

Calendar of Events 2010 ©

2010 - International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

2010 - International Year of Biodiversity

January / Hanuere

National Blood Donor Month

National Braille Literacy Month

National Hobby Month

1 New Year's Day

2 Day after New Year's Day

2 World Wetlands Day*

18 Southland Anniversary Day

18 World Religion Day

18 Martin Luther King Day

20 Penguin Day

25 Wellington Anniversary Day

25 Annual Hui of Ratana Movement Day

26 Australia / India Day

28 Potato Day

30 Holocaust Commemoration Day – Europe

31 January - 6 Febr. Leprosy Awareness Week

February / Pepuere

An Affair to Remember Month

Creative Romance Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

1 – 28 Bike Wise Month

see Bike Wise Week display www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com for display ideas

1 Auckland Anniversary Day

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- 1 Nelson Anniversary Day
- 2 World Wetlands Day* with the theme: "Wetlands, Biodiversity, and Climate Change,"
- 3 1931: Hawkes Bay Earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale
- 4 World Cancer Day
- 6 Waitangi Day
- 7 Charles Dickens Day
- 8 United Nations Day for Women's rights and International Peace*
- 8 - 14 Heart Foundation Valentines Heart Week
- 9 1770: James Cook completes circumnavigation of North Island
- 9 Chinese Lantern Festival
- 11 1845: The flagstaff is cut down and Kororareka is invaded
- 12 Darwin Day
- 13 - 14 Second Chance for Love - SPCA Adoptathon
- 14 Valentines day
- 14 - 21 Condom Week
- 14 Chinese New Year – Year of the tiger
- 17 1835: First book printed in New Zealand by William Colenso
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 20 - 28 Muscular Dystrophy Association Bow Tie Week
- 21 International Mother Language Day*
- 21 Chemical Sensitivity Day
- 28 Purim Jewish
- 28 February - 6 March Eating Disorders Week

March / Maehe

Autumn 1 March – 31 May

National Women's History Month

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Poetry Month

Music in our Schools Month

National Craft Month

1 Self-Injury Awareness Day

1 - 7 New Zealand Red Cross Appeal Week

1 - 7 Return the Borrowed Books Week

4 NZ Post Book Awards Finalist Announced (finalist announced and children choice voting begins)

4 World Book Day

7 NZ Children's Day. Theme is: "Praise and Encouragement".

7 - 14 NZ Sea Week: see Sea Life display <http://www.creativelibrarydisplays.com> for display ideas

8 International Women's Day*

8 Commonwealth Day and the Commonwealth theme for 2010: 'Science, Technology and Society'

8 Taranaki Anniversary Day

8 - 14 Child Cancer Appeal Week

9 Panic Day

12 - 21 National Science and Engineering Week

13 – 14 WOMAD Festival Taranaki

13 - 21 Asthma NZ Awareness Campaign, One Man, One Road, One Cycle.
(Christchurch to Auckland, free education road show)

15 - 21 International Brain Awareness Week

17 Saint Patricks Day

18 - 21 National Conference of Missing Persons

19 World Sleep Day, under the slogan: "Sleep Well, Stay Healthy".

20 Sun Earth Day

21 World Poetry Day

21 World Forestry Day*

21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 22 Otago Anniversary Day
- 22 World Water
- 23 International World Meteorological Day*
- 24 International Tuberculosis Day*
- 26 - 28 Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Red Puppy Appeal
- 27 International World Theatre Day*
- 27 Margaret Mahy Day
- 27 - 28 Dragon Boat Festival Wellington
- 30 Pesach - Jewish

April / Aperi

National Humor Month

International Guitar Month

Stress Awareness Month

Alcohol Awareness Month

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 2 Good Friday
- 2 - 4 Warbirds over Wanaka International Airshow
- 4 - 5 Easter Christian
- 5 - 11 National Polio Eradication Awareness Week
- 7 World Health Day*
- 10 1968: 'Wahine' Disaster
- 10 - 18 Youth Week
- 15 1912: Titanic sinks

