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Heather McAllister  
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Coordinator

**"If you have an event or something of interest that you would like to include in the newsletter, please send it to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month."**

This newsletter focuses on highlighting local providers of services relevant to migrants and newcomers, upcoming events and items of interest.



## Lunchtime Series

**How well do you know your neighbour?**

**Would you be interested in learning more about your neighbour's culture, background and journey to New Zealand?**

**When:** Every last Friday of the month, starting 26 Feb 2010

**Time:** 12.10pm – 12.50pm

**Venue:** Rotorua Arts Village (RAVE)  
1240 Hinemaru St, Rotorua

**Cost:** Bring your own (BYO) lunch refreshments provided

This is an opportunity to gain greater understanding and insight into the challenges of setting in a new homeland.

Join us to explore a country where a guest "Neighbour" will share background information about their culture, customs and beliefs.

Learn a greeting or two in the local language and hear about their life, as they settle here, in their new home.

### Interested?

If you would like to participate, attend, or would like further information, contact Judy on 07 350 2395, email [judy.winiata@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:judy.winiata@englishlanguage.org.nz) or Heather on 07 350 0533, email [ssnzrotorua@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:ssnzrotorua@rdc.govt.nz)

# What's On!



## Speedway Club Night

**Fri 29, Jan 2010, 7.30pm – 10.30pm**  
**12, 13, 27 Feb 2010, 7-10pm**  
**Paradise Valley Raceway,**  
**105 Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua**



Good hard racing and excellent value for money.

A great evening out for the family.

Website: [www.rotoruaspeedway.co.nz](http://www.rotoruaspeedway.co.nz)

Cost: Adults \$5, Family \$20

Contact: Sonja Hickey on 07 345 57 40 or at [sonjahickey@clear.net.co.nz](mailto:sonjahickey@clear.net.co.nz)

## 101<sup>st</sup> Rotorua A & P Show

**Sat, 30 – Sun 31 Jan 2010, 8.30am-5.00pm**  
**Riverdale Park, Western Road, Ngongotaha, Rotorua,**  
**(off State Highway 5, near the Agrodome)**



Agricultural and Pastoral show - Held on one of NZ's most picturesque Show Grounds, featuring equestrian, harness horse, miniature horse, heavy horse and donkey and mule events, dairy, beef, dexter and highland cattle events, dairy, boer and nubian goat events, black and coloured sheep event, shearing and Axemens

competitions, plus entertainment for children and adults, ride on mower racing, and trade and food sites. A great family day out!!

Cost: Adults \$10, Children 15 and under – Free

Contact: Pat Corcoran. Tel: 07 357 2979

Website: [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)

## Special Live Steam Day

**Sat, 30 Jan 2010, 10am-4pm**  
**Te Amorangi Museum,**  
**43-45 Robinson Ave, Holdens Bay, Rotorua**  
**(Between the town and the airport!)**



Visit our Live Steam Day to see stationary and steam engines at work and view a Blacksmith workshop at the Heritage Village of Te Amorangi Museum.

Walk through: - the historic Douslin House and view its contents; the fine Maori Display;

1920's street; the forestry and logging display and farm machinery.

Adults \$5, Children 15 and under – Free

Contact: Allan & Dianne Escourt

Tel: 07 345 6884 Email: [teamorangimuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:teamorangimuseum@xtra.co.nz)

Website: <http://protechnic.co.nz/amorangi/history.html>

For events in Rotorua, go to

[www.rotoruanz.com/events](http://www.rotoruanz.com/events) and [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

## Bluesfest

**Sat & Sun, 30 – 31 Jan 2010, 2-9pm**  
**Rotorua Arts Village Experience (RAVE)**  
**1240 Hinemaru Street, Rotorua**



Bluesfest, Rotorua's annual celebration of great blues, gourmet foods, fine wines and boutique beers.

There will be an exciting line-up of blues acts, including UK blues guitarist Pete Harris, a solo acoustic player and leader of electric blues bands, and a folk musician.

The line-up will also feature:

- Australian blues and boogie pianist Jan Preston
- The best of our Bay of Plenty blues artists
- Top acts from New Zealand: The Jukes, The Gary Harvey Blues Band and The Self Righteous Brothers.
- A special performance by the Rotorua Grand Ukulele Band.

