



Manawatu
Multicultural Council Inc.

***"We celebrate, support & connect
multicultural communities in the
Manawatu"***

MMC President's Message

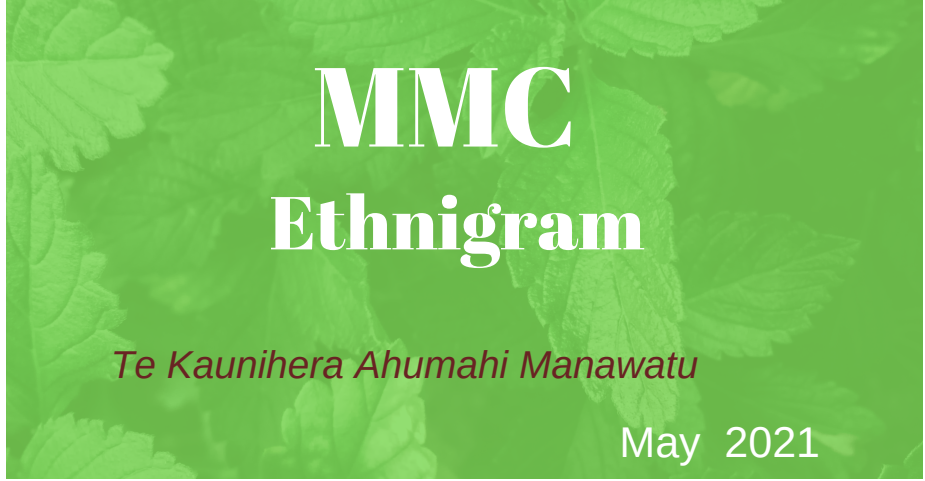
Warmest Greetings to you all as we start winter! The past month has been busy for MMC as we plan for events which are all promoted below. I had the great pleasure and privilege to attend the Federation of Multicultural New Zealand hui, where more than 50 leaders of Multicultural Communities around Aotearoa went to Paihia to learn about the history of Aotearoa from a Maori perspective. The hui included visiting the Treaty of Waitangi grounds where we, the members of Multicultural New Zealand, together with Tangata Whenua gathered to commemorate New Zealand's Multicultural communities' commitment to the Te Reo Maori version of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We planted a Kauri tree named "Mokopuna" to the first peoples of this land as a gesture of goodwill. May our dedication and commitment to Te Tiriti grow as strong and graceful as this Mokopuna.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Noorangi Puleosi who, on the 11 June will be leaving MMC after giving many years of appreciated work. Noorangi's welcoming smile and kindness will be missed. We wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

MMC send warm wishes to the Muslim Community for the end of Ramadhan in May and congratulates them and IPU for a lovely EID Festival on 16 May.

Nina Kirschbaum
President MMC



MMC Job Opportunity

The Manawatu Multicultural Council (MMC) is hiring a part-time **Office Administrator, Communications and Project Support** person who will be responsible for providing office and organisational administrative support, project support, and communications, to ensure the successful operation and delivery of MMC services. Applicants must be able to work locally from our Palmerston North office. Contact MMC for the Job Description.

Applications: Please send the following to the Manawatu Multicultural Council, by **4pm on Monday 21 June 2021**

- Your CV focussing on skills related to this job
- A cover letter stating why you would like the position and what skills and experience you would bring to the job and organisation
- The names and full contact details of two references who can comment on your work skills and experience. Referees will be contacted. Please advise them of this.

Send to: The Manawatu Multicultural Council, PO Box 2031, Palmerston North

Physical address: Community House, 77 - 85 King Street, Palmerston North 4410

Email: info@mmcnz.org.nz Phone: +64 6 358 1572

Website: <https://www.mmcnz.org.nz/home>

Free MMC Workshop 9 June - Strengthen you Committee/Board

Learn how to develop your committee/board - a great training opportunity for MMC members !On **Wednesday 9 June at MMC, 5.30pm to 7pm King Street, PN.**

Let us know you are coming - email info@mmcnz.org.nz as soon as possible

The focus is on basic Governance or committee/board management and operations, focussing on building strength, knowledge and developing

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World on Stage 2021 Friday 9 July from 6.30pm, Regent Theatre

Tickets will shortly be on sale for the Manawatu Multicultural Council's fantastic World on Stage 2021 at the beautiful grand Regent Theatre, Broadway Palmerston North, on Friday July 9th! The fun starts on Broadway Ave from 6.30pm, with street performances. There will be foyer craft displays. The show will take you around the world and will feature a special PN150 years story of our migrant history. At 9.15pm we will finish on the street with the dynamic rhythms of fabulous Brazilian inspired group Samba ao Vento – a time for you all to dance! Yes it is time to celebrate our unique Palmerston North diversity. Come see the world in Palmerston North, at World on Stage 2021!