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19 Zoo Awareness Day

19 - 25 Leukaemia & Blood Foundation Shave 10 week

22 World Earth Day*

23 World Book and Copyright Day *

24 World Lab and Animal Day*

23 Poppy Day

25 ANZAC Day

25 Africa Malaria Day

26 - 2 May NZ Riding for the Disabled Association Inc Awareness Week

29 World Dance Day

30 1959: Official opening of Auckland's Harbor Bridge

May / Mei

National Arthritis Month

Heal the Children Month

New Zealand Music Month

Anti-Tobacco Campaign Month

Meditation Month

Clean Air Month

1 World Naturalist Day*

1 Labour Day*

1 New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards 2010 - Children's Choice - Voting closes

2 - 8 New Zealand Sign Language Week

2 - 8 National Pet Week

3 World Press Freedom Day*. The theme is 'Freedom of Information: The Right to Know'

3 - 7 Teachers Appreciation Week

4 International Fire Fighters Day

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5 International Midwife Day*

5 Asthma Day*

8 1945: WWII ends after 5 years, 8 months and 7 days

8 World Red Cross Red Crescent Day

8 Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War*

8 - 16 National Tourism Week

9 Mothers Day

9 Europe Day*

10 - 18 Children's Choice NZ Post Book Award Festival
a nationwide, week-long feast of events, readings, author tours and book-inspired games, kicks off.

12 - 16 Auckland Writers and Readers Festival (contact schools@writersfestival.co.nz for more information)

12 - 13 Going West: Book and Writers Festival Waitakeri City

12 – 23 International Film Festival Cannes

15 International Day of Families*

16 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

17 World Information Society Day*

18 Workchoice Day *

19 World Hepatitis Day*

19 NZ Post Book Awards, Awards Ceremony 21 Children's Choice NZ Post Book Award.
(All winners will be announced at an awards ceremony held at Auckland Museum*)

21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development *

21 Ascension Day

21 - 28 National Dignity Week

21 - 23 World Vision 40 hours Famine
see World Famine Week display: www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com for display ideas

21 - 30 Youth Week

22 International Day for Biological Diversity*

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- 24 International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament*
- 24 - 30 Child Protection Week
- 25 International Missing Children Day*
- 25 Africa Liberation Day*
- 25 – 4 June Queenstown Winter Festival
- 28 - 30 Buddhist Wesak
- 29 1953: Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norgay reach summit of Everest
- 29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers*
- 29 - 4 June World Week for Peace for Palestine and Israel
- 30 Mayday*
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

June / Hune

Winter 1 June – 31 August

In the Pink Auction June

International Men's Month

Great Outdoors Month

National River Month

National Dairy Month

National Rose Month

- 3 1989: Tianammen Square massacre
- 4 International Day of Innocent Children's Victims of Aggression
- 5 World Environment Day*
- 6 - 12 National Sun Safety Week
- 6 - 12 National Headache Awareness Week
- 7 Queens Birthday
- 8 1987: New Zealand becomes Nuclear free

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8 World Ocean Day: see Sea Life display: www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com for display ideas

