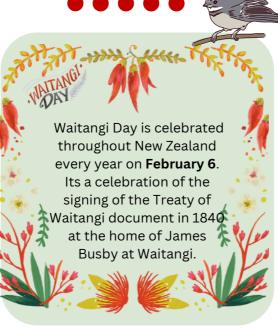
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Welcome to The Vines Newsletter

Keeping our community up to date







Kia Ora Vines whānau,
I am very excited to be taking on the role
of Centre Manager here at The Vines. This
is a place myself and my children have
really felt at home, and a place where we
strive for connection and community to
be celebrated in all that we do. Should you
ever have any questions, concerns or
simply want to chat, I can be contacted on
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CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese new year is on the 10th of February, 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. It is tradition to celebrate with family on Chinese new years eve (除夕 /chúxī). This celebration of the new lunar year represents fresh beginnings, during which good luck is accumulated for the rest of the year through ritual practices as well as the exchange of verbal wishes and gifts exchanged between loved ones. Relatives and friends engage in bai nian (拜年). Bai means the respectful clasp of one hand over a fist in front of your chest, and together with nian, meaning year, refers to the activity of visiting a friend or family's home to exchange gifts and good wishes for the new year.

On the 24th of February the Chinese New Year holiday comes to its climax with the Yuan Xiao (元宵节 / yuán xiāo jié), or Lantern Festival. The Latern Festival began over 2000 years ago, the festival has developed many meanings. It celebrates family reunions and society. It features ancient spiritual traditions. Some also call this the "true" Chinese Valentine's Day. There are many activities include moon gazing, relatives and friends engage in baai nin (拜年, bai nian in Mandarin). Baai means the respectful clasp of one hand over a fist in front of your chest, and together with nin, meaning year, refers to the activity of visiting a friend or family's home to exchange gifts and good wishes for the new year lighting lanterns, riddles, lion dances and eating rice balls.