Acknowledging the MMC work of Noorangi Puleosi

The 11th of June will be Noorangi's last day at MMC after many years of work. She has seen many different MMC Presidents and Executives. This fitting tribute to Noorangi's contribution is from:

Ute Walker

Past President of MMC.

"Kia maru e vara e kai ei koe i te inuinu o Mangaia."

Be gentle my friends so that you may eat the fat of Mangaia.

Be gentle and kind so that others may be friendly and helpful to you.

With this Cook Islands proverb I want to recognise the person who has lived and modelled the spirit of gentleness and kindness in the Centre for many years, our dear friend Noorangi who leaves us this month after nearly 20 years of tireless work in the Centre.

Noorangi was one of the first to work in what was called the Multicultural Resource Centre back then, the first in New Zealand. She has been a key to the centre's growth and success in her role and team work with others. She has supported countless activities and projects, groups and individuals, and has worked to support the different MMC presidents and committees over the years. We have all come to love and respect Noorangi and I wish to thank her from the bottom of my heart for her many contributions. We will all miss your warm and cheerful presence, Noorangi! All the very best for the years ahead and farewell. *Aere Ra!*

A round up of recent MMC and community events

MMC Holiday Programme

The Holiday Programme from 27-29th April was a great success once again with 70 tamariki (children) registered for the MMC event. This was a big growth in numbers from last year's 30 children and a challenge for the leaders/volunteers, but the team did a fantastic job. Along with our usual sports, we added arts and crafts. This was popular and was appreciated by tamariki who wanted a quiet space.

It was awesome to see the kids trying new sports such as indoor hockey, badminton, basketball, roll'a'ball and sprint races at the Massey athletics track.

We will hold another holiday programme this year where we can hopefully accommodate up to 80 children so watch the MMC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mmcnzpn> and your school newsletters for MMC holiday programme.



MMC Cooking Workshop

Global Parents Support (GPS) was the host at MMC's monthly cooking workshop on Friday 21st of May 2021. The GPS volunteers, Angel, Kari, Hideko and Ferinur, demonstrated how to make "comfort food" and shared their food stories from diverse countries as Hong Kong, America, Japan and Turkey. It was a great lunch tasting this delicious food. Common comfort food was soup, chocolate and puddings. We all agreed that everyone deserves a relaxing moment!



GPS is a PN non-profit community group that promotes cultural diversity and education, by hosting events such as the Global Passport, the Global Kitchen, cultural days at local schools and a Global Festival.

GPS is recruiting volunteers to help at the Global Festival on Saturday 24 of July in Te Manawa. If you are interested, please email globalparents.nz@gmail.com



Snapshots taken on Friday 21st May 2021

General Information

A pathway of proverbs - Item 1

We live in a city with a wonderful diversity of people, cultures and languages.

And there is now a new way to experience this, while enjoying the beautiful scenery along the Manawatū River.

Te Arapiki a Tāne is a walkway along two sets of steps that take you from Te Motu o Poutoa (Anzac Park) down to the river and back up to Vaucluse Heights - or the other way around. Take your time as you walk and catch your breath so that you can enjoy the proverbs which have been installed along the pathway.

Reflect on the wisdom of proverbs from around the world which represent proverbs submitted by the community, and likely by many of the readers of this newsletter.

There are currently only 12 installations in ten languages, but you will probably find that they have things in common with many proverbs in other languages because they express our human experience, values and wisdoms.

You will also be able to enjoy the artistic presentation of the proverbs, which have been carved into metal, and rocks. The back of some of the steps or even on the back of bench seats invite you to rest, starting on the pathway from Vaucluse Heights.

