



ஆக்லாந்து தமிழ் அசோசியேசன் ஆண்டு சிறப்பு மலர் 2021 - 2022



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HISTORY OF AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION



AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION INC

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Auckland – 1041

MISSION : Our mission is to tap the boundless energy, creativity, ideas, and fully harness the potential of its members for the betterment of the Tamil community in Auckland, New Zealand.

AUCKLAND TAMIL ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED TO

- To promote Tamil language and Indian cultural awareness and engagement through festivals and regular events
- To provide a social platform for Tamil communities and other communities in Auckland to engage and network across New Zealand
- To promote, organise and teach the Tamil language in New Zealand
- To provide a base for Tamil and broader Indian youth to participate in sports media and arts
- To give advice on employment-related issues and provide comprehensive social support services for new Tamil and Indian immigrants

It was established on 23rd November 2014, during a small family get together organised by Mr Vai Ravindran, with the aim of uniting the Tamil community in Auckland, New Zealand and work for the well-being of the Tamil community, to preserve the Tamil Culture and also work for the society on humanitarian endeavours.

The members responsible for the birth of the “Auckland Tamil Association” called the Founding Members are, Mr Vai Ravindran, Suresh E, Ganesh RV, Ashwin.T, Meenakshi.V, Murali Kumar, Prakash.R, Ponnappa M.M, Gayathiti.C, Umayal.R, Vikram.M, Barani.R, Sridhar.C and Nagesh.N.

Initially, a Facebook page was created to bring all the Tamil community under one umbrella.

The Facebook page now consists of almost 3,300 members and 3,446 people following, irrespective of their language. This Auckland Tamil Association, page keeps all the Tamil community members connected and updated about the upcoming events organised by the association.

The website for the association, <https://www.auckland-tamilassociation.co.nz> was launched by Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, M.P, East Manukau in the following month. This website updates the glimpse of the events that are conducted by the ATA. Moreover, it also keeps the members informed about the upcoming events organised by ATA.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MR. VAI RAVINDRAN
PRESIDENT



ஆக்லாந்து தமிழ் அசோசியேஷன் 2014 ஆம் தமிழ் குடும்பங்கள் மாணவர் புலம்பெயர்ந்து வாழும் தமிழ் உறவுகளுக்கு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு 5 ஆண்டுகள் பயணம் தொடர்ந்து வளர்ச்சி பாதையில் நடந்து கொண்டு இருக்கிறது.

யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர்

என்ற முதுமொழிக்கு ஏற்றவாறு தமிழின் மீது ஆர்வம், பற்று, காதல் கொண்ட யாராக இருந்தாலும் எம் சங்கத்தின் உறுப்பினர் ஆகலாம். கடந்த 2015 ஆம் ஆண்டில் இருந்து தமிழ்நாட்டில் கொண்டாடப்படும் விழாக்களில் முக்கியமானதாக தீபாவளி, பொங்கல், தமிழ் புத்தாண்டு ஆகிய விழாக்களை வெகு விமர்சியாக கொண்டாடி வருகின்றோம். நியூசிலாந்தில் இதுவரையில் நடந்திதாத வகையில் திரு. முனைவர். ஞானசம்பந்தம், திரு. சின்னி ஜெயந்த், திரு. Y. G மகேந்திரன், திரு. K. வீரமணி ராஜ், திரு. G. S. மணி போன்ற சிகரங்களை வைத்து கலை விழா, இசை விழா போன்ற தமிழ் சார்ந்த விழக்கலை நடத்தி வந்துள்ளோம்.

மாணவர்களுக்கு பயன்பெறும் விதமாக பயிற்சி பயலரங்கள் நடத்தி வந்துள்ளோம். மாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி பட்டறைகள் மட்டும் இல்லாமல் கிரிக்கெட் பேட்மிட்டன் போன்ற விளையாட்டுகளிலும் ஆர்வத்தை ஊக்குவிக்கும் விதமாக வருடா வருடம் போட்டிகள் நடத்தி வெற்றியாளர்களுக்கு பரிசளித்து வந்துள்ளோம். தமிழ் கல்வியை புலம்பெயர்ந்து வாழும் தமிழர்களின் குழந்தைகளுக்கு கற்றுவிக்கும் விதமாக தமிழ் கல்வி கடந்த ஓர் ஆண்டாக செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது. சுமார் 40 குழந்தைகள் இப்பள்ளியில் தமிழ்கற்று வருகிறார்கள். மேலும் ஆக்கலலாந்து வாழ் தமிழர்கள் கேட்டு மகிழ மெல்லிசை என்ற வானொளி நிலையத்தையும் சிறப்பாக நடத்தி வருகிறோம்.

