

Cook Islands Calendar of Events for 2008

JANUARY

Tues 1 st	New Years Day – Public Holiday
Wed 2 nd	Public Holiday in Lieu of New Years Day
Tue 8 th	To end of March - Touch Season
Mon 28 th	To Fri 18 th April School Term 1 Begins

FEBRUARY

Feb to Mar	Table Tennis Pre Season Team Competition
Mon 4 th	To Thur 14 th April Basketball – Main Championship (Opens/A&B/U20)
Wed 7 th	To Fri 14 th March Basketball – Mini/Youth Program
Thur 8 th	To Thur 27 th March Basketball – Schools Competition
Sat 9 th	League Sevens Competition Club Teams Begins
Thur 28 th	Te Mire Atu – Song Composers

MARCH

Mar to Jun	Table Tennis – Winter Team Competition
Sat 1 st	Triathlon – Business House Team Relay (200m Swim, 8km Cycle, 2km Run) Netball Competition – Club Teams Begins
Mon 3 rd	To Wed 9 th April (6 Wks) Miniball – Age Group Competition (6Wks) School Challenge (1 Day)
Thur 13 th	Penrhyn Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Penrhyn
Sat 15 th	Triathlon – Women Only (600m Swim, 16km Cycle, 4km Run)
Fri 21 st	Good Friday
Sat 22 nd	Easter Saturday
Sun 23 rd	Easter Sunday
Mon 24 th	Easter Monday
Sat 29 th	To 30 th – Jazz Festival

APRIL

Fri 11 th	Te Mire Kapa – Dancer of the Year – Rarotonga Junior & Intermediate Finals (Rarotonga Residence ONLY)
Mon 14 th	Basketball Main Championships (11Wks)
Fri 18 th	Te Mire Kapa – Dancer of the Year – Rarotonga Senior Finals (Rarotonga Residence ONLY) End of Term 1
Sat 19 th	To Sun 4 th May School Holidays Begins (2 Wks)
Mon 21 st	Te Mire Kapa – Dancer of the Year – Akauroa (Papa'a – Expats & Visitors)
Thur 24 th	Te Mire Kapa – Dancer of the Year – National Junior/Intermediate Finals
Fri 25 th	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
Mon 28 th	Te Mire Kapa – Dancer of the Year – Golden Oldies Finals Triathlon – Tinman (1200m Swim, 31km Cycle, 10km Run) Dates yet to be confirmed

MAY

Thur 1st	Te Mire Ura – Dancer of the Year – Senior National Finals (Including participants from the Outer Islands)
Mon 5 th	To 25 th July School Term 2 begins
Wed 7 th	To Wed 25 th June Basketball – Corporate Mixed Tournament Outer Islands Development Programme
Sat 10 th	Triathlon – Air NZ Rarotonga International Triathlon (1500m Swim, 41km Cycle, 10km Run)
Mon 12 th	To 18 th – The Edgewater Resort & Spa Turama Pacific Travel Group Golf Open 2008 RAROTONGA GOLF OPEN:
Mon 12 th	To Wed 14 th Veterans & Juniors Division
Thur 15 th	To Sat 17 th Open Division
Sat 24 th	V 12 Oe Vaka Corporate Race

Sat 31st

AIR NEW ZEALAND CUP
RAROTONGA COMMUNITY RUGBY 2008

JUNE

Mon 2nd

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Kumete Sports

Wed 11th

Basketball mini ball session, 2nd Terms (Mini ball competitions)

Wed 4th

AIR NZ CUP U15 COCA COLA

Fri 6th

To Sat, 7th Tahiti '7's to be held in Tahiti

Sat 7th

AIR NZ CUP COMPETITION

Sat 14th

AIR NZ CUP COMPETITION

Wed 18th

AIR NZ CUP U15 COCA COLA

Sat 21st

VB CUP COMPETITION

Fri 27th

Basketball Development Clinics with Charlie Piho and CIBF executive
This Clinic is open to all mini balers, Under 20 and Open grades.
Run in 3 days at Princess Anne Hall

Sat 28th

VB CUP COMPETITION

JULY

Wed 2nd

RAROTONGA COMMUNITY RUGBY 2008
U15 COCA-COLA

Sat 5th

VB CUP COMPETITION

Sat 12th

CIRU CHAMPIONS

Fri 18th

Mangaia Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Mangaia

Wed 16th

COLLEGE RUGBY Programme;
NEWCASTLE COLLEGE (UK)
U18a v U19 Senz Cook Islands
U18b v U19 Tereora College XV
U16 v U17 Rarotonga

Sat 19th

CIRU CHAMPIONS

Sun 20th

Atiu Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Atiu

Mon 21st Mitiaro Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Mitiaro

Wed 23rd Aitutaki Development Programme – Basketballs Clinics

Thur 24th DEANSCLOSE COLLEGE (UK)
First XV v Tereora College

Fri 25th Rarotonga Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Rarotonga

Fri 25th SNR Oceania RWCQ 7's to be held in Samoa
doubles as IRB 7's Qualifier 2009 (Welly/HK/Ade)

