



Te Kaunihera Ahumahi Manawatū



NEWSLETTER

OCT - DEC 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

Language Expo
MMC Annual Dinner
Marae Visit
Christmas Parade
Christmas Lunch
Upcoming Events 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 25 Summer Reading Programme
- 27 Lunar New Year



FEBRUARY

- 17 Ethkick
- 23 Lantern Parade & Carnival
- 24 Festival of Cultures
- 25 Teas and Coffees of the World



MARCH

- DATES ARE TBC
- World Heritage Month
- Race Relations Day



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Warm greetings to you all!



As we approach the end of another year, I wish to extend my gratitude for the achievements and unwavering commitment demonstrated by our organisation. Reflecting on the milestones and challenges that shaped us, it is important to thank every member of our community.

A special thanks to our invaluable volunteers, the unsung heroes who generously give their time, energy, and expertise to support our programs. Your commitment is crucial to our organisation, and without your generosity, we could not fulfil our mission.

We deeply appreciate the difference you make every day.

To our membership, thank you for your ongoing support and belief in our vision. Your involvement is the foundation of our existence. Your collective voice propels us forward and keeps us inspired to reach new heights. We are honoured to have you as part of our community.

I want to express my appreciation to our dedicated past and present staff and Board. Your efforts, innovative thinking and dedication have been the driving force behind the success this year. Each of you has played a crucial role in advancing our mission, and I am grateful for the passion and expertise you bring to our organisation.

As we approach the festive seasons, we extend a warm wish for a peaceful celebration to each of you. Our thoughts also go out to those near and far who are affected by the current world conflicts.

Thank you all for being an important part of our community and for your consistent support.

Nina Kirschbaum
President MMC



September

30th Language Expo

October

8th Kids Market Day
9th Japanese Students Visit
19th Raising Kids in Bilingual
25th Three Steps for Life
27th Vietnam Potluck Dinner

December

3rd Christmas Parade
9th Awapuni Day
13th Christmas Lunch

November

3rd Cooking Demonstration
10th Happy Woman Workshop
11th Palmy Play Fest
17th MMC members Meet & Greet)
24th Annual Dinner
30th Marae Visit
Water safety training

September

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LANGUAGE EXPO



Visitors at one of language booth exhibitors (left) and kids' performance (right) at PN city library

MMC, PN City Library, and DIA hosted the Language Expo, a celebration of diversity and cultural exchange, on September 30th. The event showcased the cultural richness of diversity through numerous activities and provided an interactive way to learn about different languages spoken in Palmerston North. The Language Expo brought people together to connect and learn from each other, creating a unique opportunity for cultural exchange. The organizers extend their appreciation to all participants and contributors to the event's success.

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Hola!

October

KIDS MARKET DAY



Stall holders in kids market day

Thank you to everyone who made our kids' market day a success. Your unwavering support to our little vendors and the event is highly appreciated. A special shoutout to Youth Space for providing us with the venue, the kids and parents who put up stalls and participated, and Global Parent Support for collaborating with us. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more upcoming events.

JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT



Group photo with Japanese students from IPU

We were thrilled at MMC to welcome Japanese high school students, currently undertaking English courses at IPU, to join our English classes on October 9th and 11th, 2023. We extend our gratitude to IPU New Zealand for connecting the students with MMC, and a special thanks to Kate and Kathleen, our volunteer English teachers who lead the classes.



