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Pavlova with plenty of goodness

ET the facts. Get the recipes. Eat your way to wellbeing. That's what 50 Foods That Will Change Your Life is all about.

From increasing your vitality and boosting your brainpower to losing weight and preventing disease – these 50 familiar ingredients have a whole range of positive effects on women's health. And they taste pretty great, too.

Naturopath Emma Sutherland and home economist Michelle Thrift have teamed up and drawn on their extensive experience to give you the lowdown on how the foods we eat can change our lives.

Preheat the oven to 150C (130C fan-forced). Line a baking tray with baking paper marked with a 20cm circle in the centre, marked side down.

Beat the egg whites and salt together in a large bowl using an electric mixer on medium-high speed until soft peaks form.

With the beaters running, gradually add the sugar. Increase

the speed and beat until the mixture is glossy and stiff peaks form. Add the cornflour, vinegar and vanilla extract and beat until just combined.

Using a large metal spoon, dollop 1-2 spoonfuls of meringue mixture into the centre of the circle on the baking paper.

Spread evenly to fill the circle.

Spoon the remaining meringue

mixture over the top to form a mound, being careful not to flatten or spread the mixture too

The pavlova will expand approximately 5cm during cooking.

Bake for 20 minutes then reduce the temperature to 120C (100C fan-forced) and cook for a further 40 minutes.

Turn the oven off, open the door slightly and leave to cool in the oven for a minimum of one hour, or overnight.

When the pavlova is completely cool remove the baking paper and place the pavlova on a serving plate.

Top with whipped cream, mango slices, blueberries and pomegranate seeds.

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Pomegranate, blueberry & mango pavlova

Serves 6

The cream and sugar make this a dessert for special occasions (when a little indulgence is perfectly okay), rather than everyday eating. However, you still get the goodness of three types of fruit.

6 x 60 g organic eggs, whites separated pinch of salt

. 1½ cups caster sugar

1 tablespoon cornflour

1 tablespoon white vinegar or apple cider

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

300 ml thickened cream, whipped

1 large mango, peeled, deseeded and thinly sliced

½ cup blueberries

½ pomegranate (seeds only)