As in previous years, there will be a fine selection of food, wine and beers on offer from some of the region's best restaurants, wineries and breweries.

Gates open at 1pm.

Cost: – Pre-sales \$20, \$25 at the gate

Kids under 10 free, must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Sales available from:

- NZ Credit Union (cnr Pukuatua and Ranolf Sts),
- Rotorua City Focus, or by
- Mail order from our website. [www.bluesfest.co.nz](http://www.bluesfest.co.nz)

Contact Sally Garner on 027 273 8881 or at [info@bluesfest.co.nz](mailto:info@bluesfest.co.nz)

## Music at the Rotunda

**Sundays, 7 Feb – 28 March 2010. Starts at 1pm**  
**Government Gardens, Rotorua**



This series of free concerts at the Band Rotunda in the Government Gardens, Rotorua returns this February.

This is a great summer event and wonderful opportunity to appreciate some local talent.

7 February The Nostalgia Band

14 February Art in the Park

21 February Fourgone Conclusion and Acousticity Rotorua

28 February Jazz with the Dave Cown Group

7 March Jazz/Blues with the Keith Garrett Group

14 March Blues Club Presentation

21 March Rotorua Pipe Band

28 March The Rotorua Symphonic Band and Brass Band

You are encouraged to bring along a picnic lunch, your fold out chairs and enjoy some great local talent.

The event is cancelled when the weather is too wet.

# Waitangi Day - 6 Feb

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Every year on 6 February, New Zealand marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. In that year, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.

For some people, Waitangi Day is a holiday; for many, and especially for Maori, it is the occasion for reflecting on the Treaty.

In 2000 Prime Minister Helen Clark was reported as saying that 'It is my strong belief that the days and events around Waitangi Day should contribute to the building of a sense of New Zealand identity and purpose.'

In the 21st century the day has been linked more closely with New Zealand identity, and events have expanded beyond Waitangi itself.

### Waitangi Day Celebrations in Rotorua

**Whakanuia, 6 February, 10am – 3pm**

**Whakarewarewa Thermal Village.**

(5 minutes south of Rotorua, on the Southern end of Tryon St, signposted on Fenton and Sala Streets.)

Come along to Rotorua's Official Waitangi Day Celebrations, Whakanuia 2010.

A day of fun, sharing and learning set within a real living Maori Village. Alongside celebrating our rich Maori heritage, this year's event will also be acknowledging our Asian communities with cultural workshops, entertainment, food, interactive arts and crafts wearable arts and much more.

Contact: Renee Nathan on 021 992 608

**Free for Rotorua residents with ID**



## Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Treaty House in the Bay of Islands

The Treaty House is New Zealand's most-visited historic building. The house began life in 1833 as British Resident James Busby's house. In 1932 Governor-General Lord Bledisloe gifted it to the nation.



The house and grounds have been the focus of Waitangi Day events since 1934.

Features of the Treaty Grounds include:

- The Treaty House - built for the first British Resident, James Busby and his family.
- Te Whare Runanga - fully carved Maori Meeting House, which is representative of all Iwi (regional tribes) in New Zealand
- Ngatokimatawhaorua - one of the world's largest Maori ceremonial war canoes
- The imposing Naval flagstaff - which marks the place where the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed
- Waitangi Visitor Centre - with an audio visual show outlining the history of Waitangi and the Bay of Islands and live cultural performances
- Guided tours
- Cultural performances
- Extensive park-like grounds with abundant native bird life, heritage gardens, trees, and mangrove boardwalk
- Stunning sea views of the Bay of Islands

The Waitangi Treaty Grounds opens daily at 9.00 a.m. excluding Christmas Day.

**Further Information**

[www.waitangi.net.nz](http://www.waitangi.net.nz)  
[www.treaty2u.govt.nz/](http://www.treaty2u.govt.nz/)





# Bike Wise Bay of Plenty

## HAVE YOU TRIED CYCLING IN ROTORUA?

February is Bike Wise month. There will be lots of advice available and activities to suit beginners and elite cyclists during the month.

There are lots of opportunities for cycling in Rotorua.

