



# Welcoming Schools Programme



## NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov 2023

As we enter term 4, the Welcoming Schools Programme is very happy to share with schools and families some information in past events, exciting events coming soon and some information to assist and facilitate the integration process for Migrant and Former Refugee students and their families in our school spaces.

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# RECENT EVENTS

## WSP ISA Report Launch

On Tuesday 5th September, during Welcoming Week, PNCC Welcoming Communities hosted the launch of the Welcoming Schools Programme (WSP) Inclusivity Strength Analysis Report at Palmerston North Central Library.

The event was a huge success and we appreciate the support of everyone who attended.

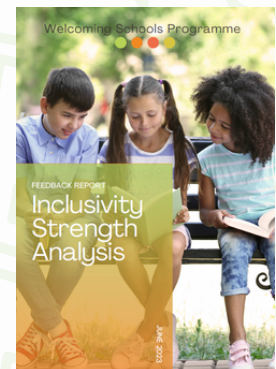
The Analysis would not have been possible if it were not for the Schools and Migrant and former Refugee families that so freely gave their time and insights in their participation of the analysis.



A special thank you to Mayor Grant Smith, MP Tangi Utikere, Councillor Lorna Johnson, Councillor Orphee Mickalad, Cr Rachel Bowen, the WSP stakeholders, and guests for being part of this event.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the performers who added a touch of entertainment and made the event even more enjoyable.

The report is available on the MMC Website at [www.mmcnz.org.nz](http://www.mmcnz.org.nz) or by clicking on the cover to the right.



## Welcoming Communities Welcoming Week Welcoming our newest residents

Palmerston North geared up for a series of engaging events to celebrate Welcoming Week 2023, which kicked off on Friday 1 September.

Under the theme 'Nau mai rā, glad you're here,' this year's festivities were designed to showcase the warmth and inclusivity of Palmy and aim to make new residents feel right at home.

*Click here for more information.*



# RECENT EVENTS

## Kids Market



On the the 8th of October, MMC and Global Parents Support hosted yet another successful kids market at Youth Space.

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.



## The Nigerian Community celebrated 63 years of independence



Nigeria Cultural Day on October 14 filled the Community Leisure Centre with a kaleidoscope of green and white echoing the colours of the Nigerian flag. The green symbolises the nation's abundant natural wealth, while the white represents peace.

Children added a delightful touch by welcoming guests in their native Nigerian languages with many wearing their traditional dress on the day.

*[Click here for more information!](#)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Palmy Play Festival 11 November 2023



National Play Week 2023 is coming up in November. To celebrate, we're hosting a Multicultural Play Festival - Taiopenga ā-Rēhia for Palmy!

PNCC is working with Manawatū Multicultural Council, Global Parents Support and lots of other awesome community groups to bring this event to life.

Everyone has the right to have some fun, and we know that play is a great way to bring people together. This will be a free community event that celebrates popular games from around the world. Playing is a great way for people to connect, learn and celebrate our city's cultural diversity. See you there!

*Click here for more information.*



**When:**

Saturday, 11 November 2023  
02:00 PM - 04:30 PM

**Location:**

Te Awe Awe Quad, Te Marae o Hine, The Square, Palmerston North Central, 4410

## Multicultural Playgroup 13 Oct TO 24 Nov 2023

Bring your kids (ages 0 to 5 years) along for a fun-filled morning of activities.

Our playgroup is designed to stimulate your child's imagination, promote socialisation, and provide a safe and nurturing environment for them to learn and grow.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other families in the community.

Activities include:

- Singing
- Storytime
- Games
- Craft (finger painting) and more!

For more info contact:  
MMC (06 358 1572)

**MULTICULTURAL  
PLAYGROUP**

**COME AND JOIN US!**

FRIDAYS DURING TERM 4  
13 OCT - 24 NOV 2023  
10:30AM - 11:30AM

SINGING, DANCING, STORYTELLING  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
MEET NEW FRIENDS!

