

INCLUSIVE CALENDAR 2026



Save the Children



Every child has the **right** to be **included**. One way to ensure every child feels seen, is to recognise days that are significant to their **culture, interests, abilities, language**, or any other attribute that makes them **unique**.

Use this calendar to help identify special days that are relevant to your learning community, and head to our **education hub** for support resources to incorporate child rights education all year long!

www.savethechildren.org.nz/educationhub



We have done our best to make this representative of Aotearoa's diverse people and cultures.

Get in touch if there is something we can add to improve this resource!

Contact us at Education@scnz.org.nz

KOHITĀTEA

January



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 World Braille Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 World Religion Day
19	20	21	22	23	24 International Day of Education	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The beginning of the school year is a critical time to establish an **inclusive** classroom culture. Using a **rights-based approach** to build classroom culture is a great tool for teachers and students. Our education team offers **professional development** to teachers and school staff, get in touch to find out more at education@scnz.org.nz.

Check out our Ed Hub!



HUI-TĀNGURU

February



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
						1
2 World Wetlands Day	3	4	5 World Read Aloud Day	6 Waitangi Day	7	8
9	10	11 International Day of Women & Girls in Science	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Ramadan begins Chinese New Year Begins	18	19	20	21 International Mother Tongue Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

The start of the year is a great time to learn about the identities of the tamariki you are working with! We have a resource perfect to learn more about yourselves and each other - check out [Identity is My Right to Be Me](#) over on our Education Hub.

Check out our Ed Hub!



POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

MARCH



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
2	3 World Hearing Day	4 Holi - check dates	5	6	7	8 Te rā o ngā tamariki / International Women's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Eid, Ramadan ends - check dates	21 World Down Syndrome Day World Poetry Day	22 World Water Day
23 World Maths Day	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25	26 Purple Day for Epilepsy	27	28	29
30	31					1 Seaweed begins

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child has the right to the best possible health. This includes access to clean water. We have some amazing resources to help you celebrate World Water Day, which is an annual UN observance day that highlights the importance of fresh water.

Check them out [here over on our Education Hub](#).

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PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ

APRIL



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RĀHINA

RĀTŪ

RĀAPA

RĀPARE

RĀMERE

RĀHOROI

RĀTAPU

		1 Assyrian New Year / Passover begins - check dates	2 Autism Awareness Day	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter Sunday
6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 New Year Begins - Khmer, Tamil, Pakistan, Bengal, Thai (check dates)	14	15	16	17	18	19 Conservation Week starts
20	21	22 Earth Day	23 World Book Day	24 Help Animals Day	25 ANZAC Day World Malaria Day	26
27	28	29 International Day of Dance	30 International Day to End Corporal Punishment of Children			

April is **Autism Acceptance month**. Neurodiverse children, their families, and those with additional needs may need your advocacy support.

We have a [resource with tips for supporting Autistic Learners](#) - these things are simple but can make a big difference.

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HARATUA

MAY



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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
				1	2	3
4 NZ Sign Language Week NZ Road Safety Week	5 Teacher Appreciation Day	6	7	8 Red Cross Day	9 Fair Trade Day	10 Mother's Day Rotuman Language Week
11	12 International Nurse's Day	13	14	15 Pink Shirt Day	16	17
18 Youth Week Tech Week	19	20	21 Global Accessibility Day	22	23	24 Buddha's Birthday (check specific dates)
25	26	27	28	29	30 World Multiple Sclerosis Day	31 Samoan Language Week

Speaking and celebrating home language and culture is a right under the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Head to our [website](#) for ideas on how you can celebrate [language weeks](#) with your class. Check out our [Mother Languages resource](#).

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PIPIRI

JUNE



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
1 Global Parent's Day King's Birthday Dinosaur Day!	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7
8 World Ocean's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Schools' Pride Week	16	17	18 International Picnic Day	19	20 World Refugee Day	21 International Day of Yoga World Music Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Start of Chinese Language Week	30					

Children from a refugee background have the **same rights to an inclusive education** as every other child, and this means that teachers may need additional knowledge to support these learners. Check out our [tips for supporting refugee background learners](#).