RAISING BILINGUAL CHILDREN

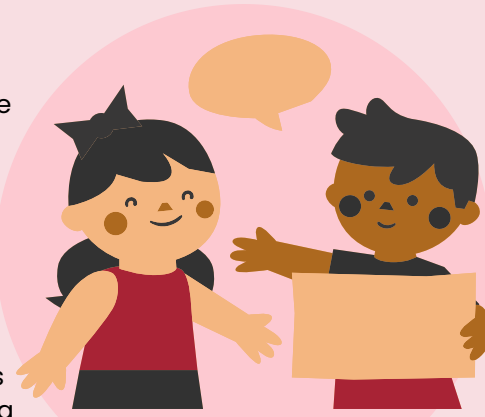


The speakers on the day



People who attended the workshop with Q&A

The workshop offered essential insights into the significance of bilingualism and the importance of heritage language in family life. Andrea Ceron's presentation, "Spanish at the Front Door," emphasized the benefits of regularly incorporating Spanish into daily routines, while Arianna Berardi-Wiltshire's presentation, "Encouraging the Use of the Heritage Language in the Home: What Works," provided practical advice for parents and caregivers to encourage the use of heritage language at home. These efforts to preserve and promote bilingualism and heritage language use are commendable. Thank you to all who attended the workshop.



THREE STEPS FOR LIFE - CPR AWARENESS SESSION

We extend our gratitude to St. John for their collaboration in facilitating this workshop, which provided individuals with the knowledge and proficiency to perform CPR. Acquiring this new skillset not only instills confidence and preparedness in emergency situations but also equips us to potentially save lives and make a positive impact in our community. This workshop is invaluable in empowering individuals with life-saving abilities.



Demo performed by the facilitator



MMC MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNER: VIETNAM

On the 27th of October, we were joined by the Vietnam Community, who beautifully showcased their culture through music, dance, arts, crafts and of course, food. We would like to thank Palmy Vietnamese Association - PVA for their collaboration and effort, including the performers and everyone else involved. Thank you also to everyone who came along and brought a dish to share, our volunteers and staff who organized and assisted with the event preparation, and lastly to UCOL Te Pūkenga Manawātū for providing us with the venue and cooperating with us to make the event a success.



Group photo with Ethnic Community



COOKING DEMONSTRATION



Cooking demo by volunteer

At Manawatu Multicultural Council, we believe that sharing our traditions and heritage is a great way to bring people together and promote understanding and appreciation of different cultures. We were thrilled to have Rita share her Pav Bhaji recipe with us during the cooking demonstration on November 3rd. It was a delicious dish that everyone enjoyed!

If you have a recipe you would like to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Our cooking demonstrations are a great way to showcase your culinary skills and share your cultural heritage with others. Please contact us at admin@mmcnz.org.nz if you would like to participate.



HAPPY WOMAN WORKSHOP



ethnic groups participated in the workshop

The Happy Woman Workshop was a collaborative effort between the Manawatu Multicultural Council, Arcs, Parentline, Think Hauora, Main and Women's Refuge. This unique workshop aimed to empower women from diverse backgrounds and help them lead fulfilling lives. Through a series of interactive sessions and activities, participants learnt valuable skills for personal and professional development. Topics covered included self-care, stress management, communication, goal setting, and more. The workshop provided a safe and supportive environment where women could connect, share experiences, and learn from each other.

PALMY PLAY FEST



Palmy Play Fest was a collaborative event between MMC and PNCC, as a way to celebrate different ways to play! Thank you to all the communities who participated and hosted a stall. Thank you to everyone who came along and made this event a success!

MMC MEMBERS MEET & GREET

Creating a sense of community and fostering connections is always an exciting prospect. In November, the Meet and Greet event proved to be an excellent opportunity to welcome new MMC board members and interact with fellow members. The event provided a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments and allowed attendees to learn about the latest developments planned for the community. The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of the attendees, and we are grateful for their participation. We look forward to more such occasions to come together and support each other through MMC. We appreciate your support.

MMC ANNUAL DINNER 2023



Group photo with all attendees during MMC annual dinner 2023

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who attended our annual dinner at the Community Leisure Centre on December 24th. The night was an incredible success, and we are thrilled to have had so many special guests, including Mayor Grant Smith, Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall-Lobb, MP Tangi Utikere, Councillor Lorna Johnson, Councillor Orphee Mickalad, Councillor William Woods and Councillor Lew Findlay, present at the event.

We would like to thank the catering team for their excellent food, the dedicated volunteers who offered their assistance, and the broader ethnic communities for joining us. It was an honor to recognize and celebrate the Community Members, volunteers, and student interns during the event.