9 1991: Mount Pinatubo erupts after 600 years

11 World Population Day*

12 World Day against Child Labour *

14 Matariki Maori New Year Celebration

14 World Blood Donor Day*

14 - 20 National Flag Week

16 International Day of the African Child *

16 - 19 NZ Agricultural Field Days

16 Dragon Boat Festival Auckland

17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

20 World Refugee Day*

20 - 26 St John Week Annual Appeal

21 - 27 National Epilepsy Week

23 United Nations Public Service Day*

26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking*

26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture*

27 June - 5 July Eye Safety Awareness Week

July / Hurae

Glaucoma Awareness Month

Mental Illness Awareness Month

Purposeful Parenting Month

National Culinary Arts Month

National Black Family Month

4 Independence Day USA*

4 International Day of Cooperatives*

5 - 11 Neurological Foundation Appeal Week

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- 7 - 11 National Therapeutic Recreation Week
- 10 1985: Rainbow Warrior sunk in Auckland
- 11 World Population Day*
- 11 Disability Awareness Day
- 12 - 18 Captive Nations Week
- 12 - 18 Alzheimers New Zealand Appeal Week
- 14 1853: First General Election in New Zealand
- 18 1855: NZ's first postage stamps on sale
- 24 1955: Completion of Wellington electrec railway
- 24 Lifeline's Stress Down Day
- 25 Parents Day
- 26 July - 1 August Maori Language Week / Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori
- 28 First World War start 1914*
- 28 World Nature Conservation Day*
- 30 - 31 Peugeot Hokonui Fashion Design Awards

August / Akuhata

National Immunization Awareness Month

National Women's Month

National Parks Month

Organ Donar Month

Happyness Happens Month

Psoriasis Awareness Month

National Inventors Month

- 1 - 7 World Breastfeeding Week
- 2 - 6 Reumatic Fever Week
- 2 - 8 National Immunisation Awareness Week

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3 - 10 Conservation Week. Theme: Keep New Zealand Beautiful. See Conservation

Week display: www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com for display ideas

4 Constitution Day Cook Islands*

6 International Hiroshima Day*

7 1908: First direct train trip between Wellington and Auckland

8 1963: Britain's 'Great Train Robbery'

9 International Nagasaki Day*

9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People

9 - 15 VSA Project Friendship Week

9 - 15 Allotment Week

11 August – 9 Sept. Ramadan Islamic

12 1816: First school established in New Zealand

12 International Youth Day*

13 Lefthanders Day or Sinistrophobia*

15 Independence Day India*

16 - 22 Library Week

15 - 21 National Aviation Week

15 – 21 International Languages Week

15 - 22 Storyline Festival of NZ Children's writers and Illustrators

16 - 22 Cystic Fibrosis week

23 - 29 Australasian Rail Safety Awareness Week

23 International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade*

24 - 31 African Traditional Medicine Week

25 - 30 Be Kind to Humankind Week

26 Woman Equality Day

27 Daffodil Day

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29 August - 4 September MS Appeal Week

30 August - 5 September ADD/ADHD Awareness Week

30 National Cup Cake Day for the SPCA

September / Hepetema

Spring 1 Sept. – 30 November NZ Gamble free Day

National Cholesterol Education Month

Baby Safety Month

Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month

Gynaecological Cancer Awareness month

Healthy Ageing Month

ADHD Month

1 - 4 October Time for Creation

1 - 7 National Childhood Injury Prevention Week

3 1939: NZ declared war on Germany

5 Fathers Day

5 - 11 Suicide Prevention Week

6 - 11 Kidneys Awareness Week

8 International Literacy Day*

11 1928: The 'Southern Cross' completes first trans-Tasman flight

12 World First Aid Day

14 - 17 Stroke Week

15 International Day of Democracy*

16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozon layer *

19 1893: Women's Suffrage Day

19 - 25 Deaf Awareness Week

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19 - 25 Prostate Cancer Awareness Week

21 World Alzheimer Day

21 International Day of Peace*

21 - 23 Harvest Moon Festival Korea

21 - 27 National Rehabilitation Awareness Week

21 - 28 Arthritis New Zealand Appeal Week

22 Chinese Moon Festival

24 September - 4 October World of Wearable Art

24 Dating Day

25 September - 2 October Banned Books Week

25 September - 3 October Age Concern Awareness Week

26 World Contraception Day

27 September - 1 October International Association of School Librarianship Annual Conference
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

27 Canterbury South Anniversary Day

29 1958: The first 111 Emergency Service introduced

October / Oketopa

Global Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Vegetarian Awareness Month