- **Mountain Biking in the Redwood Forest**  
Entrance off Tarawera Road or off State Highway 5 (Waipa State Mill Road, south of Rotorua)  
Download maps and trails at [www.redwoods.co.nz](http://www.redwoods.co.nz)

### Rotorua Mountain Bike Club

Contact: [rotorua@mtbclub.org.nz](mailto:rotorua@mtbclub.org.nz)

Website: <http://rotorua.mtbclub.org.nz>

- **Road Cycling**  
Two hour Sunday bunchrides leave from Cyclezone, 1059 Amohau St at 9am  
Scenic local road loops.  
<http://www.riderotorua.com/roadloops.php>
- **BMX at the BMX Track, Te Ngae Road, Club night – Wednesdays**  
Registration from 5.15pm, racing starts at 6pm

Contact Carol Tew on 0211 9022 86 or email [rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com](mailto:rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com)

### Dads 'n' Lads

Every Tuesday in February from 6pm  
Various venues

A bloke's only training series. If you want to be more active, and learn how to or improve your mountain biking skills then sign up.

For males ages 12 and up.

To register, contact Jess Meade on 07 348 4125 ext 606 or email [jessicam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:jessicam@sportbop.co.nz)

### Whanau Activator

Every Wednesday in February from 6pm  
Various venues

No matter what your age, shape, size or speed, this training series brings the whanau (family) together in an organized setting. Progress your family's skills in mountain biking and waka tete (small canoe).

For ages 5 and up.

To register, contact Jess Meade on 07 348 4125 ext 606 or email [jessicam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:jessicam@sportbop.co.nz)

## Nervous Nellie Cycle Safety Workshops

Sport Bay of Plenty are hosting a series of FREE workshops that are a fun introduction to cycle safely and bike maintenance.

To find out about the next workshop, contact Jessica Meade on 07 348 4125 ext 606.

## Bike Buddies

If you have been thinking about cycling to work, but are concerned about how to get there, all you have to do is call on a bike buddy to show you the way. They will meet you and explain different routes and cycling etiquette.

Contact Eldad Collins on 07 349 8325 or email [eldad.collins@apr.co.nz](mailto:eldad.collins@apr.co.nz)

## Rotorua Bike Shops

Bike Culture	1133 Pukuatua St	07 343 9372
Cyclezone	1059 Amohau St	07 348 6610
Planet Bike	<a href="mailto:ride@planetbike.co.nz">ride@planetbike.co.nz</a>	07 346 1717
Rotorua Cycle Centre	1111 Hinemoa St	07 348 6588
Kiwibikes	1155 Pukuatua St	07 348 2929
Bike Fix	1114 Eruera St	07 347 2232
Bike Vegas	1275 Fenton St	07 347 1151
The Outdoorsman	6 Tarawera Road	07 345 9333

If it's been a while since you've been in a bike shop, you may be amazed at the range of services, clothes and gadgets.

- Bike seats for different bottoms
- Gloves and grips to stop your fingers tingling
- Bike computers to give you the facts
- Bike fits...we've all been on a bike that didn't quite fit!!!
- Maps and lots of information about local events and clubs

## Rotorua Cycle Action

Rotorua Cycle Action is part of the NZ Cycling Advocates Network (CAN). The group was formed to help make Rotorua a safe environment for cyclists, and to promote riding bikes!

We run some great events and also advocate for cycle facilities. Currently we are working on the Eastside Schools Project which will result in more students riding to the four Eastside schools. We hope to roll this out across the rest of Rotorua eventually.

If you want to help make Rotorua a great place to cycle, please get in touch. New members are always welcome.

Contact Eldad Collins on 349 8325 or [eldad.collins@apr.co.nz](mailto:eldad.collins@apr.co.nz)

## Further information

Collect Bike Wise brochure from Settlement Support, or Sport Bay of Plenty, 1089 Arawa Street, Rotorua.

[www.bikewise.co.nz](http://www.bikewise.co.nz)

[www.rotoruaicycling.co.nz](http://www.rotoruaicycling.co.nz)

[www.riderotorua.com](http://www.riderotorua.com)

[www.rats.org.nz](http://www.rats.org.nz) – Rotorua Assoc of Triathletes

[www.roadbiking.co.nz](http://www.roadbiking.co.nz) – How to Choose a Bike

# February 2010 – Rotorua

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Classic Hits Unicycle Challenge

Wednesday 3rd February, 12pm  
City Focus

Start off Bike Wise month with a fun challenge and a fantastic prize – practice on a unicycle for a minute or two and then see how long you can survive our obstacle course. The longest time on the unicycle will win an Avanti Spirit 1.0 Bike and helmet.