Check out our Ed Hub!



HŌNGONGOI

JULY



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
		1	2	3	4	5 Start of Kiribati Language Week
6	7	8	9	10 Matariki Public Holiday	11	12 Malala Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Global Hug Your Kids Day	22	23	24 Red Nose Day	25	26 Start of Vanuatu Language Week
27	28	29	30 International Day of Friendship	31		

Friendship is an important part of childhood and a great way to connect tamariki here in Aotearoa with children just like them around the world.

Celebrate International Day of Friendship with our [Friendship Around the World resource!](#)

Check out our Ed Hub!



HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ

AUGUST



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
31					1	2 Start of Cook Islands Māori Language Week
3	4	5	6 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Day	7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
10 Start of Math's Week	11	12 International Youth Day	13 Left-Hander's Day	14	15	16 Start of Tonga Language Week
17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Mawlid al-Nabi	27	28	29 Daffodil Day	30

Did you know that we have a special flyer about **Children's Rights designed for youth**? Children and Youth who know about their rights are more likely to advocate for themselves and others.

Download our [Rights Flyer for Youth from our Education Hub](#).

Check out our Ed Hub!



MAHURU

SEPTEMBER



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
	1 Random Acts of Kindness Day	2	3	4	5 International Day of Charity	6 Father's Day Papua New Guinea Pidgin Language Week
7	8 International Literacy Day	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11 Enkutatash - Ethiopian New Year Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year	12	13
14 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori	15 International Day of Democracy	16	17	18	19	20 Recycling Week
21 International Day of Peace World Gratitude Day	22	23 International Day of Sign Languages	24	25	26	27 Tuvalu Language Week
28 International Day for Universal Access to Information	29	30				

Children have a **right to learn about and use their own language**, and minority groups may need special protection to ensure this right. To celebrate **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori** this month you could use our [Tena Koe Waiata resource](#), or take a look at the bilingual version of our [Identity is My Right to Be Me poem](#).

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WHIRINGA Ā NUKU

OCTOBER



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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
			1	2	3	4 Fijian Language Week
5 World Teacher's Day	6	7	8	9 World Sight Day	10 World Mental Health Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child
12 Mental Health Awareness Week	13 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	14	15 ShakeOut Day (Date TBC)	16	17 UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18 Niue Language Week
19	20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25 Tokelau Language Week
26 Labour Day	27	28	29	30	31	

Children are feeling the effects of **modern pressures, eco-anxiety, and global instability**. We can support them with tools to look after their wellbeing.

Check out our Ed Hub!

Head to the [well-being and mindfulness section](#) of our education hub for classroom ideas to foster well-being strategies for children of all ages and things to do for **Mental Health Awareness Week!**



WHIRINGA Ā RANGI

NOVEMBER



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
30					Diabetes Awareness Month	1
2	3 Japanese Culture Day	4	5	6	7	8 Diwali
9 World Freedom Day	10 World Science Day	11	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 Diabetes Awareness Day	15
16	17	18	19 World Toilet Day	20 World Children's Day	21	22 Solomon Islands Language Week
23	24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26 Thanksgiving	27	28	29

Every year **World Children's Day** is a chance to celebrate children around the world, and to commemorate the day, when, in 1989, the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** was adopted by the United Nations. Make sure you are following our [Save the Children NZ Facebook page](#) for ideas, and resources to celebrate this with your own tamariki!

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HAKIHEA

DECEMBER



Save the
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RĀHINA	RĀTŪ	RĀAPA	RĀPARE	RĀMERE	RĀHOROI	RĀTAPU
	1	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3 International Day of Disabled Persons	4 Hanukkah Begins	5 World Volunteers Day	6
7	8	9	10 World Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day	12	13
14	15	16 SPCA Cupcake Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Thank you for another year supporting **Save the Children NZ** and supporting children's rights not just around the world, but here in Aotearoa too!

Make sure you are signed up to our newsletter so you get the newsletter for **next year** as soon as it is ready.

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