Speech by MMC president

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the performers, Aziza Bellydance Palmerston North, Konami Yamanaka (IPU) and Keigo Fujita (IPU), for their outstanding performances. The raffle tickets were a fun addition to our event, and we appreciate those who purchased tickets and supported our fundraising program.

Congratulations to all the winners!

We extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated staff and board members of MMC for their continuous support and tireless efforts in ensuring the success of our events. We are excited to see what next year's event will bring!

Cheer

WATER SAFETY TRAINING



MMC Collaborates with Sport Manawātū and Lido Aquatic Centre to Offer Water Safety Training for Local Ethnic Communities

As we prepare ourselves for the upcoming summer season, MMC has been working with Sport Manawātū and Lido Aquatic Centre to provide Water Safety Training for our local ethnic communities. The Lido has been delivering Water Safety fundamentals over the past eight weeks, which include safe entries and exits, treading water, signalling for help, survival strokes, and river and rip safety. We would like to express our appreciation to the Lido Aquatic Centre for their fantastic collaboration and content delivery, and to Sport Manawatu for sponsoring this fantastic programme.

MMC HOSTS VISIT TO TE RANGIMARIE MARAE FOR ETHNIC COMMUNITIES



In November, MMC organised a visit for the ethnic communities to Te Rangimarie Marae. The aim was to introduce Tangata Tiriti to Tangata Whenua and Maori heritage, arts, culture and society. This activity serves to strengthen community relationships and deepen engagement while fostering a better understanding of the culture. MMC has conducted these visits previously, but due to Covid-19, the program was halted. Now that the pandemic has passed, and more newcomers, evacuees, and refugee families have entered the city, MMC is resuming this activity.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Wiremu and Trieste Te Awe Awe and Todd Taiepa for their warm hospitality. They put together a fantastic program that gave our group insights into the history of the Marae, the role of women in the Marae, and hands-on experiences with the poi dance (women) and haka (men). We would also like to thank Tranzit for arranging the group's transportation and everyone who joined us on the visit. Lastly, we appreciate the MMC staff involved in the planning and coordination of this event for their hard work behind the scenes.

December



CHRISTMAS PARADE On December 3rd, MMC enthusiastically participated in the city's annual Christmas Parade, embracing the festive atmosphere and spreading cheer. Our gratitude goes out to the community organisations and individuals who joined us in the procession, as well as the Kairanga Lions for organising it. We extend our appreciation to our dedicated truck driver, marshals, volunteers, and staff, who braved the inclement Sunday morning weather to transport balloons and decorations. We trust that everyone had an enjoyable time!

AWAPUNI 4412 PAIA DAY



The Manawatu Multicultural Council's stall at the Paia Day in Awapuni was a great success. Not only did we have interactive activities for everyone to enjoy, but we also gave out free food cooked by Rita. Despite the windy conditions, the day was filled with fun and excitement, especially with the live band playing in the background. It was a great opportunity to help and support our wider community, and we are grateful for the chance to be a part of such a wonderful event.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to all who joined our end-of-the-year celebration and for bringing the delicious food.

Thank you for all your continued support. Wishing you all a Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!



ANNOUNCEMENT

MMC office will be closed from the 18th of December 2023, and will resume normal business hours on the 15th of January 2024.



WHAT'S ON AT MMC?

WEEKLY:

All our classes here at MMC depend on the availability of the Volunteer teachers

Mondays:

English Conversation – 10 am

English Conversation – 1 pm

Tuesdays:

Computing Class– 10 am

Wednesdays:

English Conversation – 10 am

Yoga – 12.30 pm

Thursdays:

Sharing Arts & Culture – 10 am

English Conversation – 1 pm

Fridays:

English Conversation – 1 pm

MONTHLY :

- Cooking Demonstration – any Friday
- Potluck Dinner– every last Friday
- St. John's 3 Steps for Life (First Aid)



WHY JOIN MMC?

- 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 other's culture
- To learn about New Zealand culture and customs.
- To work together with other community groups and organisations

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