Contact Jess Meade, Sport Bay of Plenty on 348 4125 ext 606 or [jessicam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:jessicam@sportbop.co.nz)

### BMX Skills Night

Monday 8th February – 5:30pm start  
BMX Track, Te Ngae Road

For anyone wanting to learn about and experience BMX – or anyone wanting refine their cycling skills – fantastic if you want to start mountain biking. You don't need a BMX bike for this night either – bring any bike you like and learn some new tricks. Make sure to wear long pants, long sleeved shirt and gloves – and don't forget your helmet. No charge.

Contact Carol Tew on 0211 9022 86 or [rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com](mailto:rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com)

### Mayoral Challenge

Sunday 14th February, 9-10:30am  
Waipa Mountain Bike Carpark, off SH 5 to Taupo

The Mayoral bike ride is aimed at the true beginner. The ride is approximately 45 minutes on a flat grade one mountain bike track.

Contact Kylie Lang, Event & Venues on 349 5141 ext 8685 or [kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz)

### Wheels Day

Wednesday 17th February  
Rotorua Primary Schools

A day to celebrate cycling at Rotorua Primary Schools. Students bring their bike to school to participate in a variety of cycling activities.

Contact Mark Leishman, Rotorua in Gear 348 4125  
[mleishman@bikenz.co.nz](mailto:mleishman@bikenz.co.nz)

### Critical Mass Ride

Wednesday 17th February, 7:15am  
Waiariki Institute of Technology overflow car park located between SH 5, Old Taupo Road and Mokoia Drive

This is open to everyone with a bike. The idea is to get as many cyclists as possible riding in a group on the streets of Rotorua to help raise awareness of cyclists sharing the road with other vehicles.

This is not a protest ride. Participants are expected to follow road rules and be nice to other road users! The route will be decided on the day by the organiser but will generally be no more than 6km and follow the main streets into the CBD ending up at the City Focus.

Contact Eldad Collins on 349 8325 or [eldad.collins@apr.co.nz](mailto:eldad.collins@apr.co.nz)

### Tykes on Trikes

Friday 19th February, 10am-12pm  
Village Green (if wet the Southern Trust Sportsdrome)

A riding event for under-five's to celebrate Bike Wise Month. Before you ride decorate your bike with streamers, balloons and sticker then bike around the super fun course.

Contact Kylie Lang, Event & Venues 349 5141 ext 8685 or [kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz)

### Go By Bike Day

Wednesday 17th February, 7.00am - 9.00am  
City Focus, Tutanekai & Hinemoa Streets

Organise the family early, go by bike today to work, school or to town. Ride by Rotorua's City Focus and receive your FREE healthy breakfast. So, "Get on ya bike"!

Contact Jess Meade at Sport Bay of Plenty on 348 4125 ext 606 or [jessicam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:jessicam@sportbop.co.nz)

### Raleigh 20 - Okere Falls Fun Ride

Sunday 21st February, 4pm  
Outside Outdoorsman, Tarawera Road

Bike to Okere Falls for a beer, coffee or fruit juice. Those that need transport home, a van and trailer will be available.

To register contact Rod Meharry 348 0234 or [rod@raleigh20.co.nz](mailto:rod@raleigh20.co.nz)

### Frocks on Bikes

Saturday 27th February, 11:30am  
Village Green, Rotorua Lakefront

Dress up in your favourite frock or suit for a picnic with a difference. The picnic will be followed by a short bike ride around the city centre.

Contact Kylie Lang, Event & Venues on 349 5141 ext 8685 or [kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz)

### Eastside Senior Cyclists

Every Monday in February, 9:30am  
Mokoia Community Centre, 297 Vaughan Road, Owhata

Short cycle for more mature adults. Bring your own bicycle, helmet and a drink.