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Vai Ravindran
VAI RAVINDRAN
PRESIDENT

OUR TEAM



MR. VAI RAVINDRAN
TREASURER



MR. VAI RAVINDRAN
TREASURER



MR. RC KARTHIC
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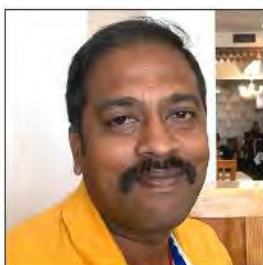
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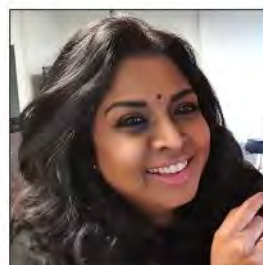
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TAMIL SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR



MR. NAVEEN
STUDENT CO-ORDINATOR

1. ATA TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2022

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated the Tamil New Year and the launch of Wahini (Women's Well-Being Program) on 24th April at Freemans Bay Community Hall.







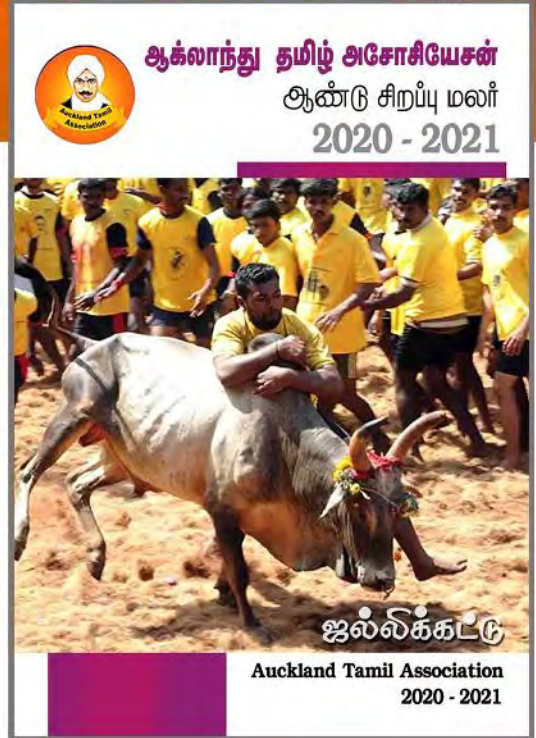


2. TAMIL MAGAZINE RELEASED AT NEW YEAR EVENT

Tamil magazine released at the Auckland Tamil Association New Year event at Freeman's Community Centre showcasing the Association's year long achievement in NZ.

3. ATA AGM MEETING 29TH MAY 2021

Auckland Tamil Association had its AGM on 29th May 2021. The new office bearers are as follows:
 Vai Ravindran - President | Vel Murugan - Vice-President | Karthik RC - Secretary | Nagesh Nemani - Treasurer | EC members: Ganesh Kumar, Aswini Rajeev, Prabhakaran Elangovan, Senthel Kumar and Aravind



4. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On the event of International Yoga Day, Auckland Tamil Association participated in the major Yoga event held on the 20th June 2021, conducted by The Art of Living.

International Yoga day has never been better, the students of our Tamil School were given a session on Yoga by Ms. Mangala Gowri and the kids were extremely happy in practicing the poses.



**YOGA IS A MIRROR
TO LOOK AT OURSELVES FROM WITHIN**

5. THE INDIAN WEEKENDER PUBLISHED THE LIST OF TOP 25 KIWI-INDIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS/HEROS

The Indian Weekender just published the list of top 25 Kiwi-Indian Community Leaders/Heros; and guess whose name is on the list. Our very own President, Mr Vai Ravindran is one among the top 25 influential NZ-Indian leader who contributes to the wellness of their community.

Such a proud moment for all the members of Auckland Tamil Association...

Three cheers to our Vai anna



VAI RAVINDRAN

President, Auckland Tamil Association



As the President of the Auckland Tamil Association, Vai Ravindran is well known for his service, initiatives, and ideas to nurture the Tamil population in Auckland.

Inspired by his father who was a leader in the community and worked to enhance people's lives through education, Mr Ravindran followed the same mantra when he started the Muthamil Sangam in 2001, as well as became the President for the Hindu Temple Society and the Vice-President for the Vedanta Educational Society. Under his tenure as the President, the Auckland Tamil Association has gone from strength to strength and has even held the Tamil New Year celebrations in the Parliament.

