

Marlborough Migrant Centre Newsletter



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* Promoting and Facilitating Unity in Diversity *

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We have moved to new premises!

Marlborough Migrant Centre

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Our **Multicultural Festival, 14 March 2009** in Pollard Park, celebrating Race Unity Day and the diversity of Marlborough was a very popular event again this year.

A very big 'Thank You' to all the volunteers, performers and stall holders for making it happen!



Global Football Festival, Saturday, 5 September 2009

A&P showgrounds in Blenheim. Compete for the 'Global Friendship in Marlborough – Cup'. Start forming teams and practicing now! It will be a great day of sports and global friendship. Contact Andreja on: 579 6410 or email: mmc@marlboroughonline.co.nz

One Community – Many Faces

Newcomers Network Calendar

New Newcomers Network Coffee mornings!

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Café Cultura, 10-11.30am, Market St, Blenheim.



'The Newcomers Network Family Connection'

(formerly 'The Parents and children's group')

This group meets every three months. At NMIT 85 Budge St., hosted by Carolyn Gregg. Enjoy interesting guest speakers and meet other parents, while nanny students help look after the children! Morning tea provided.

2009 Dates: **Friday 21 August, 10am-12pm** and **Friday 20 November, 10am-12pm**

Craft group

This group still meets every first Wednesday of the month, 6.30-8.30pm, at Riversdale Community House, 131 Budge St, Blenheim. Hosted by Shalom: shalom@xnet.co.nz.

2009 Dates: 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December

We are always looking for new ideas for regular activities (eg movie nights, chess club, book club etc) and people wanting to run these. Please get in touch if you would like to become an activities coordinator!

**Join the
Marlborough
Newcomers
Network! It's
FREE to join!
Call us on Ph:
(03) 579 2460**

International Calendar

21 February	International Mother Language Day
8 March	United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Race Relations Day)
15 May	International Day of Families
5 June	World Environment Day
20 June	World Refugee Day
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12 August	International Youth Day
21 Sep.	International Day of Peace
16 Nov.	International Day of Tolerance
5 Dec.	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
10 Dec.	Human Rights Day
18 Dec.	International Migrants Day

If you would like to find out about all National or Religious Holidays you can go to the Australian government's website: <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/a-diverse-australia/calendar-australia/>

ESOL Home Tutors now become English Language Partners

Our new name has been chosen to more accurately reflect the wide range of language and settlement support services provided to migrants and refugees. It better reflects the way our service equips migrants and refugees with English language.

In Marlborough we provide a home tutoring service and a number of different class based English language programmes.

The following services are *free* for Permanent Residents:

One to One Home Tutors

We have trained volunteer tutors who can support students in their home on individual learning programmes.

English for Families

We are delighted to receive funding to run this programme again this year.

It's a great opportunity for parents to get together, share their experiences, improve their English and gain knowledge about our Early Childhood Education system and the development of their young children.

This course is held on Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Children are welcome.

English for Employees

This is a new programme being offered in 2009 dedicated to helping people in the workplace improve their English.

Classes will be run on Thursday evenings 6-8.30pm.

Classes for Non-Permanent Residents are also now available:

Social English Groups

Join a group to enjoy conversational English.

Our groups will meet out of working hours.

Places are limited and a small fee will be requested.

For further information contact:

Tracey Ellis

English Language Partners

Marlborough House

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Other Interesting Bits and Pieces

- * **Community Gardens** initiative at 85 Budge St, behind NMIT – initiated and supported by Nutrition and Physical Activity Programme and NMIT. If anyone/any ethnic, cultural community group is interested to join in please contact the Migrant Centre, ph. 579 2460
- * **Stadium 2000** on Kinross St, has a great public swimming pool, holiday programmes for children and a gym offering different sports classes. Visit to find out more or call: 577 8300.
- * Check out the **Parent and Child Expo** at the **Marlborough Convention Centre on 14 June.**
- * **The Parents Centre** runs child birth education classes for new parents (evenings) and a popular 'baby and you' course (day time) for mums and new babies. These run about 6 times a year with people grouped together depending on babies' birth dates. These then continue as more informal coffee groups. Contact the Parents Centre: marlborough@parentscentre.org.nz



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Interested?

Our mission is to promote and facilitate unity in diversity in Marlborough.

Our key services are:

- * Supporting newcomers to Marlborough**
- * Helping organizations and agencies with migrant matters**
- * Education/awareness raising**
- * Social functions and events**
- * Promoting Marlborough as a multi-cultural province and celebrating cultural diversity**

We are always looking for people who would like to become a 'Friend of the Migrant Centre', get involved in our committee working groups or in any other way. And we would be happy to hear from businesses and organizations that would like to support us, financially or otherwise.

Please get in touch if you do - Thank you very much!!!

- **Our free workshop series – for all newcomers/migrants** – Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm. Next dates: 24 June (Legal Issues), 26 August, 23 September (Careers/Jobs), 28 October, 25 November At Migrant Centre, 21 Henry St, Blenheim, ph: 579 6410.
- **Twilight Farmers Market** every Thursday in The Forum, 3.30-6pm
- Funky '**Cafe Cultura**' on Market St (opposite Internet shop) is offering their great space, dance floor and stage free of charge to any ethnic/community group for any special events or meetings. They will be holding weekly Salsa nights and many other events – Contact Suzana Sagadin on 578 5001.
- **Marlborough4Fun Event Guide** — for general regular activities and events in Marlborough, monthly supplement in the Saturday Express newspaper or www.marlborough4fun.co.nz.
- **Riversdale Community House newsletter:** email Sue to get a copy sent to you: riversdalecommunityhouse@xtra.co.nz
- **And don't forget the Global Football festival! Saturday, 5 September 2009** - A&P showgrounds in Blenheim. Compete for the 'Global Friendship in Marlborough – Cup'. Start forming teams and practicing now! It will be a great day of sports and global friendship. Ph: 579 6410 or email: mmc@marlboroughonline.co.nz

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