Contact Mokoia Community Association on 345 5971

### Cycling Rotorua – Summer Criterium Series

Every Tuesday in February, 6.00pm start  
East Gate Industrial Park opposite Rotorua Airport

Join in for a fun packed, challenging evening with some great racing! FREE to club members and \$1 for non members. This event is run to cater for all ages and capabilities. Event subject to weather conditions!

Contact Zac Bewley on 348 4104 (evenings) or visit [www.cyclingrotorua.co.nz](http://www.cyclingrotorua.co.nz)

# U3A

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The “U3A” (University of the Third Age) movement began in France about 30 years ago and has since spread to many countries to become a world-wide network of learning co-operatives for older people.

The first New Zealand branch of U3A was formed in Auckland in 1989. Since then, the idea has spread rapidly to include cities and towns throughout our nation – including neighbouring Tauranga and Taupo.

U3A uses the term ‘university’ in its original and less formal sense. As such, it conveys the idea of “a community of people who come together to seek knowledge and to gain a greater understanding of life”.

This differs considerably from today’s common usage of the term which implies such things as formal lectures and exams.

**In ‘U3A’ the emphasis is on informality, friendship, fun and having fellowship with other people who share similar interests.**

The underlying philosophy of U3A stems from the idea that human life is divided into three separate periods:

1. preparation for life,
2. participation in life – including pursuit of a chosen career or profession
3. the so-called ‘third age’.

The latter does not automatically refer to ‘senior citizens’, but certainly includes those people who are no longer gainfully employed in full-time work.

The ‘third age’ is therefore seen as an important opportunity for people to learn about and participate in a wide range of topics and activities which, for various reasons, they may have been unable to pursue during the earlier stages of their lives.

### Rotorua U3A

Now, at long last, it is Rotorua’s turn to join in the action!

The “Rotorua U3A” was officially ‘launched’ at an inaugural meeting held in June 2007 and currently has more than 100 members.

The number of group-activities is increasing all the time: currently, there are 14 and they include a wide variety of subjects such as:

- Science
- Photography
- Art History
- Conversational Spanish
- Living with Vitality
- Philosophy.

The branch-committee meets bi-monthly to plan the various programmes, activities and general (social) public-meetings.

The Rotorua U3A arrange **public-meetings** every two months at:

**“Parkside Community Centre,  
Tarewa Road, Rotorua.**

Although these meetings are primarily for our current members, they are open to visitors and those interested in joining “Rotorua U3A.

**The next public-meeting is planned for  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 10 am.**

**The President of “Rotorua U3A” is  
Dr Mel Bowen.**

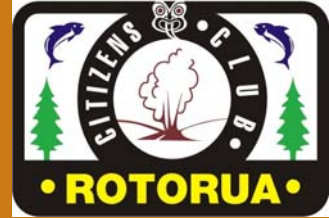
**Anyone wanting more information can contact Mel by  
email: [mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mel.bowen@xtra.co.nz), or  
by telephone/fax on 07 345 3221.**

### Enrol now to study English in 2010 at Waiariki Institute of Technology.

English study at Waiariki is designed to suit you. You can start your study at anytime during the year, study part-time or full-time and for any number of weeks until you reach your required level. You will study at the level which is best for you: beginners, elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper-intermediate or advanced. There are progress tests every 8 weeks to enable you to move to the next level. Use your certificate to gain entry to Waiariki mainstream programmes or sit IELTS at our Waiariki IELTS Testing Centre. Enjoy our new digital language laboratory, gain confidence in our interactive lessons, make friends with classmates from all around the world, borrow English I languagebooks from the Waiariki library, and learn English through community and sightseeing activities.

Contact Noeline Lewis on 07 3468674 or Email: [lewisn@waiariki.ac.nz](mailto:lewisn@waiariki.ac.nz)

# Rotorua Citizens Club (Inc)



## Hello and Welcome to the Rotorua Citizens Club

Here is a guide to what is on offer as a member of the Club.

### Smoked Fish Tuesday

Smoked fish is on offer as well as a \$2 Door Lotto where the winner takes all. This Tuesday door lotto can jackpot. This starts at 5:30pm.

### Wednesday Night Draw

We hold a member draw where there is a chance for one lucky member to win the draw. The draw varies from week to week and members must be present with their member card to win. We also have 30 meat raffles on offer. These are all drawn at 7pm.

