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Kia Ora

Greetings to you all! Welcome to the first Settlement Support New Zealand—Auckland City Ezine!

It's not always easy to find the information you need about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of living in Auckland City. The biggest challenge is knowing where to find this information. Settlement Support New Zealand provides easy access to information you'll need to know about when settling in your new community. Settlement Support is a free service available to all new residents. Click [here](#) to contact your Settlement Support Coordinator.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ARMS will be closed from 25th December 2008 and will open on 5th January 2009.

Have you got a story to tell?

What was it like when you first came to New Zealand? How are you doing now? Have you got a settlement story to tell? Would you like to share this with us and others? Click [here](#) to contact your Settlement Support Coordinator.

SSNZ Auckland City

Settlement Support Auckland City covers the 7 Wards of Auckland City; Avondale—Roskill, Eastern Bays, Eden—Albert, Hobson, Tamaki O Maungakiekie, Western Bays, Hauraki Gulf Islands.

Not sure if you are covered? Check it out on the [Auckland City Council](#) website.

Onehunga Networking Meeting

A very successful meeting was held at the Onehunga Community Library on 6th November 2008. The meeting was well attended by community members in the Onehunga area. These meetings are important for SSNZ, local community groups and service providers to provide the best services to the migrant and refugee community.



National SSNZ Meeting

The National SSNZ Meeting took place in Wellington on 12 & 13 November. It enabled all Settlement Support Coordinators and their Managers to gather and share information, stories and learn ways of providing the best services for newcomers.





CAB Language Link

Citizens Advice Bureau can provide information to assist with almost any issue, and if they can't, they'll find someone who can. No problem is too big or too small. Whether it is about immigration, renting, need to find local childcare, or want advice on how to deal with a neighbour, trained CAB volunteers to assist you. They'll discuss your options with you and give you contact number for any services or organisations that will be able to help further.

CAB Language Link provides information in 26 different languages—someone is here to help.

AUCKLAND (09) 625 3090				NATIONAL 0800 78 88 77 & extension					
Amharic	713	Dari	709	Japanese	717	Kurdish	721	Somali	718
Arabic	705	English	706	Khmer	715	Lao	722	Spanish	708
Bengali	707	Farsi	709	Kirundi	716	Mandarin	702	Taiwanese	711
Burmese	714	French	712	Kiswahili	716	Portuguese	712	Thai	728
Cantonese	701	Hindi	703	Korean	704	Russian	727	Urdu	703
Vietnamese	729								

For more information please click [here](#) or call one of the numbers above.

Are you a service provider who wants to be featured on this newsletter?
[Contact](#) the Settlement Support Coordinator!

Need help working out pay and leave for employees these public holidays?



With Christmas and New Years around the corner you may have some questions about what pay and leave an employee is entitled to on public holidays. You can use the Department of Labour Holidays Online Tool to work this out. You can also use the tool to work out sick and bereavement leave entitlements. Have payroll information or a payslip handy when you use the tool.

To use the Holidays Online Tool visit: www.ers.govt.nz/holidays-online-tool/

For more information on public holidays visit:
www.ers.dol.govt.nz/holidays_act_2003/public_holidays.html

The Department of Labour has a number of online tools and fact sheets that provide information about working and living in New Zealand. For further information visit www.dol.govt.nz

What's Coming Up?

Workshops

Local Settlement Network Meeting
Early Childhood Education (0 - 5 years old)
Tuesday, 2nd December, 10am – 1pm
Fickling Centre, Mt Albert Road, Three Kings

FREE

Opens to all migrant and refugee families with young children and service Providers

- Purpose of the meeting is
- To enable parents of young children from refugee and migrant background to hear and understand what is available to them from governmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- For governmental organisations and NGOs to learn how each supports young children and their families
- Look at solutions for any changes/issues



Job Search Workshop

2nd, 9th and 16th December, 9.30am—3pm, ARMS Three Kings

Workshop opens to all job seekers, FREE

Workshop to assist with your job search. Held in junction with Work & Income NZ, Career Services and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.



Home Ownership

6th December, 9am—4.30pm, ARMS Three Kings

Workshop opens to all home buyers, FREE

Buying your first home in New Zealand can be scary. Find out everything about buying your first New Zealand home. Conducted by Career Works.



Events

International Migrant Day, 18th December, ARMS Three Kings

Come and celebrate the International Migrant Day on the 18th December with food and performances!



For more information or to register contact ARMS on 09 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz

Did You Know?

About 38% of Aucklanders living in Auckland City were born overseas according the Census 2006. Of that, about 46% were born in Asian Countries!

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