

INCLUSIVE CALENDAR 2023



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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](https://www.savethechildren.org.nz/educationhub/) for support resources.

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POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

MARCH

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
28	01	02	03	04	05 Seaweed begins	06 Te rā o ngā tamariki
07	08 International Women's day	09	10	11	12	13
14 Winter paralympics begins	15	16	17	18 Red nose day	19	20 Holi - festival of colour
21	22 World Water Day*	23 World Maths Day*	24			
28	29	30	31			

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HARATUA

MAY

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu	
25	26	27	28	29	30	01	
Term 2 starts	02	03 Teacher appreciation week	04	05	06	07	08 Fair Trade Day Red Cross Day Buddha's Birthday Mother's Day
Eid - confirm dates	09	10	11	12 International Nurses Day	13	14	15
NZ Sign language week	19	20 Pink shirt day	21	22			
	26	27	28	29			
02	03	04	05				

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PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ

APRIL

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
28	29	30	31	01 Ramadan begins*	02 Autism Awareness Day*	03
04	05	06	07 World Health Day	08	09	10
11	12	13	14 Khmer New Year Term 1 ends	15 Passover begins	16	17 Easter Sunday
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 World Book Day*	24
25 Anzac day	26 World Malaria Day	27	28	29 International Day of Dance*	30	01

We have done our best to make this representative of Aotearoa's diverse people and cultures. However, please let us know if we have missed anything and we can add it.



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KOHITĀTEA 2022

JANUARY

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
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01	02	03	04 World Braille Day	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 World Religion Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Chinese New Year Begins - rabbit	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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HUI-TANGURU

FEBRUARY

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina

Rātu

Rāapa

Rāpare

Rāmere

Rāhoroi

Rātapu

		01	02 World Wetlands Day	03	04	05
06 Waitangi Day	07	08	09	10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 International Mother Tongue Day*	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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.

*Lesson pack available on our education hub for **International Mother Tongue Day** and **Back to School**.

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POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

MARCH

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
		01	02	03 World Hearing Day World Wildlife Day	04	05 Te rā o ngā tamariki Seaweek begins
06	07	08 Holi - check dates World Maths Day* International Women's Day	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Red Nose Day St Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Nowruz - Iranian New Year	21 World Down Syndrome Day World Poetry Day	22 World Water Day* Ramadan begins - check dates	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25	26 Purple Day for Epilepsy
27	28	29	30	31		

Access to clean **water** is a fundamental **right**, and water issues have a disproportionate affect on **children**. **World Water Day** is a fantastic opportunity to to learn about a **global issue** that **connects** children from all **backgrounds**, and can form the basis of a longer unit that integrates all curriculum areas.

*Head to our website in March to download our integrated **World Water Day** resource pack for all-ages. Download our **children's rights resources** for Te rā o ngā tamariki.

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PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ

APRIL

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina Rātu Rāapa Rāpare Rāmere Rāhoroi Rātapu

						01	02
						Assyrian New Year	Autism Awareness Day*
03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
		Passover begins - check dates	World Health Day Good Friday		Easter Sunday		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Easter Monday			New Years - Khemer, Tamil, Pakistan, Bengali, Thai				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		Eid, Ramadan ends - check dates		Earth Day	World Book Day*		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Anzac Day World Malaria Day				International Day of Dance*	International Day to End Corporal Punishment of Children		

Do you have children who are fasting for Ramadan? It is a huge achievement for children to fast; celebrate with them, don't show pity and speak positively about Ramadan. In order to ensure an inclusive education during this time, these students will need your support. Head to our website for tips to support learners during Ramadan.

*Resources available for these days.



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HARATUA

MAY

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
01 Teacher Appreciation Week	02	03	04	05	06	07 Buddha's Birthday
08 NZ Sign Language Week Red Cross Day	09	10	11 International Nurses Day	12	13 Fair Trade Day	14 Mother's Day
15 Youth Week Bullying Free Week Techweek	16	17	18 Global accessibility awareness day	19 Pink Shirt Day	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Samoan language week	30 World Multiple Sclerosis Day	31				

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](https://www.savethechildren.org.nz/educationhub/) for ideas on how you can celebrate language weeks with your class.

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PIPIRI

JUNE

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina

Rātu

Rāapa

Rāpare

Rāmere

Rāhoroi

Rātapu

			01 Global Parents Day* Dinosaur Day!	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 World Oceans Day*	09	10	11
12 School's Pride Week	13	14	15	16	17	18 International Picnic Day
19	20 World Refugee Day*	21 International Yoga Day*	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	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 here](#).

You'll also find a great selection of [yoga resources](#) for all ages on our [website](#) to support the **health** and **well-being** of your students.

*Resources available on our website for these days.