Born in Madurai, Mr Ravindran and his family moved to New Zealand in 1996. Leaving behind a pump manufacturing company with a 50-member production team, Mr Ravindran relocated to New Zealand to explore new and different opportunities. However, this experience came with its own struggles as despite having a degree in Mechanical Engineering and leading a business in India, he struggled to find a suitable job in New Zealand. As luck would have it, his resume was spotted by the management team of a company where he had applied for an admin job. Impressed with his experience, he was offered the position of line supervisor and the rest, as they say, is history.

Leading the Auckland Tamil Association, Vai has been at the forefront of harnessing the potential of the Tamil community in Auckland through various social, cultural and educational initiatives.

Over the years, Mr Ravindran's passion, commitment and energy has refused to diminish and has instead increased manifold, as reflected in his tireless advocacy for Tamil speaking people not only in Auckland but places far and beyond all over New Zealand.

6. THE TOP 25 INFLUENTIAL NZ-INDIAN LEADER

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7. TAMIL SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY 12TH JUNE 2021

Auckland Tamil School, run by Auckland Tamil Association will be conducting the Annual Day Event on 12th June 2021 at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings. Tamil School children will showcase their talents on the day. Parents who wanted to enroll their kids are welcomed.



Auckland Tamil Association
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ANNUAL DAY

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Saturday 12th June 2021

Time : 2.00 Pm to 4.00 Pm

Address : Flickling centre three kings auckland

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7. WEBINAR ON THANTHAI PERIYAR ON 26TH SEP 2021

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated 143rd Birthday of "Legendary Leader" Thanthai Periyar by organizing a webinar/dialogue on his contribution towards "Women Empowerment". Thanks to Mr. Maninelavan for being a chief speaker of the event.

8. TAMIL SCHOOL STARTED LEVEL 3 CLASSES

Today our Tamil School children namely Srivaishnavi, Yuven, Seetha, Johanna, Tulasi, Ram, Ananya, Aashine, Trevanesh, Suhana and Ashmetha who passed the Level 2, have started the Level 3 classes. Congratulation Children.





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Auckland Tamil Association

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9. ATA FIRST PHASE OF DONATION THOOTHUKUDI

During this pandemic time, in our first phase of donation, we were able to collect and send an amount of \$1200 NZD. With this money, we provided rice and basic groceries for 50 families in Thoothukudi. They were immensely happy and they sent their love and thanks to all of us. Keep spreading kindness!



10. THE POLICE ETHNIC DAY 9TH JUNE 2021

Auckland Tamil Association were invited to be a part of the Police Ethnic Day on the 9th of June, 2021 and we had such an interesting evening.



11. IBRAHIM OMER THE FIRST AFRICAN MP OF NZ 21 JUNE 2021

On the evening of Eid 2021, our president Mr. Vai Ravindran had an opportunity to spend some quality time with the newest member of the Parliament Mr. Ibrahim Omer.

Ibrahim Omer is the first African MP of New Zealand, he came to NZ as a refugee and studied Political Science. With humble beginnings, he has risen to become one of the finest member of the Parliament.

He shared his views on inclusivity and was such a down to earth person.

12. NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT WLLINGTON

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Tamil New Year Celebrations on the 22nd of May 2021 at Wellington



13. AUCKLAND LEADERSHIP HUI

Auckland Tamil Association participated in Auckland leadership Hui on the 3rd of July 2021, organised by Multicultural New Zealand.

Auckland Mayor His Worship Phil Goff, Transportation Minister Hon Michael Wood and several community leaders, government officials and representatives of ethnic groups participated in the Hui.

The Auckland Tamil Association continues to represent Tamil community among several ethnic events.

Special thanks to Mr Pancha Nyarayanan, President Multicultural New Zealand for organising this useful Hui.





14. **TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION WELLINGTON 2022**

Auckland Tamil Association participated in the Tamil New Year Celebrations on the 22nd of May 2021 at Wellington and here are couple of pictures of the evening!



15. ATA BLIZZARDS CRICKET TEAM 2022

Auckland Tamil Association is proud that our Blizzards Cricket Team to play in the senior grade cricket from "Birkenhead City Cricket Club". Mr Karthik, Secretary of Auckland Tamil Association wished the very best to the players and the captain Mr Magesh



16. ENGLISH SKILLS FOR OUR TAMIL STUDENTS

Auckland Tamil Association has arranged for a Free-Workshop on Introduction to Agile for anyone keen to learn about the Agile Ways of Working in New Zealand

Please make use of this opportunity and get registered in the following link, to attend.

17. 142ND GIRMIT REMEMBRANCE DAY

Auckland Tamil Association was invited to attend the 142nd Girit Remembrance Day. It was an evening of remembrance, celebration and recognition.