Class Reunion Month

Family Health Month

Diversity Awareness Month

National Animal Protection and Safety Month

NZ Book Month

1 World Vegetarian Day

1 International Music Day

1 International Day of Older Persons*

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- 2 International Day of Non Violence (Mahatma Gandhi's birthday)*
- 3 Badger Day
- 3 - 9 Fire Prevention Week
- 4 World Animal Day*
- 4 World Habitat Day
- 4 - 8 Customer Service Week
- 4 - 10 Mental Health Foundation NZ Awareness week
- 4 -12 World Space Week
- 5 World Teacher Day*
- 5 National Poetry Day
- 4 World Habitat Day
- 7 - 1769: Captain Cook lands in Poverty Bay
- 8 - 10 Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year
- 9 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day*
- 9 World Post Day*
- 10 1975: Waitangi Tribunal set up
- 10 World Mental Health Day*
- 10 International Day Against the Death Penalty
- 11 Columbus Day
- 11 Diwali Indian Festival of Lights
- 12 World Arthritis Day
- 15 - 19 National Obesity Week
- 16 1936: Jean Batten flies solo from U.K. to N.Z.
- 16 World Food Day
- 17 International Day of Eradication of Poverty
- 17 - 23 Teen Read Week

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18 - 24 Osteoporosis Awareness Week

21 International Day of Peace*: see Peace Week display:

www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com for display ideas

22 Stuttering Awareness Day*

22 Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day

24 United Nations Day*

24 World Development Information Day

24 - 30 Disarmament Week

26 Labour Day

26 October - 1 November Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Week Appeal

27 October - 3 November Save the Children Appeal Week

31 Children's Choice NZ Post Book Awards (first submission deadline)

31 Halloween*

November / Noema

Red Ribbon Month

Lung Cancer Awareness Week

National Hospice Month

National Inspirational Roll Models Month

National Novel Writing Month

1 Leukaemia & Blood Foundation - Leukaemia Appeal Week

1 The CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust Awareness week

1 Marlborough Anniversary Day

2 1898: Old Age Pension Act passes into law

5 Guy Fawkes Day*

5 - 9 National Care Week

6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflicts*

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8 - 14 World Kindness Week

8 - 14 Spirit Week

9 World Freedom Day

10 World Science Day for Peace and Development

11 International Mountain Day

12 Canterbury Anniversary Day

14 World Diabetes Day*

14 - 20 National Hunger and Homelessness Week

16 International Day of Tolerance*

16 Eid ul-Adha Islamic*

17 International Students Day*

17 Eid ul-Fitr Islamic

19 World Toilet Day*

20 International Transgender Day*

20 Universal Children Day*

20 - 27 National Geography Awareness Week

22 - 28 National Family Week

25 International Day for the Elimination of violence against women*

25 White Ribbon Day, for the elimination of all violence

27 Thanksgiving USA*

29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*

29 Westland Anniversary Day

30 Chatham Islands Anniversary Day

December / Tihema

Summer 1 Dec. – 28 February

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Aids Awareness Month

Seasonal Depression Awareness Month

Learn a Foreign Language Month

Read a New Book Month

Identity Theft Awareness and Protection Month

Universal Human Rights Month

Art and Architecture Month

1 World Aids Day *

1 - 7 National Tolerance Week

1 - 9 Hanukkah, Jewish Festival of Lights

2 - 9 Chanuka Jewish

2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery*

3 International Day for People with a disability*

5 International Volunteers Day*

6 World Allergy Day

7 Westcoast Anniversary Day

7 Civil Aviation Day*

9 International Anti-Corruption Day*

10 Human Rights Day *

13 1642: Abel Tasman discovers New Zealand and names it Staten Landt

13 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction*

16 Ashura Islamic*

18 Islamic New Year*

18 International Migrants Day*

19 International Men's Day*

20 International Human Solidarity Day*

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24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day see: Christmas display: www.CreativeLibraryDisplays.com display ideas for display ideas

26 Boxing Day

31 World Peace Meditation Day

31 New Years Eve

*** These days are recognised by the United Nations**

2011

International Year of Forests

Year of Volunteering

Year of the Rabbit - Chinese Calendar

2005 - 2014

International United Nations Decade of education for sustainable development

2005 - 2015

International Decade on Water for Life

2008 - 2017

Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

2006 - 2016

Decade of Recovery and Sustainable development of the Affected regions

2010 - 2020

United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification