



2018 Multicultural Calendar

Cultural Games & Activities

from around the world



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South Sea Islands - Vanuatu

'Pakau (Pacow)' - Stick Activity from Vanuatu

"I am from Efate island which is part of Vanuatu, made up of 83 islands. Vanuatu is a Melanesian country with a few Polynesian islands. My grandfather is from the island of Futuna with Tongan Ancestry of hulas and hakas. I grew up in the north of the island and speak three languages and also learnt many games and activities. As a teenager I also learnt the meanings of different games and activities of all the islands and some activities were similar to the ones on my island. One such activity is 'Pacow'. It was brought to Futuna by Polynesian seafarers and is a symbol of war games and shows how our ancestors fought with spears and also used them for hunting and fishing. Pacow is played with two people battling each other with four short sticks to a musical rhythm. The rhythm and sound of the sticks of this game makes it exciting and it is a challenge to see how fast we can do it. This activity creates a strong sense of pride in my culture as it is rich, ancient and is still continuing. It connects me to my culture and ancestors. I now live on the Sunshine Coast with my husband and three children and enjoy being a member of DASSI (Descendants of the Australian South Sea Islanders). As a group we share our rich cultural heritage with members of the community."

Story: Ether Jones
Photos by Thana Roysmith



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<p>14</p> <p>Defenders of the Motherland Day (<i>Uzbekistan</i>) Makar Sankranti (<i>Hindu</i>) Orthodox New Year (<i>Christian</i>) Revolution & Youth Day (<i>Tunisia</i>) Tamil Thai Pongal Day (<i>India/Sri Lanka</i>)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hangul Day (<i>North Korea</i>) John Chilembwe Day (<i>Malawi</i>) Maghi Parva/Maghe Sankranti (<i>Nepal</i>) Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday (<i>USA</i>)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>16 - 17: Heroes Day (<i>Congo DR</i>) Uzhavar Thirunal (<i>Tamil Nadu/India</i>) Heroes Day (<i>Congo DR</i>)</p>	<p>NEW MOON 17</p> <p>Blessing of the Animals (<i>Hispanic Catholic Christian</i>) Traditional Day of Offerings (<i>Bhutan</i>)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sonam Losar/Tamang New Year (<i>Nepal</i>)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Orthodox Epiphany (<i>Georgia</i>) Timkat/Coptic Epiphany (<i>Ethiopia</i>)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Heroes Day (<i>Cape Verde/Guinea-Bissau</i>)</p>																																																	
<p>21</p> <p>Our Lady of Altagracia (<i>Dominican Republic</i>) World Religion Day (<i>Baha'i</i>)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Martyr's Day (<i>Azerbaijan</i>) Plurinational State Foundation Day (<i>Bolivia</i>) Errol Barrow Day (<i>Barbados</i>) Community Manager Appreciation Day (<i>International</i>)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti (<i>India</i>)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Peace (<i>Roman Catholic</i>)</p>	<p>MOON FIRST QTR 25</p> <p>Betico Croes' Birthday (<i>Aruba</i>) Revolution Day (<i>Egypt</i>)</p>	<p>Australia Day 26 National Holiday</p> <p>Australia Day NRM Liberation Day (<i>Uganda</i>) Republic Day (<i>India</i>)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>International Holocaust Remembrance Day (<i>UN</i>) Saint Devote's Day (<i>Monaco</i>)</p>																																																	
<p>28</p> <p>National Army Day (<i>Armenia</i>)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Duarte's Birthday (<i>Dominican Republic</i>)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Martyr's Day Memorial Day (<i>Nepal</i>)</p>	<p>FULL MOON 31</p> <p>Independence Day (<i>Nauru</i>) Guru Ravidas Birthday (<i>India</i>) Tu BiShvat (<i>Jewish</i>)</p>			<p>February 2018</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28										
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“Combinatory play seems to be the essential feature in productive thought”

- A Ibert Einstein



Vietnam

Vietnamese card game

“This card game is a very simple and popular one that is played throughout Vietnam. There is no specific name for this card game. As children we would often watch our parents play this game with their friends. Adults would often gamble money while playing this game. Grandparents also played this game with their grandchildren to entertain them while their parents were at work. It can be played at any time but is often enjoyed as an after dinner activity when having guests over. We enjoy playing this game because it gives us the opportunity to have fun with friends and to socialise. It also helps us to stay connected to our culture as we only play it with other Vietnamese people and it brings back memories of our childhood in Vietnam. The card game is played with an ordinary set of playing cards. There can be up to 10 players. Each player gets three cards. The object of the game is to get nine. If your cards add up to over nine or under nine then you lose. If your card adds up to nine then you are the winner! Then you play again.”