**Auckland Tamil Association**
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**“Introduction to Agile”
(Free Workshop)**

This free, interactive workshop is for anyone looking to learn about the “Agile Ways of Working” in New Zealand.

Date: Saturday, 26 June 2021
Time: 10am - 12:30pm
Venue: Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
489 Dominion Road, Mount Eden, Auckland 1024

Speaker: Dr. Siva Kumar, Ph.D.
(ICAgile Authorized Instructor,
Agile Coach | Senior Manager)

You must register to attend the workshop:
Phone: Mr Sridhar on 022 156 2125
or Mr Ekamban on 022 882 1222



Dr. Siva Kumar, PhD
Senior Manager, Agile Coach,
Trainer

What you will learn

**Deliver more value**
Why Agile delivers more value, faster

**Agile processes**
Sprint Planning, Standup, Review, Retrospective

**Agile benefits**
Continuous Improvement, better Communication, less rework, Improved prioritization

**Agile Challenges**
Challenges you may face when Agile Practices are introduced to your Organization

**Agile artifacts**
User stories, Product backlog, Sprint backlog

**Team benefits**
How Agile makes for a happier and more Productive team

**Agile roles**
Product Owner, Scrum Master, Team

**Agile history**
The origins of the Agile methodology

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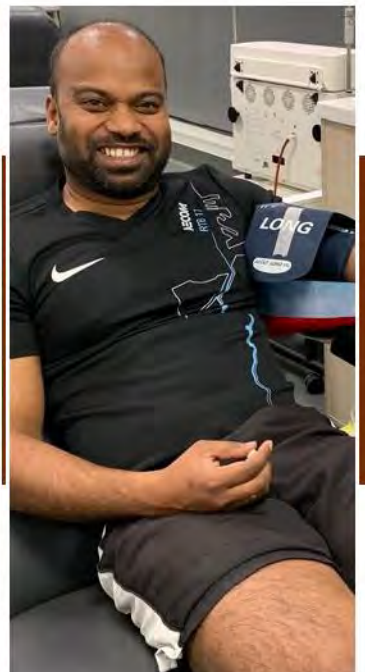
18. GROCERIES TO FAMILIES IN KALPAKKAM AREA

Auckland Tamil Association is involved in projects that helps people who are affected due to the lockdown. Dr. Kamala coordinated for distribution of rice and groceries to the poverty-stricken families in Kalpakkam area. Giving back to the society is always an integral part of ATA and we are happy that we get to meet like minded people like Dr. Kamala.



19. BLOOD DONATION CAMP 2017

Auckland Tamil Association has arranged a blood donation camp on the Tamil New Year day, that is, 14th April 2022 in Auckland.





20. THE EVEREST DAY CELEBRATION 2021

Auckland Tamil Association attended the Everest Day Celebration held on the 9th June, 2021 at the Parliament. Here are some moments of the evening for you.



The Indian community is one of the largest & fastest growing ethnic communities



21. ATA PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR IT PROFESSIONALS

Auckland Tamil Association would like to provide an opportunity for the IT professionals. In continuation with our introduction to Agile, we are conducting a two-day workshop with regard to the ICAgile certification. We have limited seats only, please enroll yourself asap..



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22. INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT 2022

Auckland Tamil Association warmly invite you to the India Independence Day event. Our Tamil School children are taking part in a dance.

Date: 15th August 2021

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Hall, 145 New North Road, Auckland



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High Commission of India
& Auckland Indian Diaspora Organisations
cordially invite all Indian nationals,
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to the celebration of
75th Independence Day of India

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The programme will include **Flag hoisting by His Excellency Muktesh Pardeshi, High Commissioner of India** and presentation of **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award to Hon. Priyanka Radhakrishnan, Minister for Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities.**

on Sunday, 15th August 2021
from 9.30 am onwards
at The Mahatma Gandhi Centre
Auckland Indian Association
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23. THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL INDIAN NEWSLINK LECTURE 2021

Our Tamil School children took part in the India's 75th Independence Day will be celebrated at Mahatma Gandhi Center on Sunday 15th August from 9.30am.

It was a great privilege to meet and listen to the Lecture of Dr. Ashley Bloomfield, Chief Executive of Ministry of Health and Director-General of Health on the occasion of The Eleventh Annual Indian Newslink Lecture on Monday, 16 th August 2021 in Auckland. Thanks to Indian Newslink Venkat Raman Sir for Inviting us.