### Thursday Night Door Lotto

Winner takes all. There is also entertainment. This starts at 5:30pm and Door Lotto is drawn at 7:45pm

### Friday Night Club Night

A Member Draw is also held on a Friday and is exactly the same format as on a Wednesday. We also have 80 meat raffles on offer. There is always entertainment on a Friday with a good variety of bands to suit everybody. We can have two bars open on a Friday. The second bar is located down by the dance floor.

### Saturday Night Live

Live Entertainment. Come down for a night out or a quiet meal in our Hot Plate Catering Restaurant.

### Restaurant - Hot Plate Catering Ltd

Wednesday – Saturday Lunch from 12pm to 2pm

Wednesday – Sunday Dinner from 6pm

Sunday is Roast Night which is provided along with the usual A La Carte menu.

### Sub Clubs

The Rotorua Citizens Club has ten sub clubs to choose from.

- Golf,
- 8 Ball,
- Fishing,
- Euchre,
- Darts,
- Indoor Bowls,
- Outdoor Bowls,
- Summer Wine,
- Sport of Kings

### Bar Hours

The Club opens at 10am daily with the bar opening at 11am. We have a supervised license so that means that children under 18 can be in the Club. You must be the parent or legal guardian of these children.

### Courtesy vehicle

We have three vehicles that will pick you and your guests up from your home and take you home again.

So as you can see, we have much to offer you as a member of our Club.

**For further information, contact the Club office..**



**Cnr Arawa & Raniuru Street  
Tel:: (07) 348 3066**

Email: [admin@rotorucitizensclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@rotorucitizensclub.co.nz)  
Website: [www.rotorucitizensclub.co.nz](http://www.rotorucitizensclub.co.nz)

# Back Page News

## Immigration New Zealand



Immigration NZ have indicated that they are unable to schedule the popular "How to Obtain Permanent Residency" seminar in Rotorua until the later half of 2010.

However, they are holding the seminar in Hamilton.

The seminars will be held from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on the following dates:

Skilled Migrant Category	Family Category
29 January	
26 February	12 February
26 March	12 March
23 April	9 April
21 May	7 May
18 June	4 June

The venue for the seminars is:

Level 3 – Room 7,  
(Department of Labour), WestpacTrust Building  
430 Victoria Street  
HAMILTON

### Bookings ARE required.

You can make a booking by emailing your email address and contact number to [smcquery@dol.govt.nz](mailto:smcquery@dol.govt.nz).

We suggest before attending, you obtain from Immigration New Zealand, a [Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand \(INZ 1003\) PDF](#).

**Immigration NZ forms and guides are also available from the Settlement Support Rotorua office.**

## Schooling and Early Childhood Education (ECL)

### Teaching and learning philosophy in NZ

In NZ, students are the centre of learning and teaching. Education is about how students experience and discover what they are learning.

Students' active participation is very important in the learning process because the learning and teaching are based on discussion and interaction between students and teachers, students and students, and students and their environment.

A passive learner who chooses not to contribute to class discussion or question the teacher, will therefore be at a disadvantage.

### School Terms in 2010

Term	Start	End
1	2-5 February	1 April
2	19 April	2 July
3	19 July	24 September
4	20 October	14-20 December

Source: Ministry of Education [www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz)

### Choosing a School or Early Learning Centre (ELC)

**team-up** Local schools are listed in the Teamup Schools Directory. It contains contact details, maps, number of students, subjects taught, and ERO reports for each school and ELC. These reports are audits by the Ministry of Education. Many parents find the Summary section useful when deciding where to place their children. [www.teamup.co.nz](http://www.teamup.co.nz)

Once you have made a list of possible schools or ELC, visit the school principal or centre manager with your child.

### Further Information

[www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz)  
[www.ece.govt.nz](http://www.ece.govt.nz)

- List of all schools, childcare and early learning centres in Rotorua
- "Choices in Early Childhood Education"
- "An Information pack for migrants: Early childhood and schooling in New Zealand – available in English and Chinese"

**Please contact Settlement Support, if you would like a copy of any of these booklets.**

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Visit: [www.rotorua-living.com/settlement](http://www.rotorua-living.com/settlement)

For settlement information, visit: [www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement)