Photo: Phung and Hoang Quach
Interview: Phung and Hoang Quach



FEBRUARY 2018

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Abolition of Slavery (*Mauritius*)
National Freedom Day (*USA*)

2

Feast of Candlemas/Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (*Christian*)
Anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty (*Estonia*)

3

Day of the Virgin of Suyapa (*Honduras*)
Martyr's Day (*Sao Tome/Principe*)
Rissun/Setsuban-Sai (*Shinto*)

4

Independence Day (*Sri Lanka*)

5

Kashmir Solidarity Day (*Pakistan*)
Constitution Day (*Mexico*)
Liberation Day/St Agatha's Day (*San Marino*)
Unity Day (*Burundi*)
Liberation Day (*Angola*)

6

Waitangi Day (*New Zealand*)

7

Independence Day (*Grenada*)

MOON LAST QTR 8

Preseren Day (*Slovenia*)
Nirvana Day (*Buddhism*)

9

St Maroun's Day (*Lebanon*)

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11

Islamic Revolution Day (*Iran*)
National Foundation Day (*Japan*)
Lateran Treaty Day (*Vatican City*)

Royal Hobart Regatta 12

Union Day (*Myanmar*)
Lincoln's Birthday (*USA*)
12 - 13: Carnival (*Angola/Bolivia/Andorra/Argentina*)

13

Maha Shivaratri (*Hinduism*)
National Sports Day (*Qatar*)

14

St Valentine's Day (*Christian*)
Ash Wednesday

15

Nirvana Day (*Buddhism-Jain*)
Statehood Day (*Serbia*)

NEW MOON 16

Independence Day (*Lithuania*)
Kim Jon-un's Birthday (*North Korea*)
Chinese New Year (*Confucian/Daoist/Buddhism*)
Tet New Year (*Vietnam*)
Losar New Year (*Tibet*)
16 Feb - 4 Mar: Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras (*Australia*)

17

Revolution Day (*Libya*)

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19

Presidents Day (*USA*)

20

World Day of Social Justice (*UN*)

21

International Mother Language Day (*UNESCO*)
Language Movement Day (*Bangladesh*)
Father Walter Lini Day (*Vanuatu*)
21 - 23: King's Birthday Celebrations (*Bhutan*)

22

Independence Day (*St Lucia*)

MOON FIRST QTR 23

National Day (*Brunei*)
Republic Day (*Guyana*)

24

Independence Day (*Estonia*)

25

National Day (*Kuwait*)
People Power Anniversary (*Philippines*)

26

Liberation Day (*Kuwait*)
26 Feb - 1 Mar: Intercalary Days (*Baha'i*)

27

Independence Day (*Dominican Republic*)

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28 Feb - 1 Mar: Purim (*Jewish*)
Peace Memorial Day (*Taiwan*)
Kalevala/Finnish Culture (*Finland*)



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"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation"

- Richard Lingard



Fiji

Games from Fiji

Irene is married to a Fijian man. She spends a considerable amount of time in the village of Sabeto where she has her other home.

During her early time in the village she spent time with the elders doing research for the Fijian Language and Culture classes in Brisbane. This was to assist in the maintenance of the Fijian Culture for the increasing number of Fijians making Brisbane their home.

There are many traditional games and activities played by Fijian people. Some of them are as follows:

Veiciqi (Pronounced Veithigi)

The spear is placed on flat ground and you have to make it fly into the air when you put force behind it.

Vidi Vidi (Pronounced Vindi Vindi)

“This is the one traditional game that we see played here in Brisbane. This is a big square board on short legs with holes in corners and you have to flick the counter (like a button shape) into the holes” said Irene.

“Fiji Independence Day is celebrated on the 10th of October and we celebrate here in Brisbane on the closest weekend to that date. This year it will be celebrated on the 7th October with a Rugby Tournament. There will be stalls with traditional foods and arts and craft.” said Irene.

Source: Irene Bayldon/Tavutavu and Tarisi Vunidilo



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Clean Up Australia Day 4	Labour Day WA 5 Custom Chiefs' Day (Vanuatu) H. Lavity Stoutt's Birthday (British Virgin Islands)	6 Independence Day (Ghana) Foundation Day (Norfolk Island)	7	8 International Womens' Day (UN)	9 MOON LAST QTR	10 Holocaust Remembrance Day (Bulgaria)
11 King Moshoeshoe I's Anniversary (Lesotho) Restoration of Independence (Lithuania) World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film (Islam)	Labour Day TAS VIC Eight Hours Day TAS Adelaide Cup Holiday SA Canberra Day ACT 12 Independence and Republic Day (Mauritius) Commonwealth Day (Commonwealth of Nations)	13	14 Constitution Day (Andorra)	15 Constitution Day (Belarus) Joseph Jenkins Roberts' Birthday (Liberia)	16	NEW MOON 17 Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birthday (Bangladesh) St Patrick's Day (Ireland) 17 - 18: Hari Raya Nyepi (Indonesia)
18 Marien Nguabi Day (Republic of Congo)	19 St Joseph's Day (Western Christianity) Benito Juarez Day (Mexico)	20 Equinox Earth Day (International) Independence Day (Tunisia) French Language Day (UN)	Harmony Day 21 Harmony Day (Australia) Human Rights Day (South Africa) Independence Day (Namibia) International Day of Nowruz (UN) International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN) Naw Ruz Day (Baha'!/Iran)	22 Emancipation Day (Puerto Rico)	23 Hungarian-Polish Friendship (Poland/Hungary) Pakistan Day (Pakistan)	24 Commonwealth Covenant Day (North Mariana Islands) Truth and Justice Memorial Day (Argentina)
MOON FIRST QTR 25 Rama Navami (Hindu) Anniversary of the Arengo (San Marino) Feast of Annunciation (Western Christianity) Palm Sunday (Western Christianity)	26 Independence Day (Bangladesh)	27	28	29 Boganda Day (Central African Republic)	Good Friday 30 National Holiday 30 Mar - 7 Apr: Passover/Pesach (Jewish) 30 - 31: Culture and Traditions Day (Micronesia) Land Day (Palestine) Good Friday (Western Christianity)	FULL MOON 31 Easter Saturday National Holiday Freedom Day (Malta) Transfer Day (US Virgin Islands)



Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland



"To succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you."

Tony Dorsett



Sri Lanka



New Years game - Sri Lanka

'The Sri Lankan Sinhalese and Tamil New Year ("Aluth Avurudhu" in Sinhala and "Puththandu in Tamil") is usually celebrated on the 13th or 14th of April. It traditionally marks the end of the harvest. I have been participating in the following New Year activities since I was young. We celebrate it in Australia through the Sinhalese temple and the Sinhalese society. I love participating in these games as it's something that the whole family can enjoy.'

'The lime and spoon race is one of many activities played during the Sri Lankan New Year celebrations. This activity involves racing while holding a spoon in your mouth that is balancing a lime. The first person to reach the finish line without dropping the lime wins. Some of the other activities include:

Kotta Pora - Players have to balance themselves on a horizontal bar with one hand tied behind their backs as they use the other hand to try and knock their opponent off the bar with a pillow.

Greased Pole Climbing – Each player has to try and climb a pole covered in grease. The first one to grab a flag or present tied to the top is the winner."

I nterviewed: I roshani Sembukutti A rachchige

Pictured: Wimala Jayasundara Mudiyansele; Pathum Hewabatagoda and I roshani Sembukutti A rachchige

Photos by Taryn Quach

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter Sunday 1 Greek Cypriot National Day (Cyprus) Islamic Republic Day (Iran) Easter Sunday (Western Christianity)	Easter Monday 2 National Holiday World Autism Day (UN) Malvinas/Veteran's Day (Argentina) Sizdah Be-dar/Nature Day (Iran) Unity Day of Peoples (Belarus/Russia) Easter Monday (Western Christianity)	3 Second Republic Day (Guinea)	4 Independence Day (Senegal) Peace Day (Angola)	5 5 - 7: Chin/Qing Ming/Cold Food/ Tomb Sweeping Festival (Taiwan/ Hong Kong/China)	6 Act of Self Determination Day (Cocos Islands) Chakri Day (Thailand) Good Friday (Eastern/Orthodox Christianity) President Ntaryamira Day (Burundi)	7 Genocide Memorial Day (Rwanda) Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume Day (Tanzania) Annunciation (Eastern Christianity) Holy Saturday (Eastern Christianity)
MOON LAST QTR 8 Hana Matsuri/Flower Festival (Japan) Coptic Easter Sunday (Orthodox/Eastern Christian)	9 Day of Valor (Philippines) Martyr's Day (Tunisia) Day of National Unity (Georgia) Easter Monday (Eastern Christian)	10 	11 11 - 12: Yon HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jewish) World Parkinson's Day	12 	13 Laylat al-Mi'raj (Islam) 13 - 15: Songkran New Year Water Festival (Thailand)	14 Bangla New Year (Bangladesh) Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Sikh and Hindu)
15 	NEW MOON 16 	17 Independence Day (Syria) Radonitsa/Ancestor Veneration Day (Belarus)	18 Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh) Independence Day (Zimbabwe) Akshaya Tritiya (Hindu)	19 Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Independence Day (Jewish/Israel) Independence Day (Venezuela)	20 Fast and Prayer Day (Liberia) Chinese Language Day (UN)	21 21 - 29: Festival of Ridvan (Baha'1)
22 Earth Day (UN)	MOON FIRST QTR 23 English Language Day (UN) St George's Day (Christian)	24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (Armenia)	Anzac Day 25 National Holiday Freedom Day (Portugal) Liberation Day (Italy) Sinai Liberation Day (Egypt)	26 Union Day (Tanzania)	27 General Prayer Day (Denmark) Freedom Day (South Africa) Independence Day (Sierra Leone/Togo) King's Day (Aruba/Netherlands) Resistance Day (Slovenia)	28 Mujahideen Victory Day (Afghanistan)
29 Showa Day (Japan)	FULL MOON 30 	March 2018 S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				May 2018 S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

"Life is more fun if you play games"

Roald Dahl



Germany

Cycling in Germany

Cycling is very popular in Germany and it is a sport that Germans used to love to watch on a Sunday afternoon on TV. Cycling is healthy, good for the environment and, of course, lots of fun.

“I learnt to ride a bike when I was in kindergarten. I remember I used to ride my bike alone to primary school along the footpath”

“I love cycling and enjoy being out in nature. I can see things and smell fresh air. It is easy to go anywhere and feels good and feels active.”

“Everyone rides a bike in Germany. My dad is 80 and my mum is 77. They are still riding their bikes daily.”

“We have bike lanes and traffic rules in every city. The bike lane is next to the footpath and not on the road. In my city of Münster, North Rhine-Westphalia, bikes are allowed to go both directions in one way streets. We have traffic lights especially for bikes.”

“We are now living in North Queensland and still enjoy cycling. It is a regular exercise for us. My kids ride their bike to school. We often do cycling around the park and the river on the weekend or after school.”

Interviewed: Alexandra Roberts and Tatjana Roberts



MAY 2018

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 Constitution Day (Marshall Islands)
 Convocation of the Constitutional Assembly (Latvia)
 Labour/May Day (International)
 Laylat al-Bara'ah (Islam)
 People's Solidarity Day (Kazakhstan)

2
 Muhammad al-Mahdi's Birthday (Islam)

3
 Lag B'omer (Jewish)
 Constitution Day (Poland)
 Constitution Memorial Day (Japan)
 Taue Matsuri (Shinto)
 World Press Freedom Day (UN)
 National Day of Prayer (USA-Interfaith)
 Royal Ploughing Ceremony (Cambodia)

4
 Remembrance Day (Netherlands)
 Restoration of Independence Day (Latvia)

5
 African World Heritage Day (UNESCO)
 Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)
 Constitution Day (Kyrgyzstan)
 Coronation Day (Thailand)
 Liberation Day (Netherlands)
 Tango-no-Sekku (Shinto)

6
 St George's/Army Day (Bulgaria)

7
May Day
Labour Day QLD

8
 MOON LAST QTR
 World Red Cross & Crescent Day

9
 Europe/Schuman Day (EU)
 Liberation Day (Jersey)
 Victory Day (former Soviet Republics)

10
 Royal Ploughing Ceremony (Thailand)
 Ascension Day (Western Christian)
 Constitution Day (Micronesia)
 Independence Day (Romania)

11
 Human Rights Day (Vietnam)

12

13
Mother's Day
 13 - 16: King Norodom Sihamoni's Birthday (Cambodia)
 Yom Yerushalayim/Jerusalem Day (Israel)
 Rotuma Day (Fiji)

14
 14 - 15: Independence Day (Paraguay)
 Kamuzu Day (Malawi)
 Nat'l Unification Day (Liberia)

15
 NEW MOON
 International Day of Families (UN)

16
 16 May - 14 Jun: Ramadan (Islam)
 SPLA Day (South Sudan)

17
 Constitution Day (Nauru/Norway)
 International Day Against Homophobia/Transphobia/Biphobia
 Liberation Day (Congo)
 World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (UN)

18
 Revival, Unity & Magtymguly Poetry Day (Turkmenistan)

19
 19 - 21: Shavuot (Jewish)
 Culture Freedom Day (International)
 Ho Chi Minh's Birthday (Vietnam)

20
 Pentecost (Orthodox)
 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial
 National Day (Cameroon)

21
 Afro-Colombian Day (Colombia)
 Day of Culture & Art Workers (Kazakhstan)
 21 - 22: Independence Day (Montenegro)
 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development (UN)
 Discovery Day (Cayman Islands)
 Victoria Day (Canada)