24. ATA ORGANIZED "HELP THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY PANDEMIC"

Auckland Tamil Association asked people to reach out for support if they were facing hardship during this pandemic. And we received 25 enquirers within 24 hours. Happy to say that we were able to procure, pack & deliver 25 packs of non perishable food items (2 weeks supply) to those in need. We thank the volunteers Nagesh, Sindhur, Karthik and ATA's contribution in getting this done. We always stand together for our community

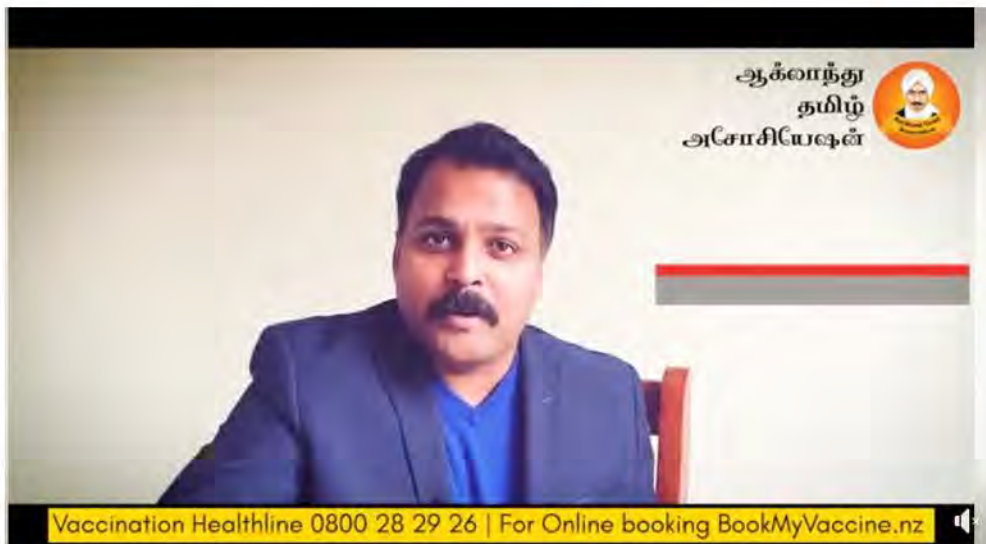
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Our helping hands to our people who are living with day-to-day struggles to meet basic needs and save their lives.



25. ATA REQUEST TO GET VACCINATED

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26. ATA FREE WEBINAR WORKSHOP 2021

Auckland Tamil Association has arranged for a Free - Webinar Workshop on " Find a Job on LinkedIn "

27. ATA SECOND PHASE OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Auckland Tamil Association did the second phase of food distribution for our community who are facing hardship in this pandemic. Thanks to MSD for giving us the food items.





ATA PARTICIPATED IN AUCKLAND LEADERSHIP HUI

28. ATA BADMINTON CLUB 2ND JAN 2022

The ATA Badminton Club has started playing from 2nd of Jan 2022 at the Lynndale Badminton court at 38 Portage Road, New Lynn. The timing are fixed from 12.45pm to 2.45pm, every Sunday.

Thanks to Mr Ganesh Kumar for arranging the court. Thanks to Mr Krishnakumar for coordinating this weekly event



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29. DEEPAVALI ZOOM CELEBRATION

This year due to Covid-19, it will be a zoom celebration and we are celebrating on the same day of Deepavali starting from 7.30pm with a lot of activities.

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Deepavali' is one of the biggest festivals celebrated every year and is known for its fervor. We are happy to announce, our Deepavali celebration will be held on 4th November. Every year the Auckland Tamil Association celebrates Deepavali with music and dance. But this year due to Covid-19, it will be a zoom celebration and we are celebrating on the same day of Deepavali starting from 7.30pm with a lot of activities.

Tamil Selvan, Michael Wood who is the MP for Mt Roskill, Minister of Transport and Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, wishes all Tamils a Happy Deepavali



30. CHRISTMAS KONDATTAM **DEC 18 2021**

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated Christmas on 18th Dec 2021. Thanks to our Tamil Selvan for being our chief guest and honored our Tamil School children with the certificate. Certificate of Appreciation was given to Miss Seetha for her wonderful work for the Tamil School. Children had fun with magic show.







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31. ATA TAMIL BOYS NEW CRICKET TEAM

Auckland Tamil Association is glad to inform that our Tamil boys have formed a new cricket team, ATA Parnell Titans to play a Grade Tournament (2A) and starting their first match today against Gujarat Lions at Riversdale Reserve, Avondale. We congratulate them and wish them all the success for the season.



