

NEWS OUT WEST

March 2010 **The Settlement Support Waitakere Newsletter**

Te Raa Mokopuna on 27th March 2010

10am to 3 pm at Moire Park, Massey

Great Free Family Fun Day



The inspiration for Te Raa Mokopuna came from *Kaumata Wiremu Heteraka* at Te Piringatahi Marae. He wanted to create a local event to celebrate young people and families in Massey and that bring children, teenagers, families and grandparents together in a way that connect the generations and celebrate the good things about growing up in Massey. Participation has increased from 1500 in 2007 to 2000 in 2008 and over 2500 in 2009! 2010's event will include activities popular at previous events, as well as some new ones,



and there is something interesting for every age. For the smaller children there is storytelling and face painting and they can show off their skills with some craft activities. Other

free activities include; hip hop demos in the Youth Area, pampering Women's Space, workshop and cars for Men's Space, cooking demo from Community Gardens and health promotion etc. And, of course, there are food stalls to keep your tummy filled and information stands where you could see what help and advice is available to you and to talk to people who are offering it.

Volunteers needed:

Here are some of the roles to be filled. If you know of someone or an organisation who would be interested please get them to contact *Linda Shaw* 832 0431 linda.shaw@waitakere.govt.nz

- Set up crews
- Stall go to person
- Take down crews
- Trash Ambassadors
- Parking and Security
- Volunteers Food coordination
- Green Room
- Cooking demo area
- Food stalls go to person
- Sports field activities
- Information desk

If you want a stall or a space set aside at Te Raa Mokopuna for your promotional stand, food stall or other activities, please contact *Rocky Tahuri* at western.tahuri@xtra.co.nz (you will need to fill the application form and return to *Rocky* by 5 March)



Settlement Support Update

The Settlement Support Waitakere recently recruited a Settlement Support Administrator *Alice Shu*. *Alice* works alongside with Settlement Support Coordinator *Ayumi Shibata*. Settlement Support Waitakere provides free local information for newcomers.

- Provide information, advice and referral service
- Seminars and workshops
- Networking with local service providers
- News Out West Newsletter

For further information, please e-mail

ssnzwaitakere@Waitakere.govt.nz

Free Jobsearch Support at the Libraries Migrant Action Trust

Every Friday

New Lynn Library, 10 am to 12 noon

Registration a MUST. Email info@migrantactiontrust.org.nz or call 629 3500 or text 027 532 6281



Casual Employment

All employees are entitled to a written employment agreement; this includes casual employees. Casual employees are entitled to paid annual holidays, how these are remunerated depends on the arrangement between you and your employer. For information on entitlements for casual employees, www.ers.govt.nz/relationships/casuals.html

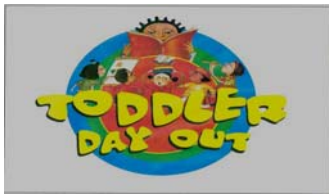
Also casual employees have the same rights as all other employees when it comes to Health and Safety. To find out more about managing Health and Safety visit www.osh.govt.nz

Toddler Day Out - Great Parenting Fair

Sunday 7 March 10am - 3pm

The Trust Stadium (Central Park Drive, Henderson)

A day of free fun for children under five as well as their parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents. The day is focused on learning activities, fun rides, petting zoo, non-stop stage show of multicultural family friendly acts and competitions, information and services for parents, a healing area for free massages and high quality educational equipment



and toddler friendly products. Bring along your toddlers and their favourite relatives, there will be prizes for four generation families!

Bring a picnic (or there is some food to purchase if you wish). For more information ph Anita on 8387105 or Elaine 8374849

Notice from local MP

On 2nd of Feb, hundreds of Tongan overstayers were heading to Waitangi believing that there is a path to New Zealand Citizenship through adoption into a Hapu. It is one of the examples of scams in offering non NZ Citizenship by people who do not have the authority to do so. The only path to residence or citizenship is through the New Zealand government.

TWILIGHT FARMERS MARKET

Every Friday Evening (4.30pm to 8.30pm)

The Ranui Community House, 474 Swanson Road, Local Produce - Hand Crafts - Organic & Spray Free Produce - Meat & Fish - Honey - Gluten Free Treats - Artisan Breads and lots more. Tea Tree Café Open - Espresso Coffee & Delicious Food - Children's Play Ground

Phone Rosanna for info: 837 4431 or see us at the Community House

Research - Quota Refugees in NZ

The department of Labour has just released a report, "Quota Refugees in NZ – Approvals and Movements (1999 – 2008)"

Published by IMSED research the report summaries quota refugees approvals in NZ and then examines the subsequent movement patterns of quota refugees to understand their mobility.

From 1999 – 2008, a total of 7,843 people from 56 countries were approved for NZ residence through the Quota Refugee Programme. These people came under the International/Humanitarian Stream of the NZ Residence Programme, which allows for the settlement of 750 refugees annually. The largest number of Quota refugees came from;

- Afghanistan (17%)
- Myanmar (16%)
- Iraq (13%)

In terms of age;

- 60% was under 25 years of age
- 14% was aged over 40 years.

In terms of gender;

- 53% was male

You can download a full report;

<http://dol.govt.nz/publications/research/quota-refugees/index.asp>

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Community Link in Westgate

Ministry of Social Development provides Community Link where people can get help for a range of needs by a variety of social services and agencies centrally located in one place. These services could range from simple financial assistance through to advocacy, support, education and counselling services.

Community Links have private meeting rooms available for you to use should you wish to have a personal conversation with a service provider, as well as community room for use by community groups and agencies. For more details, contact Debbie Hunt: Westgate Community Link Manager. Debbie.nunt006@msd.govt.nz



Sunday 28 February

10am-4pm

Olympic Park, New Lynn

www.ecoday.org.nz

EcoDay

Waitakere's Sustainable living festival, EcoDay is now in its eighth year and aims to provide visitors with the information, advice and tools they need to bring sustainable living into their everyday lives. Over 70

exhibitors will be participating in EcoDay. To view the directory of exhibitors, the seminar, workshop and Eco tours programme or for general information about the event, visit www.ecoday.org.nz

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