22
 MOON FIRST QTR
 Unity Day (Yemen)
 Republic Day (Sri Lanka)
 Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism - East Asia)
 Unity/Independence Day (Yemen)

23
 Declaration of the Ba'b (Baha'i)
 Labour Day (Jamaica)

24
 Bermuda Day
 Commonwealth Day (Belize)
 Culture & Literacy Day (Bulgaria)
 Independence Day (Eritrea)

25
 Africa Day/Week (Zimbabwe/Zambia/Ghana/UNESCO)
 Independence Day (Jordan)
 National Day (Argentina)

26
 26 May - 8 Jun: Sr TT Race (Isle of Man)
 Independence Day (Guyana/Georgia)
 National Sorry Day (Australia)

27
 27 - 3 Jun: Reconciliation Week (Australia)

28
 Republic Day (Armenia/Azerbaijan)
 Memorial Day (USA)

29
 Saka Dawa (Tibetan Buddha Day)
 Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
 Buddha Day or Vesak or Visakha Puja (Buddhism)
 Democracy Day (Nigeria)
 Ganantantra Diwas/Republic Day (Nepal)

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“Almost all creativity involves purposeful play”

A braham Maslow

Do you know the origins of Karen annual Wrist Tying Ceremony?

“Karen Annual Wrist Tying is a cultural tradition celebrated in August every year. Its’ origins go back to premodern history of the Karen people as it existed and was practiced for thousands of years before introduction of Buddhism and Christianity.

The purpose of this tradition is for all Karen people, individuals, young, old, children, male, female and families to come together as one. It is an opportunity for elders to share cultural perspectives on day-to-day life issues with younger generations. They receive prayers from their elders to aid them as they plan for their future.

Wrist tying celebration has played a significant role in bringing people together as an opportunity for well wishes, purity, loyalty and bravery. As Karen people are scattered all over the world, it is important for us to use this occasion to connect with each other in Australia as well as in other parts of the world including homeland. We liaise, communicate, socialise and eat traditional food which has always played a significant part of celebration.

People show their commitment by contributing money towards its organising and buy traditional costumes for dancers. Young people consult with elders to fine tune some traditional practices such as dancing, singing and etiquettes for the actual wrist tying. Each person or a group of people are responsible for carrying out their specific assignments during the time leading to the ceremony. Children meet and play together and practice their Karen language.”

Interviewee: Mrs Mu Kay Sein,
Lady chair for women department in Karen organisation



Myanmar

JUNE 2018

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Chile

Emboque

“Cup-and-ball (or ball in a cup) or ring and pin is a traditional children's toy. It is generally a wooden handle to which a small ball is attached by a string, and which has one or two cups, or a spike, upon which the player tries to catch the ball (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cup-and-ball>).”

“It was a very popular game in Chile when I was a child. Many people used to make them and we could buy them in the market. You can still buy the emboques as souvenirs but I don't think children play with it anymore. Maybe they still do in remote villages but in big cities like Santiago where I am from, children entertain themselves in a different way now. In my time, we used to make our own toys and run outside all day with our neighbours and cousins, says Ines Lobos.”

“In Chile, we celebrate Independence Day on September 18. It is a great opportunity to play traditional games with your family and friends. We get together every year. We speak Spanish, eat traditional food, play traditional games and also dance! I show Chilean traditions to my grandchildren who live in Australia all the time but they are all busy with their own life”, Ines tells.

