

Come in & make some friends



**New Zealand
Newcomers Network**

Connecting People

Mid Canterbury

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Sausage sizzling!



How about introducing your community or nationality and letting other people know more about you and your culture by doing sausage sizzling at the



farmer's market? Safer Ashburton will provide you with a barbeque trailer and all the necessary tools. We are making a new roster! Don't miss the opportunity to meet new people and have fun!

Contact Daria on 308 13 95

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are an informal social network which supports people in Mid Canterbury region. 'Newcomers' can help you get in touch with each other, local people, clubs and organisations. We work to help you feel at home in your new environment. Please feel free to come along to our activities or contact me.

Newcomers Chat group



Dear newcomers! Thank you for coming to our chat-groups! It is so exciting to listen to your stories and learn so many things about your traditions and culture. Feel free to bring your friends and if you want to facilitate the next chat group of have ideas about the subject to discuss let me know!

Warm regards, Daria

When: Every Wednesday (except the last Wednesday of a month), 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Ashburton Learning Centre (Car Park & Havelock Streets)

Contact: Daria 308 13 95, 027 220 8791



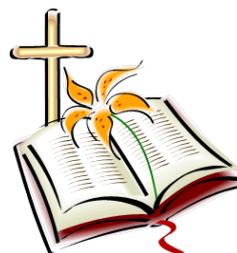
Do you want to meet some Latin people and have a chat in Spanish and Portuguese followed by coffee?

You are invited to Latin Group Bible Study!

When: Fridays from 7-9pm

Where: New Life Church, 58 Melcombe Street Tinwald

Contact : Alex (03-3077398/0272024136)



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Children's corner

Six things children need

Love and warmth

This builds the bonds of trust, love and positive self-esteem.

Talking and listening

Talking with children, listening to what they say and giving clear messages strengthens confident and healthy relationships.

Guidance and understanding

Children are more likely to co-operate when they understand why we require things of them. Straightforward explanations inspire greater co-operation.

Limits and boundaries

Rules keep things safe and fair for the whole family. They need to teach mostly 'what we do' rather than 'what we don't do'. They need to work for everyone - for children and parents.

Consistency and consequences

Consistency involves predictability. From an early age, children learn that an action has consequences.

A number of popular SKIP resources have been translated into 17 languages other than English

For more information go to <http://www.skip.org.nz/resources/other-languages/index.html>

Annual General Meeting



We are happy to invite everybody to our Annual General meeting, Wednesday 23rd May at 6:30 pm at Hockey Pavilion Walnut Ave (In the Domain opposite Ashburton College's entrance).

The main purpose of the meeting is to elect the members of the governance group and we would love to have you on board!

Everybody is more than welcome!

We will start off with a Zumba performance, then a presentation on the new road rules and refreshments afterwards.

World Wisdom

A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.

English Proverb

A broken hand works, but not a broken heart.

Persian Proverb

A clear conscience is a soft pillow.

German Proverb

A good husband is healthy and absent.

Japanese Proverb

An ox remains an ox, even if driven to Vienna .

Hungarian Proverb

Migrant Story



Namaste,

My name is Aiswarya. I come from a beautiful south Indian state of Kerala, which is often dubbed as "God's own country". I came to New Zealand to join my husband, Deepack who has been working here for the last four years. We are both from India and know each other for the last ten years as we studied together in the same University. We fell in love, but our parents were against our marriage because we are from different religions. In 2007 my husband got admission in Lincoln University and moved here. In the meanwhile I got a job in a private sector Bank in India and started working there. Half the world apart, we continued our courtship. Though we had different options to be together, we waited so that we could start our new life with blessings of our parents. With much relief finally they agreed and we got married in last July.



I arrived in New Zealand this summer and was surprised by the people here, who are very warm and welcoming, and how the country encourages a multi-cultural society. "Mid Canterbury Newcomers Network" has a vital role in providing newcomers many chances to mingle with people from different countries and

volunteer for different community events and make themselves feel as a part of the community.

It was indeed a journey to a different country from a country of entirely different culture, climate and food. Though I totally miss my country, I feel at home away from home. The scenic farms, mountains, lakes, food, climate all together make this place perfect for tourists and immigrants.



The striking difference that I notice between my hometown is more relaxed and extremely laidback attitude of the people here. However in the same way there is a lack of variety and strength in Industry– due to smaller economy and population. Although I miss the bright colours of everyday life and strong historical connections that I enjoyed back home, I feel free to make New Zealand my second home!

Expressions Used in New Zealand

Banger - Sausage

Boomer - Excellent

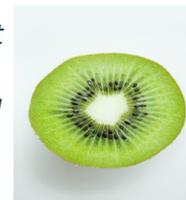
Hard yakka - Hard work

Heaps - Lots, as in "give it heaps".

Jungle Gym - Playground

Rubbish tin - Garbage can

Sussed - understood



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What's on this month?

Other things to do



Newcomers Coffee Morning group

Every Tuesday at 10 am

Nosh Café, 427 West Street

Contact Merrill newcomers.ash@clear.net.nz

Feel free to bring a friend, even if they were born here! Always nice to see new faces



Film Society

Regent Cinema and the Ashburton Art Gallery are happy to organize the evening. Tickets are \$15 from Regent Cinema. Join us for refreshments inspired by the movie and a discussion at the Ashburton Art Gallery following the movie. This time we are going to watch Iranian drama, winner of Best Foreign Language Film - "A Separation".

Film starts at 5.45 pm on Wednesday 30th May in Regent Cinema



Multicultural Play Group

Every Monday 1pm-3pm

For more details contact Torika Patterson at Presbyterian Support on 3085868 or Thelma Bell on 0212593270

Address: 222, Cameron Street, Ashburton



Walking Group

Monday and Friday mornings assemble at 10:30 am by the Hockey Pavilion, Walnut Ave, Ashburton. Everybody is welcome to join. Contact Torika on 308 5868.



Sausage Sizzling. Come and meet new people at the Farmer's market !If you want to introduce your own community, nationality, culture and raise some money, you can run the sausage sizzle yourself! Safer Ashburton district will provide you with a BBQ trailer and all the tools.

Contact Daria on 0272208791.

West St car park, Northern End, Ashburton

Saturday 9 am- 12pm



Newcomers chat group . Would you like to get to know other people and cultures, improve your English in an interactive way, enrich your vocabulary with kiwi words, learn other languages and teach your own one? Join us! Every Wednesday (except the last Wednesday of the month) at the Ashburton Learning Centre at 7:00 pm. Gold coin donation.

For more information contact Daria on 3081395 or 027 220 87 91



Zumba Fitness

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It is a real "multicultural event" where you will be surrounded by lots of people coming from all over the world, enjoying a Latin-inspired dance-fitness programme and an absolutely unbelievable atmosphere!

For more information contact Paula 027 8565143