



**NEWCASTLE TAMIL SANGAM (NTS)  
NEWSLETTER Q2/2023-24  
Oct – Dec 2023 Highlights**

# Maitland Riverlights



- This year NTS has participated in the Maitland Riverlights Festival on Saturday 7th October.
- Without a doubt it was a beautiful day where the council brought together various communities to showcase their culture, food and traditions.
- The NTS Tamil School & Committee took part in events such as cooking demo, language lounge and dance performance.



# Dosai Party



Annual Dosai Party 2023 held on

Date: 26th November , Sunday , 2023

Venue: Garden Suburb Primary School

It was fulfilled day with exciting games and delicious meal.



# NTS Tamil School Deepavali & Christmas Celebration



Deepavali at NTS Tamil School on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 23

The festive season is a time for joy, togetherness, and sharing traditions. And what better place to experience this than at a Tamil school, where cultures and customs beautifully blend.



Christmas at NTS Tamil School on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 23

Recently, our school hosted a celebration of Deepavali and Christmas, bringing together students, teachers, and families in a vibrant display of cultural harmony.

# Membership 2023 - 24



Your contributions assist the committee in hosting the various events and we ask that you consider renewing your membership if not done already.

Current membership is from July 1 2023 to June 30th 2024.

- Membership Cost
- Family: \$35
- Single: \$20

Payment is via bank transfer to:

- Account Name: Newcastle Tamil Sangam
- BSB: 650 000
- Account Number: 854100507
- Reference: Your Full Name Same as Membership.

# Committee 2023-24

NTS Committee FY23	
Name	Title
Sridharan Selvaraj	President
Sathialingham Suntharalingham	Former President
Gnanaindran Pradeepan	President Elect
Nagendran Mehanathan	Secretary
Gopiha Gajendran	Treasurer
Vijay Gandhi	Editor
Ramya Vijayakumar	School Parent Rep
Suganiya Ragulan	School Teacher Rep
Nivethanan Kamalendran	Committee Member

# Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events	Date
<b>Annual Cultural Event</b>	6 Apr 24
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	June 2024

# Facts About the Tamil Language



## வாழ்க தமிழ்!! வளர்க தமிழ்!!!

- Ancient and alive: Tamil is the oldest living language, spoken for over 2500 years! Inscriptions from 500 BC prove its ancient roots.
- Special recognition: Tamil earned a prestigious "classical language" status from UNESCO for its rich history and literature.
- More than just a language: The word "Tamil" means "beautiful," "sweet," and even "natural."
- Deified: Tamil is the only language worshipped as a deity at the "Tamil Thai" temple in Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Spreads beyond borders: Tamil is an official language in Singapore and Sri Lanka, and a recognized minority language in several other countries.

## POWER OF தமிழ் !!!

1	= ONDRU	-one
10	= PATHU	-ten
100	= NOORU	-hundred
1000	= AAYIRAM	-thousand
10000	= PATTAYIRAM	-ten thousand
100000	= NOORAYIRAM	-hundred thousand
1000000	= PATTU NOORAYIRAM	-one million
10000000	= KOODI	-ten million
100000000	= ARPUTHAM	-hundred million
1000000000	= NIGARPUTAM	-one billion
10000000000	= KUMBAM	-ten billion
100000000000	= KANAM	-hundred billion
1000000000000	= KARPAM	-one trillion
10000000000000	= NIKARPAM	-ten trillion
100000000000000	= PATHUMAM	-hundred trillion
1000000000000000	= SANGGAM	-one zillion
10000000000000000	= VELLAM	-ten zillion
100000000000000000	= ANNIYAM	-hundred zillion
1000000000000000000	= ARTTAM	-??????
10000000000000000000	= PARARTTAM	--anybody know?
100000000000000000000	= POORIYAM	---????????? ?????
1000000000000000000000	= MUKKODI	-????????????? ????????
10000000000000000000000	= MAHAYUGAM	-????????????? ????????

One of the oldest and greatest languages in the World!!!  
இது தான் தமிழ் !!!

# Facts About the Thirukural



## திருக்குறள் பற்றிய 10 சுவாரசியமான தகவல்கள்

1. திருக்குறளை திருவள்ளூர் எழுதினார்.
2. திருக்குறள் இரண்டு அடிகளாலான குறள் வெண்பாக்களால் ஆனது.
3. அறத்துப்பால், பொருட்பால், காமத்துப்பால் என திருக்குறள் முப்பாலை கொண்டுள்ளது.
4. அறத்துப்பாலில் – 38 அதிகாரங்கள், பொருட்பாலில் – 70 அதிகாரங்கள், இன்பத்துப்பாலில் – 25 அதிகாரங்கள் உள்ளன.
5. திருக்குறள் 133 அதிகாரங்களையும் 1330 குறள்களையும் கொண்டது.
6. திருக்குறளில் பத்து அதிகாரப் பெயர்கள் உடைமை என்னும் சொல்லில் அமைத்துள்ளன.
7. திருக்குறள் பதினென்கீழ்க்கணக்கு நூல்களுள் ஒன்று.
8. வீரமா முனிவர் திருக்குறளை இலத்தீன் மொழியில் மொழிபெயர்த்தார்.
9. ஜி.யு.போப் திருக்குறளை ஆங்கிலத்தில் மொழிபெயர்த்தார்.
10. திருக்குறள் 170 மொழிகளில் மொழிப்பெயர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளது...







**Thank you very much**  
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On behalf of the entire NTS and the community , we wanted to take a moment to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support and sponsorship.