

INCLUSIVE CALENDAR 2025



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.

www.savethechildren.org.nz/educationhub/

At the date of publishing this calendar, Pacific language week dates had not been set. Head to [this website](#) to add these to your calendar!

<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/programmes/pacific-language-weeks/>

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



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
			1	2	3	4 World Braille Day
5	6	7	8	9	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 Chinese New Year Begins	30	31	

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

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HUI-TANGURU

February



Save the
Children

Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
						1
2 World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8
9	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 Ramadan begins - check dates	

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.

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POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

March



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
30	31					1 Seaweek begins
2	3 Te rā o ngā tamariki World Hearing Day	4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14 Holi - check dates	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	26 Purple Day for Epilepsy	27	28	29 Eid, Ramadan ends - check dates

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



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
		1 Assyrian New Year	2 Autism Awareness Day	3	4	5
6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11	12 Passover begins - check dates
13	14 New Years begins - Khemer, Tamil, Pakistan, Bengali, Thai (check dates)	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Earth Day	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



Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
				1	2	3
4	5 NZ Sign Language Week Teacher Appreciation Week	6	7	8 Red Cross Day	9	10
11 Fair Trade Day Mother's Day	12 Bullying Free Week - check dates International Nurses Day	13	14	15 Buddha's Birthday	16 Pink Shirt Day Global accessibility awareness day	17
18	19 Youth Week Techweek	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Samoan language week (check dates)	27	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



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
1 Global Parents Day Dinosaur Day!	2 School's Pride Week King's Birthday public holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 International Picnic Day	19	20 Matariki public holiday 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**.



HŌNGONGOI

July



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Teddy Bears Picnic Day	11	12 Malala Day
13	14 Kiribati Language Week TBC	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Global Hug your Kids Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	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



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
31 Daffodil Day					1	2
3	4 Cook Islands Language Week TBC Maths Week	5	6 Hiroshima Peace Day	7 International Day of World's Indigenous People	8	9
10	11	12 International Youth Day	13	14	15	16
17	18 Tongan Language Week	19 World Humanitarian Day	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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



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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
	1 Child Safeguarding Week (TBC) Random Acts of Kindness Day	2	3	4	5 International Day of Charity	6
7 Father's Day	8 International Literacy Day	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11 Enkutatash Ethiopian New Year	12	13
14 Māori Language Day	15 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori International Day of Democracy	16 Conservation Week	17	18	19	20
21 International Day of Peace	22 Chinese Language Week TBC Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year	23 International Day of Sign Languages	24	25 Recycling Week	26	27
28 International Day for Universal Access to Information	29 Tuvalu Language Week TBC	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



Save the Children

Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Fiji Language Week TBC	7	8	9	10 World Teacher's Day World Mental Health Day World Sight Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child
12	13 Niue Language Week TBC International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	14	15	16 Shakeout Day	17 UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18
19	20	21 Diwali	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25
26	27 Labour Day Tokelau Language Week TBC	28	29	30		

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



Save the
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Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapaed	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
30					Diabetes Awareness Month	1
2	3 Japanese Culture Day	4	5	6	7	8
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
23	24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29

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!



HAKIHEA

December



Save the Children

Rātapu	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapaed	Rāpare	Rāmere	Rāhoroi
	1	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3 International Day of Disabled Persons	4	5 World Volunteers Day	6
7	8	9	10 World Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day	12	13
14	15 Cupcake Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30				

Don't forget to sign up for our education hub newsletters to receive children's rights resources, event opportunities for children and youth, and to get next year's inclusive calendar!