Sat 26th Community 15's Rugby commences

Sat 26th CIRU CHAMPIONS

Mon 28th To Fri 1st August
U17 Rarotonga Tour to Aitutaki

AUGUST

Fri 1st To Sunday 10th Aug
Te Maeva Nui Celebrations 2008
Official Opening of Te Maeva Nui, Float Parade
Te Maeva Nui – Choir Competition

Sun 3rd

Mon 4th Cook Islands National Self Governing Commemorative Day – Public Holiday
Outer Islands Food stalls/Entertainment
Cultural Dance Competition – Day 1

Tue 5th Te Maeva Nui - Tangi Kaara – Junior/Intermediate (Drumming Competition)
Food stalls/Entertainment
Cultural Dance Competition – Day 2

Wed 6th Te Maeva Nui - Mire Vairakau Maori (Maori Medicine)
Outer Islands Food stall/Entertainment
Culture Dance – Day 3

Thur 7th Te Maeva Nui
Outer Islands Food stall/Entertainment
Culture Dance – Day 4

Fri 8th Te Maeva Nui
Outer Islands Trade Day
Outer Islands Food stall/Entertainment
Cultural Dance Competition – Day 5

Sat 9th Te Maeva Nui - Senior Tangi Kaara – Drumming Competition &
Prize Giving of Te Maeva Nui

Sun 10th Te Maeva Nui – Imene Tuki Competition & Prize Giving
Closing of Te Maeva Nui 2008

Mon 11th To Fri 10th Oct

School Term 3 Begins

- Sat 16th To Sat 23rd
Foru 15's Tournament in Rarotonga
(Cooks, Niue, Tahiti) East-side
- Mon 18th Mixed Business House Basketball Tournament
- Sat 30th SNR Final East v West to be played in West venue

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 3rd Basketball Mini ball 3rd team
- Sept to Dec Table Tennis – Summer Team Competition
- Sat 6th To Fri 20th
U19 FORU 15's JWT Qualifier in Fiji
(Cooks, PNG, Tahiti, NZ, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Niue)
- Tue 16th To Tue 23rd
Summer U20 Tour – Corporate 7's – New initiative
- Sat Round Raro Road Race – (Event yet to be confirmed)

OCTOBER

- Wed 1st To 5th Nov [6Wks]
Miniball – Age Group Competition
- Mon 6th To Oct 31st
Te Mire Tarai – The Making of Drums, Vivo, Pu, & Ka'ara
- Mon 6th Basketball at Aitutaki Manea Games
- Wed 8th Club 7's commences – (4x weeks of Club 7's)
Club 7's ends on Wed 29th Oct
- Fri 10th CLUB RARO COOK ISLANDS SQUASH OPEN
Opening Function
- Sat 11th Day 1 Competition
Sun 12th Free Day
- Mon 13th To Oct 23th
MANEA GAMES to be Held in Aitutaki
- Mon 13th Day 2 Competition
Tues 14th Day 3 Competition
Wed 15th Day 4 Semi Finals
Thur 16th Day 5 Finals for all Grades

Mon 20 th	To 12 th December School Term 4 begins
Mon 20 th – 24 th	Table Tennis - Cook Islands Open Championship
Mon 20 th -Fri 24 th	Te Mire Akatutu – Drama Festival (Event yet to be confirmed)
Sun 26 th	National Gospel Day- Public Holiday
Mon 27 th	Aitutaki Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Aitutaki
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
Sat 1 st	Turama – All Souls Day
Thur 6 th	To 8 th CIRFU INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT
Thur 20 th	Annual International Food Festival Date & venue to be confirmed
Fri 14 th	To Friday 21 Nov Vaka Eiva – Paddling/Canoeing Festival
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
Mon 1 st	Te Mire Tiare – Floral Decorated Businesses
Tue 2 nd	Te Mire Tiare – Schools Ei/Flower Making Arrangements & Second Appearance of Miss Tiare contestants
Wed 3 rd	Te Mire Tiare – Floral Decorated Schools
Thur 4 th	Te Mire Tiare – Final Appearance of Miss Tiare Contestants
Fri 5 th	Te Mire Tiare – Floral Decorated Government Departments
Sat 6 th	Te Mire Tiare – Miss Tiare Pageant 2008 Float Parade - Mama’s Pareu Mu’umu’u Fashion - Crowning of Miss Tiare 2008 - 2009
	Basketball – Planning Workshop
Mon 15 th	School Holiday Begins (Return date yet to be confirmed)
Thurs 25 th	Christmas Day- Public Holiday
Fri 26 th	Boxing Day-Public Holiday Boxing Day Touch Tournament tba

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