

# INCLUSIVE CALENDAR 2024



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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			

**HARATUA**  
**MAY**  
*Inclusive Calendar*

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

**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 Khmer New Year	14 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 World Malaria Day	26	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.

# KOHITĀTEA

## JANUARY



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
01	02	03	04 World Braille Day	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 World Religion Day
22	23	24 International Day of Education	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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# HUI-TANGURU

## FEBRUARY



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
			01	02 World Wetlands Day	03	04
05	06 Waitangi Day	07	08	09	10 Chinese New Year Begins -	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	29			

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](mailto:education@scnz.org.nz).

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# POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

## MARCH



Rāhina

Rātū

Rāapa

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Rāmere

Rāhoroi

Rātapu

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

Do you have children who are fasting for Ramadan? It is a huge achievement for children to fast; celebrate with them and speak positively about Ramadan and fasting. 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](#).

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# PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ

## APRIL



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
01 Assyrian New Year Easter Sunday	02 Autism Awareness Day Easter Tuesday	03	04	05	06	07 World Health Day
08 Eid, Ramadan ends - check dates	09	10	11	12	13 New Years begins - Khemer, Tamil, Pakistan, Bengali, Thai (check dates)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day Passover begins - check dates	23 World Book Day	24	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. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is a great tool to begin advocating for the rights of all children. Aotearoa ratified this treaty in 1993. Download our child-friendly version of this important treaty from our [education hub](#) in multiple languages.

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# HARATUA

## MAY



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu	
		01	02	03	04	05	
NZ Sign Language Week Teacher Appreciation Week	06	07	08 Red Cross Day	09	10	11 Fair Trade Day	12 Mother's Day International Nurses Day
13 Bullying Free Week	14	15 Buddha's Birthday	16 Global accessibility awareness day	17 Pink Shirt Day	18	19	
20 Youth Week Techweek	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27 Samoan language week (check dates)	28	29	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](#) for ideas on how you can celebrate language weeks with your class.

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# PIPIRI JUNE



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
					01 Global Parents Day Dinosaur Day!	02
03 Kings Birthday	04	05	06	07	08 World Oceans Day	09
10 School's Pride Week (check dates)	11	12	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 Matariki public holiday	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 International Yoga Day for all ages on our [education hub](#) to support the **health** and **well-being** of your students.



Check out our resource on supporting refugee background learners.



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# HŌNGONGOI

## JULY



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08 Kiribati Language Week TBC	09	10 Teddy Bears Picnic Day	11	12 Malala Day	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Global Hug your Kids Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Cook Islands Language Week TBC	30 International Day of Friendship	31				

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



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

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



Rāhina      Rātū      Rāapa      Rāpare      Rāmere      Rāhoroi      Rātapu

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

The United Nations Convention on the **Rights of the Child** is an agreement by countries who have promised to **protect children's rights**. 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.

Download our child-friendly guide to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Te Reo Māori and English from our education hub! Because kids who know their rights speak up for rights! .



# WHIRINGA Ā NUKU

## OCTOBER



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
	01 International Music Day	02	03	04	05 World Animal Day	06 Grandparents Day
07 Fiji Language Week TBC	08	09	10 World Teacher's Day World Mental Health Day World Sight Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child	12	13 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
14	15	16 World Food Day	17 UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Shakeout Day	18	19	20
21 Niue Language Week TBC	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27
28 Labour Day Tokelau Language Week TBC	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 the well-being and mindfulness section of our education hub for classroom ideas to foster well-being **strategies** for **children of all ages**.

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# WHIRINGA Ā RANGI

## NOVEMBER



Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi	Rātapu
			Diabetes Awareness Month	01 Diwali	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	24
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30	

**World Children's Day** on the **20th of November** commemorates 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. Share our World Children's Day video and rights flyer with your students today!



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# HAKIHEA DECEMBER



Rāhina

Rātū

Rāapa

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Rātapu

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International Day  
for the Abolition  
of Slavery

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International Day  
of Disabled  
Persons

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World  
Volunteers Day

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World Human  
Rights Day

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International  
Mountain Day

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Cupcake Day

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Hanukkah  
begins

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Christmas Day

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



# 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...

\_\_\_\_\_  
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