You will be greeted by a Māori proverb which beautifully symbolises the diversity of people and their languages through the diversity of birds and their songs:

"Koekoe te kōkō, ketekete te kākā, kūkū te kererū"-The tūi sings, the parrot chatters, the pigeon coo

As you cross one section of steps you will see words of wisdom in Vietnamese:

"Cố công mài sắt, có ngày nên kim".

"Kaua mā te waewae tūtuki engari mā te upoko pakaru."

Put effort into filing a metal bar and it eventually becomes a needle.

If you haven't visited the proverbs pathways, please do. It's a great opportunity to meet other people along the way and grow your roots in our Manawatu home.

As the German proverb says:

"Wer nicht wagt, der nicht gewinnt"

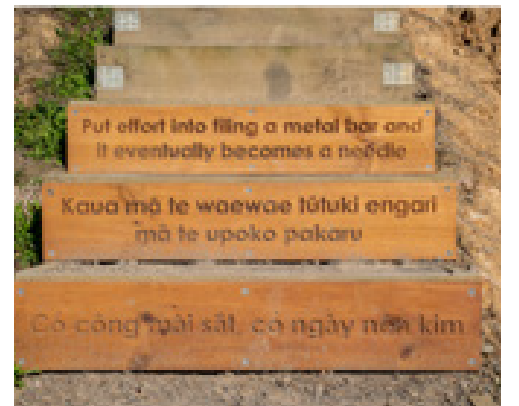
"Kia oke ururoatia." *Who doesn't dare, doesn't win*

The proverbs pathway started as a joint initiative of Massey University scholars and the Palmerston North City Library and received funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) towards Welcoming Communities activity

Ute Walker

Joint initiator of the proverbs project

Past President of the MMC



Farewell Nara & Caio

Recently we farewelled Nara and Caio, students of the English Conversation Language classes.

They have returned home to Brazil, a place of very high Covid 19 infections, so our concern and best wishes go with them.

For 3 years they fully participated in many activities either with MMC or other Voluntary Organisations for nearly 3 years.

Nara, a scientist, worked at Ag Research and Caio, a Vet, volunteered in many activities, including being as a rat catcher for an eradication programme!

We wish you well!

Angela Joblin



Snapshots taken at Nara & Caio's farewell.

*The best of
multicultural
performing arts and
great family
entertainment*

WORLD

ON STAGE 2021

REGENT ON BROADWAY - PALMERSTON NORTH

FRIDAY, JULY 9
7- 9:30PM

Adult \$12 | Children (11 years and under) \$7
Student (with ID) / Senior (with ID) \$7

Tickets from Regent Theatre booking office

Ticketek 0800 842 538

Online www.regent.co.nz



What's on at the Manawatu Multicultural Centre?

Activity	Day	Time	
English Conversation	Monday	10-11.30am 1-2.30pm	MMC
Computer Classes	Tuesday	9-11.30am	MMC
Art Sharing – Make your own	Wednesday	10-11.30am	MMC
English Conversation	Wednesday	1-2.30pm	MMC
English Conversation	Thursday	10-11.30am 1-2.30pm	MMC
English Conversation	Friday	10-11.30am	MMC
Outdoor English Conversation	Friday	1-2.30pm	Esplanade
Art & Craft	1 st Friday of each month	1-2.30pm	MMC
Basic Cooking	2 nd Friday of each month	12-1pm	MMC
Coffee Morning	3 rd Wednesday of each month	10-11.30am	MMC
Potluck Dinner	Last Friday of each month	6-8pm	TBA

Why join the Manawatu Multicultural Council

- To practice your English in a safe and friendly environment
- To interact with other people and make new friends
- To get information and build networks and connections
- To share, learn and celebrate each others culture
- To learn about New Zealand culture and customs.
- To work together with other community groups and organisations

Regular Events

SESSIONS & CLASSES

English conversation classes

Beginners: Tues, Thursday from 10am-12noon
Advanced: Monday to Thursday from 1pm-3pm

Outdoor English Conversation

Every Friday from 1-3pm at the Esplanade

Sharing Art Culture

Wednesday 10am - 11.30am at the Centre.

Basic cooking classes

Every second Friday of the month, from 12-1pm at the Centre.

Potluck dinner

Last Friday of the month, 6pm-8pm at the Centre

To get updates on our activities, visit and like our Facebook page or email us on info@mmcnz.org.nz to receive notifications

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