Interviewee: Ines Lobos



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1 Fast of Tzom Tammuz (<i>Jewish</i>) 1 - 2: Republic Day (<i>Somalia/Burundi/Ghana</i>) Emancipation Day (<i>Suriname</i>) Special Administrative Region Establishment Day (<i>Hong Kong</i>) Independence Day (<i>Rwanda</i>)	2 Canada Day	3 Unity Day (<i>Zambia</i>)	4 Birthday of King Tupou VI (<i>Tonga</i>) Independence Day (<i>USA</i>) Liberation Day (<i>Rwanda</i>)	5 Constitution Day (<i>Armenia</i>) 5 - 9: Shitamachi Tanabata Matsuri Festival Independence Day (<i>Cape Verde/Algeria/Venezuela</i>) St Cyril & Methodius Day (<i>Slovakia/Czech Republic</i>) Tynwald Day (<i>Isle of Man</i>)	MOON LAST QTR 6 6 - 8: July Tanabata Festival (<i>Japan</i>) Capital City Day (<i>Kazakhstan</i>) Independence Day (<i>Malawi/Comoros</i>) Jan Hus Day (<i>Czech Republic</i>) Statehood Day (<i>Lithuania</i>) Ra O te Ui Ariki (<i>Cook Islands</i>)	7 Independence Day (<i>Solomon Islands</i>) Saba Saba Day (<i>Tanzania</i>)
8 8 - 15: Naidoc Week (<i>Australia</i>) The Vardavar Water Festival (<i>Armenia</i>)	9 9 - 15: Kaustinen Folk Festival (<i>Finland</i>) Constitution Day (<i>Palau</i>) Guru Purnima (<i>Hindu</i>) Independence Day (<i>South Sudan/Argentina</i>) Martyrdom of the Ba'b (<i>Baha'!</i>)	10 Independence Day (<i>Bahamas</i>)	11 11 - 12: National/Culture Day (<i>Kiribati</i>) 11 - 15: Naadam Festival (<i>Mongolia</i>) St Benedict Day (<i>Catholic Christian</i>)	12 Independence Day (<i>Sao Tome & Principe</i>)	NEW MOON 13 Statehood Day (<i>Montenegro</i>)	14 Bastille Day (<i>France/French Guiana</i>) Puri Rath Yatra (<i>Hindi</i>) Republic Day (<i>Iraq</i>)
15 15 - 16: HM The Sultan's Birthday (<i>Brunei</i>) St Vladimir the Great Day (<i>Orthodox Christian</i>)	16 16 - 17: President's Day (<i>Botswana</i>) Our Lady of Mt Carmel (<i>Chile</i>) The First Sermon of Lord Buddha (<i>Buddhist/Bhutan</i>)	17 Constitution Day (<i>South Korea</i>) King's Birthday (<i>Lesotho</i>)	18 Constitution Day (<i>Uruguay</i>) Nelson Mandela International Day (<i>UN</i>)	19 Sandinista Revolution Day (<i>Nicaragua</i>)	MOON FIRST QTR 20 Independence Day (<i>Colombia</i>)	21 21 - 22: Tisha B'av (<i>Jewish</i>) Independence/National Day (<i>Belgium</i>) Liberation Day (<i>Guam</i>) Racial Harmony Day (<i>Singapore</i>)
22 Birthday of King Sobhuza II (<i>Swaziland</i>)	23 National Remembrance Day (<i>Papua New Guinea</i>) Renaissance Day (<i>Oman</i>)	24 Simon Bolivar (<i>Venezuela/Ecuador/Colombia/Bolivia</i>) The Restoration of Democracy (<i>Greece</i>)	25 Baha' Day (<i>Jamaica</i>) Constitution Day (<i>Puerto Rico</i>) Guanacaste Day (<i>Costa Rica</i>) Republic Day (<i>Tunisia</i>) St James the Great (<i>Christian</i>)	26 Day of the National Rebellion (<i>Cuba</i>) Independence Day (<i>Liberia</i>) Independence Day (<i>Maldives</i>)	27 Victory Day (<i>North Korea</i>) Guru Purnima (<i>Hindu</i>) Asahna Bucha/Dharma/Asalha Puja Day (<i>Buddhism</i>)	FULL MOON 28 Anniversary of the fall of Fascism (<i>San Marino</i>) Independence Day (<i>Peru</i>)
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Spain



Brisca - Spanish card game

The Cartas (cards), also known as Baraja Española (Spanish deck), are the playing cards associated with Spain. They have four suits, and a deck is usually made up of 40 cards.

Brisca, or Briscola in Italian, originated in Italy but is a well known and popular card game in Spain, as well as in South America. Brisca is one of the older family games. The pack has 40 cards, and the number of players is normally between two and four. When the number of players is four, it is played in partnership. The two players with the highest cards play against the other two. The main objective is to be the first to achieve the agreed number of hands; and the objective in every hand is to get the highest amount of points, with the cards taken through all the tricks.

“I learnt to play Brisca in my teens; everybody played Brisca and other card games. We used to play when family and friends got together. I still play with my husband and other Spanish friends here in Australia.” said Emma.

“Playing Brisca is just another way to keep my husband and I connected with Spanish traditions, entertainment and our roots. We have many Spanish friends in Cairns and often meet up with them for BBQs with everyone bringing a plate or two.”

Want to know how to play brisca?
<http://www.ludoteka.com/brisca-en.html>

Interviewee: Emma Vela
Photos by Emma Vela



Japan

Menko - Japanese card game

"I grew up playing Menko in the 1980s in Japan, before my family moved to Australia in 1991. Menko is a Japanese game played by two or more players. It is also the name of the type of cards used to play the game, "Menko" means "small object with a face" as originally many carried faces of people or animals. Now they are usually printed with images from anime or manga. They look a bit like "pogs". They were originally round but can.