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HŌNGONGOI

JULY

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina

Rātu

Rāapa

Rāpare

Rāmere

Rāhoroi

Rātapu

						01	02
03	04	05 Kings Birthday	06	07	08	09	
Kiribati Language Week TBC Teddy Bears Picnic Day	10	11	12 Malala Day	13	14 Matariki public holiday	15	16
17 Global Hug your Kids Day	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 International Day of Friendship	
31 Cook Islands Language Week TBC*							

Book now for your term 3 and 4 **professional development**. Our workshops support teachers in embedding **children's rights** into teaching and learning, **global** development studies, issues impacting children, taking **action** and **advocating** for change – and we can work with you to **embed** these concepts into your existing programmes. We are trained teachers who are committed to providing **engaging**, practical and collaborative workshops, that won't add to your busy teaching load.

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HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ

AUGUST

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
Cook Islands Language Week TBC*	01 Money Month - financial capability	02	03	04	05	06 Hiroshima Peace Day
07 Maths Week	08	09 International Day of World's Indigenous People	10	11	12 International Youth Day*	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 Daffodil Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Children have a **right** to learn about their **rights**, and children who **know** their rights are more likely to **speak up** when they see **injustice**. Head to our website for **resources** to support your students to learn about their rights. Or **get in touch** to book a **rights workshop** with one of our educators and your class.

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MAHURU

SEPTEMBER

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina

Rātu

Rāapa

Rāpare

Rāmere

Rāhoroi

Rātapu

					01 Random Acts of Kindness Day	02	03 Father's Day
Conservation Week Child Protection Week Tonga Language Week*	04	05 International Day of Charity	06	07	08 International Literacy Day*	09	10
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori	11	12 Enkutatash Ethiopian New Year	13	14 Māori Language Day	15 International Day of Democracy	16 Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year	17
Recycling Week	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23 International Day of Sign Languages	24
Chinese Language Week TBC*	25	26	27	28 International Day for Universal Access to Information	29	30	
Tuvalu Language Week TBC*							

The United Nations Convention on the **Rights of the Child** is an agreement by countries who have promised to **protect children's rights**. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in the world. Article 30 states that children have a right to **learn** about and **use** their own **language**, and that **minority** groups may need special **protection** to ensure this right. Language weeks are a great way to raise **awareness** for different languages, however a **rights-based approach** ensures these languages are **celebrated every day** of the year.

*Head to our website for resources to support these days.

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WHIRINGA Ā NUKU

OCTOBER

Inclusive Calendar

Rāhina Rātu Rāapa Rāpare Rāmere Rāhoroi Rātapu

						Mindfulness Month*	01 International Music Day Grandparents Day
02 Fiji Language Week	03	04 World Animal Day	05 World Teacher's Day	06	07	08	
09	10 World Mental Health Day*	11 International Day of the Girl Child	12 World Sight Day	13 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	14	15	
16 Niue Language Week*	17 UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18	19 Shakeout Day	20	21	22	
23 Labour Day Tokelau Language Week	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

Practising paying attention to the present moment in an accepting and non-judgemental way, or **mindfulness**, is a habit that can be started **early** in life, offering **children** some **relief** and strategies for coping with pressure, frustration and worries. Head to our website and search for the **well-being** tag for support in fostering this well-being **strategy** for **children of all ages**.

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WHIRINGA Ā RANGI

NOVEMBER

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina Rātu Rāapa Rāpare Rāmere Rāhoroi Rātapu

	Diabetes Awareness Month	01	02	03 Japanese Culture Day	04	05
06	07	08	09 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	23 Diwali Thanksgiving	24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26
27	28	29	30			

World Children's Day on the **20th of November** is an exciting day for everyone. It commemorates the day, when, in 1989, the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** was adopted by the United Nations. Children who **know their rights** are more likely to **speak up** for themselves and others when their rights are violated or they witness injustice in daily life. So join us on the 20th of November to **learn** about children's **rights**, children of the **world** and **global issues** facing children.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.nz/educationhub/world-childrens-day/>



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HAKIHEA

DECEMBER

Inclusive Calendar



Rāhina Rātu Rāapa Rāpare Rāmere Rāhoroi Rātapu

					01	02 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	03 International Day of Disabled Persons
04	05 World Volunteers Day	06	07	08	09	10 World Human Rights Day	
11 International Mountain Day	12	13	14	15 Cupcake Day	16	17	
18 Hanukkah begins	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31	



Don't forget to sign up for our education hub newsletters to receive next year's inclusive calendar!

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INCLUSION SURVEY

Dear Parents and Whānau,

As your child's teacher, I want to ensure every child feels included and seen in our classroom. Part of this, means making sure that days of significance to every student are recognised and celebrated in our class. It is also important that other children have the opportunity to learn about different cultures, interests and abilities from each other.

If you feel comfortable sharing, please complete the form below and return to school so that I can ensure your child's special days are recognised at school.

Student name: _____

Our family celebrates: (e.g. Diwali, Ramadan, Christmas, Matariki...)

Would anyone from your family be willing to share your family traditions and knowledge with our class for any of these significant days? Yes/No

My child also has a special interest in...
