-school aged children can participate in the event which aims to provide its contestants with the chance to design and create costumes out of recycled and inorganic materials. "It's an opportunity to make something wonderful from those things that are left over, and usually thrown away. This year the Schools Trash to Fashion® celebrates the beauty of our world, and asks you to consider how we must take care of it. We believe that all people, and particularly young people, can change the world, one bit at a time. Reducing waste, reusing things, and recycling are ways in which we can do that."

Who is running the event?

The Auckland Playcentres Association will be running The Playcentre Trash To Fashion Awards® and 5 entries will be selected by a judging panel to be part of The Schools Trash To Fashion® 2009 Awards Show.

The event is open to all early childhood education services for children under 6 years of age.

How will it work?

Centres who want to participate will talk to the children to build awareness about rubbish and recycling, and about the award show. Children who decide they want to participate can create a design and collect trash to use in their creations.

This is intended to be the child's project and will have adults on hand to provide assistance (e.g. helping with hot glue gun) when necessary, but be **child led**. Sessions will need to create an enticing junk set-up for children to use when making their creations, and have adults on hand, just like you would set up for any other area of play. Having a special Playcentre Trash to Fashion® session is a great way to begin the process.

Age-appropriate assistance in the learning environment is acceptable. Not made by the adult for the child. Avoid using staples & sellotape, & **NO** sharp edges (mirrors, glass, or chicken-wire etc) anywhere on the garment. You are encouraged to use environmentally friendly glues, dyes, paints, resins etc in the construction of your garment. Garments must be well made, safe and durable, and able to be worn several times for rehearsals, judging and performances.

All children who create a garment/s for our event will get a participant medal. The five selected entries will be part of the Schools Trash To Fashion® Show, but will not be judged there. It is about learning, participation and showcasing the incredible talent and imagination of our Playcentre Trash to Fashion children!

Children who create an item do not have to wear it in the show if they don't want too or if they are unavailable on the dates. Someone else can wear it on their behalf. Please advise on registration if children require a model for their garment.

What is our category?

Our category is **Junkyard Superheroes**. Don't forget to tell your older siblings at school about the schools section. Check out www.trashtofashion.co.nz for more details.

"Think superheroes, their use of clothing and the way they move. Discover their eco special powers and what they might be!" (from the Trash To Fashion® website)



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What to use?

You can use anything you can find that has another life as a human-made product.
The only condition is that you **cannot use plastic shopping bags** at all!

What are the Judges looking for?

Child's input into design and construction
How the costume is constructed
Use of materials (materials used must be recycled, no plastic bags)
Theme
Durability - will the garment survive dress rehearsals and the show?
Stage presence

When is it happening?

Rehearsals: Saturday 1st August 10am to 12pm, Thursday 6th August 10.00am, Titirangi War Memorial Hall
Show: Sunday 9th August 1.30pm, Titirangi War Memorial Hall
School Rehearsal 29/30 August 5/6 September (MAU Theatre, Corban Estate Mt Lebanon Dr. Henderson)
Performance at the Schools Trash to Fashion Awards 12th and 13th September (MAU Theatre, Corban Estate)

How much does it cost?

Registration is \$2.00 per garment (this is to cover administration costs). Tickets to the show are \$2.00 each and children under 6 are free. Each participating child gets **one free ticket** for an adult to accompany them. Tickets can be purchased prior or at the door.

Where can I get more information?

Registration forms are available from the Auckland Playcentres Association at 12 Stock Street, New Lynn or can be downloaded from www.playcentre.org.nz. For more information contact Jaidan Mason at the Auckland Playcentres Association (09) 8278649 extension 4.

Registration are due by 1st July 2009 and garments by 1st August 2009.

There are many fabulous websites with environmental activities for pre-schoolers. Here are a couple we found:

kidsforsavingearth.org - print outs and activities

kindernature.storycounty.com - adult-child activities, fingerplays and songs

We hope you enjoy the process of creating your Playcentre Trash to Fashion® garment!