Though there are different ways to play Menko, usually a player's card is placed on the ground and the other player throws down his card, trying to flip the other player's card over by striking it. If he succeeds, he takes both cards. The player with the most cards at the end, wins. Because of this, in some parts of Japan Menko is referred to as "Betan" or "Patchin" which loosely translates to "strike".

Menko is traditionally seen as a boy's game, much as marbles is in Australia. Menko cards were a medium by which boys would meet with other boys, challenge and battle in an honourable and friendly way, in preparation for later adult battles.

The history of the game begins in the early 1700s during which menkos were originally flat clay discs. Through the years the mediums have included tile, wood, and card. From the 1920s through to the 1960s, Japan embarked on an era of embracing Western culture in an effort to be a modern nation. All kinds of new motifs began appearing on menkos, such as Western comic characters, film and sports stars and during the 1970s and 1980s they developed into more of a collectors' item and they became better made and more attractive.

My ten year old son isn't all that interested in Menko because children today have a lot more technology and fun toys. We try to keep the game alive at Japanese school. Hopefully more parents and grandparents will pass it on so that future children can play and appreciate the game."

Interviewee: Mr A kira Ueno



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Esm-Famil

Saba Sohrabi, her husband Ali Gorginzadeh and their son Artin, aged 8, came from Iran to the Sunshine Coast, Australia in 2012. Now they also have a daughter, Yana, aged 2. One of Saba's favourite games in Iran was Esm-Famil which means Name and Family Name. This game can be played by two or more people with pen and paper.

When playing Esm-Famil, each player has a piece of paper and draws a table with columns. The group specifies a topic for each column. Topics include: name, family name, city, country, colour, fruits, food, etc. It gets harder with topics like musicians, songs, instruments, movies and so on. The first player chooses a letter from the alphabet and everyone fills a row of the table as quickly as they can with words starting with the chosen letter. The first person to complete the row says "stop" and the others should stop writing. The players then score the words in a manner agreed by the players. Then the next round starts with another letter. Eventually, the person with the highest score wins.

Saba said "I used to play this game when I was about 7-8 years old and had just learnt to read and write. At that time, there was a war between Iraq and Iran. When Iraqi aircrafts bombed the cities at night, people got together in the underground shelters and played games to pass time and reduce stress. Esm-Famil was one of our favourite games."

Saba also mentioned that this game helps to improve vocabulary, general knowledge, concentration and speed. She said "I learnt a lot when I was a kid by just playing the game. It also helps people to connect with each other. Parents and grandparents can play with kids and teenagers. This game also brings fond memories of people I used to play with in Iran. In addition, it connects me with my first language which is Farsi."

Source: Saba Sohrabi

Photos by Saba Sohrabi and Thana Roysmith

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7	Family & Community 8 Day ACT Independence Day (Croatia) Columbus Day (Puerto Rico) Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity (Argentina) Native American Day (USA)	NEW MOON 9 Independence Day (Uganda) Independence of Guayaquil (Ecuador) National Day (Taiwan)	10 Curacao Day (Curacao) Fiji Day Independence Day (Cuba) Maroon Day (Suriname)	11 Revolution Day (Macedonia) National Coming Out Day (LGBTIQ)	12 Hispanic Day (Spain) Day of the Cultures (Costa Rica) Independence Day (Equatorial Guinea) Indigenous Resistance Day (Venezuela/Bolivia) Our Lady of Aparecida/Children's Day (Brazil)	13 Prince Louis Rwagasore Day (Burindi)
14 Revolution Day (Yemen) Mwalimu Nyerere Day (Tanzania) Svetitskhoveli (Georgia)	15 Commemoration Day of King's Father (Cambodia) Columbus Day (Colombia)	16	MOON FIRST QTR 17 Chung Yeung Festival (Hong Kong/ Taiwan/China) Dessalines Day (Haiti) Chung Yeung Festival (Macau)	18 National Independence Day (Azerbaijan) Alaska Day (Alaska)	19 Mother Teresa Beatification Day (Albania) Dussehra (India) Constitution Day (Niue)	20 Heroes/Mashujaa Day (Kenya) Revolution Day (Guatemala) Birth of the Ba'b (Baha'Il) Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)
21 President Ndayaye's Day (Burundi) Remembrance Day (Serbia) St Ursula's Day (British Virgin Islands)	22	23 Liberation Day (Libya) Chulalongkorn Day (Thailand) Paris Peace Agreement Day (Cambodia) Day of the Macedonian Revolutionary Struggle (Macedonia) 1956 Revolution Memorial Day (Hungary) Sharad Purnima (Hindu)	24 Independence Day (Zambia) United Nations Day (UN) End of Buddhist Lent/Full Moon Day of Thadingyut (Myanmar)	FULL MOON 25 Thanksgiving Day (Grenada)	26 Angam Day (Nauru) National Day (Austria)	27 Independence Day (Turkmenistan)
28 Independence Day (Czech Republic) Ochi Day (Cyprus/Greece)	29 King's Coronation Day (Cambodia) Republic Day (Turkey)	30	31 Halloween (International) All Hallows Eve (Christian) Reformation Day (Protestant Christian) World Cities Day (UN)			November 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