32. WEBINAR/DIALOGUE ON KANNADASAN ON 5TH DEC

Auckland Tamil Association proudly organize a webinar/dialogue on Kannadasan on 5th Dec on the topic "Prominence to lyric writing in Tamil Cinema". Thanks to our well wisher Mr Venkat Raman for conducting the show. Thanks to Mr Pancha on his special appearance. We also thank Mr Maninelavan, Mrs Usha, Mr Srini (President, Tamil Society Waikato), Mrs Nithya, Mrs Jennifer, Mr Gopi, Mr Deepak, Mr Alex, Mrs Sinduja who spoke on Kannadasan. Secretary Mr Karthik welcomed all and our Vice-President Mr Velm-urugan thanked all for their participation.



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Mr. Venkat Raman
Chief Editor, Indian Newslink

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LIVE 

**Sunday, 5 DEC 2021
5.00 PM (NZ TIME)**

33. ENGLISH SKILLS FOR OUR TAMIL STUDENTS

Auckland Tamil Association has arranged for our Tamil school children, a English course, to improve their English writing skills. All Level 3 children are eligible. This course will be after the Tamil class, every Saturday at 3.30pm. The course starts on 8th Jan and it is conducted by Mr. Adon Kumar.

34. ATA FAMILY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT ON 19TH DEC 2021.

Auckland Tamil Association conducted the ATA Family Badminton Tournament on 19th Dec 2021. It was well organized by our committee member Mr. Ganesh RV. Thanks to Mr. Raja Guru for distributing the prizes to the winners. Thanks to Ashwin and Uday for volunteering and special thanks to Mrs. Devi for the lunch.

ATA's English Course is aimed at improving Tamil students' English writing skills.

It will cover **Basic Grammar, Sentence Structure, Parts of Speech, Kiwi Idioms & Slangs, Introduction to Essay writing** and many more topics.

These topics will help prepare them for entry into the high school and perform well.

Every Saturday at 3.30pm
@ Onehunga Community Center

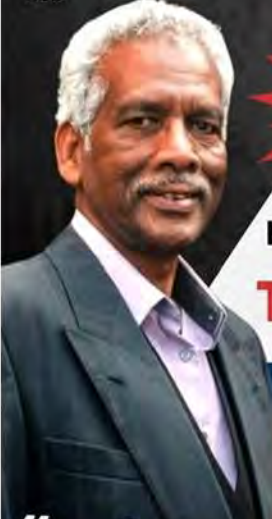
ENGLISH WRITING SKILLS FOR OUR TAMIL STUDENTS (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL)

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(An experienced English Lecturer and Radio Host of English for Migrants)

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President
Auckland Tamil Association






35. ATA BLIZZARDS CRICKET TEAM 2022

Auckland Tamil Association is proud that our Blizzards Cricket Team to play in the senior grade cricket from "Birkenhead City Cricket Club". Mr Karthik, Secretary of Auckland Tamil Association wished the very best to the players and the captain Mr Magesh



36. ONLINE SHOW "VANAKKAM TAMIZHA" 19 TH DEC 2021

Auckland Tamil Association for the first time starting an online show named "Vanakkam Tamizha". This show is going to be inaugurated by our Tamil senior Mr Venkat Raman of Indian Newslink. The first episode will be on Mr Ambedkar, the social reformer. Speakers are Mr Maninilavan, Mrs Nithya Suresh, Mr Vel Murugan, Mr Deepak Srinivasan and Mrs Aswini Rajeev. We welcome you all to join our online show on 19th Dec at 4pm.

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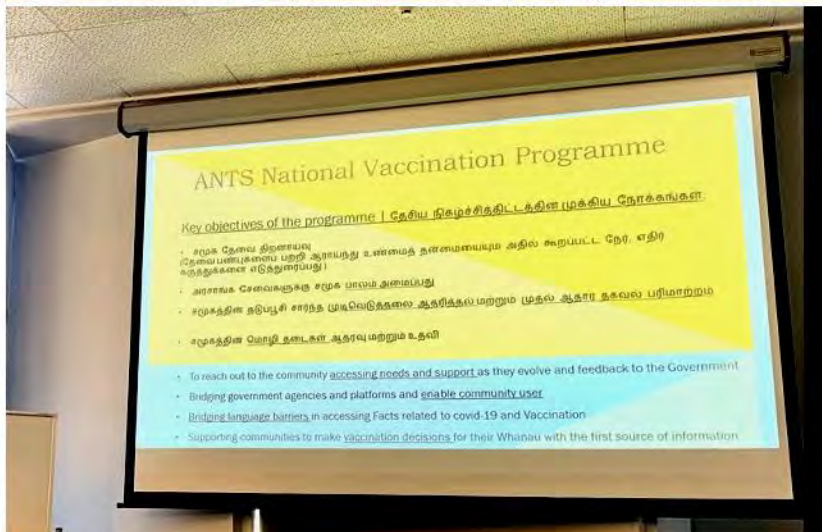
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37. THE NATIONAL COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM

Auckland Tamil Association attended the National Covid-19 Vaccination Program Launch, in Wellington organized by New Zealand Tamil Federation. Mr Velmurugan was appointed as Privacy and Data Security Lead and Mr Gopi Dhinakaran as Marketing and Media Lead, from Auckland



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38. PONGAL CELEBRATION 2020

Auckland Tamil Association celebrated Pongal on 15th Jan 2022. Chief Guest were Mr. David Seymour, ACT party and Ms. Vanushi Walters. Various competitions were conducted along with dance program by our Tamil School children. Honored Mr. Venkat Raman on receiving the Queens Merit Award. Other community leaders attended the event







39. RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CROWN & PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The New Zealand Order of Merit is an honorific order established by Elizabeth II, Queen of New Zealand, to recognize outstanding service to the Crown and people of New Zealand. We are proud that Mr. Venkat Raman received this for Journalism. Auckland Tamil Association honored Mr. Venkat Raman in our Pongal celebration event in the presence of Mr David Seymour MP, Ms. Vanushi Walters MP, Mr. Bakshi, Leaders of our Indian community





INAUGURATION OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES MINISTRY IN AUCKLAND

Auckland Tamil Association was invited to the Inauguration of Ethnic Communities Ministry in Auckland. We met the Chief Executive of the Ministry Mr. Mervin Singham and many other community Leaders. It was a great Honour to be part of such historic moment. Thanks Ministry of Ethnic Communities for the Invitation.

41. THE FINAL PHASE OF BLOOD DONATION

The final phase of blood donation was completed successfully... it was an evening with sudden traffic and am glad that we had some good souls who turned up for donating their blood...

On the whole we were able to bring in 40+ people to donate blood through our community... Thanks to each one of you who spread the news across... You all made a difference... thanks again....



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42. AUCKLAND TAMIL SCHOOL ADMISSION 2022

Auckland Tamil School starts this Saturday. Admission for Level 1 is opened. Children aged 4 and above can join. No fees for ATA members. Membership is \$20/year. The only identity we leave for our children is Tamil, so bring your children to see how they learn to say Thirukurral, Aathi Chudi and many more.





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Level : 1

- Learn to Write Tamil Alphabets
- Thirukurral
- Tamil Rhymes
- Aathi Chudi
- Spoken Tamil

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Admission Open for Tamil School

Class Starts on Saturday 22nd January 2022

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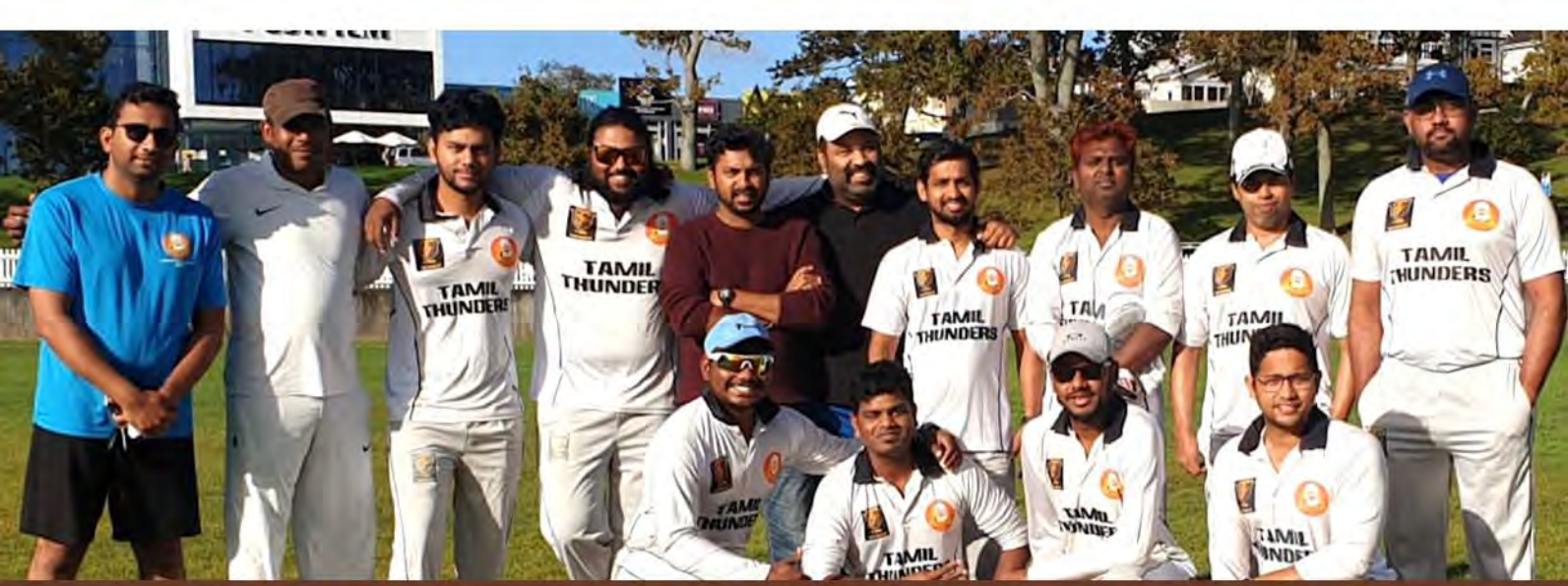
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43. ATA "YOUNG LEADER FORUM" 2022

