

# Cook Islands Calendar of Events for 2008

## JANUARY

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

## FEBRUARY

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

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

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

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>

AIR NEW ZEALAND CUP  
RAROTONGA COMMUNITY RUGBY 2008

**JUNE**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday  
Kumete Sports

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Basketball mini ball session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terms (Mini ball competitions)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>

AIR NZ CUP U15 COCA COLA

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>

To Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> Tahiti '7's to be held in Tahiti

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>

AIR NZ CUP COMPETITION

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

AIR NZ CUP COMPETITION

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

AIR NZ CUP U15 COCA COLA

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

VB CUP COMPETITION

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>

VB CUP COMPETITION

**JULY**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

RAROTONGA COMMUNITY RUGBY 2008  
U15 COCA-COLA

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

VB CUP COMPETITION

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

CIRU CHAMPIONS

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

Mangaia Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Mangaia

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

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

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

CIRU CHAMPIONS

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>

Atiu Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Atiu

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Mitiaro Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Mitiaro

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Aitutaki Development Programme – Basketballs Clinics

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> DEANSCLOSE COLLEGE (UK)  
First XV v Tereora College

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Rarotonga Gospel Day – Public Holiday ONLY for Rarotonga

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

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Community 15's Rugby commences

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> CIRU CHAMPIONS

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> To Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August  
U17 Rarotonga Tour to Aitutaki

## **AUGUST**

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

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> To Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

School Term 3 Begins

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

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**OCTOBER**

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

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

The Calendar of Events is provided courtesy of Cook Islands Tourism Corporation.

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