Democratic Republic of Congo



Kelele Boys- The Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) Drumming Youth Group

The Kelele Boys are from Congo - they came to Australia as refugees and settled in Toowoomba. The boys brought with them what the DR Congo is best known for: love for music, drumming and dancing.

The group started drumming at Harristown State High School in Toowoomba. The school was very supportive and encouraged them to promote their cultural heritage through drumming.

The drumming culture in DR Congo was originally practiced by the Bantu, the nation's indigenous people, passed down from generation to generation, and is regarded as a unifying cultural practice of the Congolese people.

The Kelele Boys visit schools in Toowoomba to teach children how to drum and be inspired by the drumming. "We started small in Harristown State High by entertaining our fellow students and teachers, but today we perform in schools to inspire younger generations to become future drummers", says Panda, the group's coordinator.

For the Congolese people, drumming carries a social message of bringing people together in unity, peace and harmony. "It brings happiness to us as we perform because it is an opportunity to reflect on our background, heritage and reminds us of where we came from." says Panda.

Interviewee: Panda
Photos by The Kelele Boys

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New Zealand

Poi

“The origin of Poi has been passed on through korero (talk). I learned Poi from my aunts as a girl and I feel that it connects me to my homeland and find it relaxing.

Poitoa, the skill, started with the use of woven flax bags called Kii, originally used to carry moa eggs. Many years ago, the Maori people of New Zealand began filling the bags with round stones and used the kii to increase their flexibility and strength in their hands and arms as well as improving coordination by creating song and dances. This originated from the women, for keeping their hands flexible for weaving and then the by the men with heavier stones for developing strength and coordination required by warriors during battle, and as a training aid for hand weapons, Mere or Patu. The kii originally had short ropes, but when the warriors and boys trained with them they would put on extra lengths of rope. This is why Poi have both short and long ropes today.

The modern Poi uses just the kii bag, light stuffing inside, such as feathers, plant fibre or wool, so it is like a ball. When the moa birds died out, the original kii bags were not needed because no other bird in our country has such a big egg. The kii were just used in games and became known as Kiitoo, Poitoo or Poi.

This is only my view of the Poi history. As Maori people we are not the same across the whole of New Zealand, we have our unique genealogies in not only our lives, but our implements, food and traditions.”

A rohamai, Daisy Hemana

DECEMBER 2018

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<p>30</p> <p>Rizal Day (Philippines)</p>	<p>New Years Eve SA part Holiday</p> <p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve/St Sylvester's Day (Christian) Restoration Day (Switzerland)</p>	<p>November 2018</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			<p>January 2019</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			<p>1</p> <p>Unification/Great Union Day (Romania) Republic Day (Central African Republic) Restoration of Independence Day (Portugal)</p>
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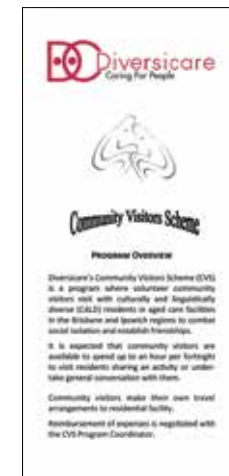
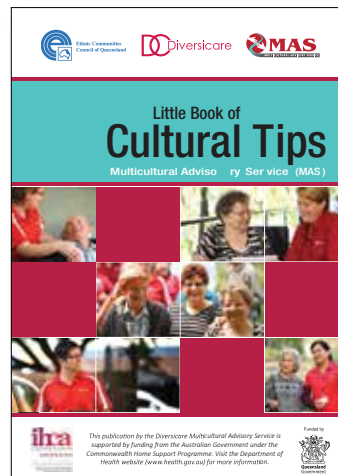
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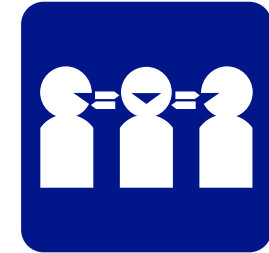
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