Auckland Tamil Association proudly formed "Young Leader Forum" which will provide necessary skills and insights to become an effective, inspirational and responsible leader in the ever changing world. This program is designed to experiential learning with group discussions, and empower our young aspirant leaders with positive psychology



Our Young Leader Aspirants: Abirami Kabilan Meera Kabilan Ashwina Krishnakumar Keerthana Krishnakumar Seetha Veerappan Yazhini Velmurugan Hana Antony and Travenesh Ananth Forum moderated by Bhuvana Mahesh, Delivery Lead at Harmony Finance. Thanks to Mr Velmurugan for initiating this program for our children.



ATA CRICKET TEAM TAMIL THUNDERS 2021 – 2022



ATA CRICKET TEAM TAMIL SPEAR HEADS 2021 – 2022

44. ATA CRICKET TEAM TAMIL SPEAR HEADS

Auckland Tamil Association cricket team Tamil Spear Heads who played for the Migrant Tournament 2021 - 2022

45. ATA CRICKET TEAM TAMIL THUNDERS

Auckland Tamil Association cricket team Tamil Thunders who played for the Migrant Tournament 2021 - 2022

46. ATA BLOOD DONATION CAMP



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47. WELLNESS RETREST 5TH FEB 2022

Glimpses of Auckland Tamil Association Well-ness Retreat at the Karanga Camp. Auckland Tamil Association has arranged for a Wellness Retreat at the Karanga Camp Waitakere Ranges, on various topics benefitting and bring awareness to our Tamil community of the physical and mental wellbeing

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Wellness Retreat 5th FEB 2022

at Karanga Camp
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Saturday, Feb 5th
9am to 4:30pm

- Workplace Wellbeing by Ravi Nyayapati
- Yoga & Mindfulness session by Asian Network (TANI)
- Wellbeing "Around the Lake" by Ganesh RV
- Practising Self Care by Sandhya Govind
- Importance of Wellness by Jennifer Senthel



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FOR REGISTRATION CONTACT
Mr Vel Murugan - 022 429 1730 Mrs. Aswini - 022 508 5330



48. LAUNCH ATA TAMIL COMMUNITY CENTRE

On March 27th 2022 we launch Auckland Tamil Association's Tamil Community Centre. Many may ask why a community center when there are many places that one can hire. But a community center for the community by the community creates a sense of belonging, especially for the diasporic community. This cultural space creates opportunities for likeminded people to congregate and also paves way for our heritage to be passed on to the next generation. The traditions, culture and language are important identity markers for any community and this space helps materialize and concretize a rally point for the Tamil community. We will be utilizing this space for Tamil language classes, traditions and culture awareness programs and women empowerment programs, to name a few.

This space will act as a link of culture, traditions and identity for the Tamils and I welcome you all to make this space a thriving center of our heritage

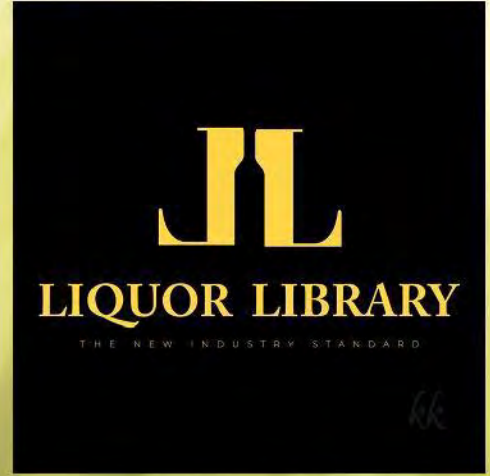
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