**FREE**

HANCOCK COMMUNITY HOUSE  
77-85 KING STREET  
PALMERSTON NORTH

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Celebrating Diwali



**Diwali Mela**

SATURDAY  
18 NOVEMBER 2023  
5 - 10PM

TE MARAE O HINE  
THE SQUARE

[PNCC.GOV.TZ/EVENTS](http://PNCC.GOV.TZ/EVENTS)

Laser light show  
Arts + crafts  
Cultural cuisine  
Community performances



Experience the magic of Diwali Mela: A family-friendly festival of lights and unity!



Join in and celebrate the victory of good over evil. Thousands of people from different cultures and backgrounds will come together to experience the magic of the festival of lights, right here in the heart of our city.

There will be an explosion of music, dance, food, and a mesmerising laser light show.

*[Click here to for more info.](#)*

## ABOUT DIWALI

Diwali, also known as the festival of lights, is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Each year the date for Diwali changes, but it usually falls between October and November.

In India every region has different set traditions for Diwali, but it is usually celebrated with people decorating their homes, buying gifts, having feasts, fireworks and lots of lights and oil lamps being lit on the streets and in people's homes.

The festival lasts five days, with the third being the most important and the festivity generally symbolises the victory of light over darkness.



HAVE FUN

# FUN DIWALI ACTIVITIES



If you celebrate Diwali yourself and you want to get the kids involved in the celebrations, or you simply want to have some creative fun with them, here are some fun activities and easy craft ideas for them to do. You'll find many more fun activities online or by **clicking here**.

## 1. Create a paper lantern

Follow the easy tutorial below:



How to Make Paper Lantern for Diwali and Christmas Decoration | Diwali Decoration Ideas

## 2. Do a Diwali word search

Click on the puzzle to play online:

### Happy Diwali

I	F	N	R	E	T	N	A	L	N	V	A	A	A
A	D	M	R	I	N	O	T	H	G	I	L	T	R
E	S	I	T	A	L	I	O	D	L	R	A	M	D
N	I	P	T	T	N	A	W	I	A	E	J	A	I
R	L	I	G	Y	A	G	Y	W	I	A	L	A	Y
R	I	E	O	L	L	O	A	I	Y	I	I	A	
S	L	A	O	O	Y	I	L	L	H	O	I	E	Y
A	H	I	A	I	N	A	M	I	I	D	I	S	O
O	L	O	I	A	N	O	I	A	R	H	H	J	I
L	G	I	D	M	A	E	D	R	F	Y	A	A	A
T	N	P	N	T	A	I	Y	S	R	A	B	L	I
N	T	I	I	D	I	I	H	H	A	Y	A	E	M
I	E	J	L	N	A	R	E	R	L	Y	D	B	T
I	D	E	E	P	A	V	A	L	I	R	L	I	I

SITA  
LANTERN  
RANGOLI  
INDIA  
JALEBI  
DEEPAVALI  
FAMILY  
LIGHT  
DIYA  
RAM  
DIWALI  
AYODHYA

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1633365/>

## 3. Make a rangoli

Follow the easy tutorial below:

Rangolis are colourful designs created on the floor near the entrance of a persons home to welcome guests during Diwali.



Diwali Rangoli Design Easy | Diwali Drawing | Easy Drawing | Smart Kids Art



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Environmental Arts Centre Tour 19 November 2023

Register Now!  
| Environmental Arts Centre Tour |

19th of November (SUNDAY)  
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Free bus departs at 9.30am 77 King Street,  
Palmerston North

For enrolment email:  
globalparentsanz@gmail.com  
Limited seats available.



**RANGIWAHIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS  
CENTRE TOUR**

**SUN 19 NOV  
9.30AM-5PM**

Free Bus: Depart 9.30am  
at 77 King St. PN

Welcome family with school age children  
Bring your own lunch

Enrolment: email to globalparentsanz@gmail.com  
Limited spots for the enrolments.

Logos: Global Parents Support, REACT

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NEW ZEALAND



**10 Things You Did Not Know About New Zealand Wildlife**

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