

Significant dates to get started with your Calendar of Belonging

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JANUARY

New Year - New Zealand
Independence Day - Myanmar
Christmas Day - Armenian Orthodox
Christmas Day - Ancient Assyrian Church
Tahi Pongal Tamil celebration
World Religion Day - Baha'i faith
Lunar New Year (Jan / Feb)

FEBRUARY

World Interfaith Day
Waitangi Day
Liberation Day - Afghanistan
Ramadan starts - Islamic month of fasting (Feb / Mar / Apr)
Magha Puja - Buddhist Festival (Feb / Mar)

MARCH

Eid al-Fitr - End of Ramadan (Mar / Apr / May)
Pride Week NZ
New Year - Iran - Nowruz
Polyfest
Declaration of Independence - Myanmar
Holi
Unity Week - New Zealand
St. Patrick's Day - Ireland
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Race Relations Day - New Zealand
Land Day - Palestine
International Day of Transgender Visibility
Easter (Mar / Apr)

APRIL

New Year - Thingyan, Burmese
New Year - Assyrian
Chakri Commemoration Day - Thailand
New Year - Nepal & Khmer, Cambodia
ANZAC Day

MAY

New Zealand Sign Language Week
International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination
World Day for Cultural Diversity / Afro-Colombia Day
Eritrean Independence Day
Africa Day
Samoa Language Week (May / Jun)
Shavuot - Jewish Festival (May / Jun)

JUNE

International Shia Day
International Languages Week
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev - Sikh
Pride Week - Northern Hemisphere
Volunteer Week
World Refugee Day
New Year - Maori - Matariki
The Hajj - Islamic pilgrimage (Jun / Jul)
Eid Al-Adha - Islamic Festival (Jun / Jul)

JULY

Kiribati Language Week
Independence Day - Somalia
International Day of Friendship
Cook Islands Language Week (Jul / Aug)
Ashura - Sunni Muslims (Jul / Aug)
New Year - Islam - Hijri (Jul / Aug)

AUGUST

Raksha Bandhan - Hindu Festival
Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu Festival
Lughnasadh - Gaelic festival
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
International Youth Day
Left-handed awareness day
Independence Day - Afghanistan

SEPTEMBER

Conservation Week
Tongan Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga
Te Wiki o te Reo Maori - Maori Language Week
New Year - Ethiopian - Kudos Yohannes
International Day of Peace
Mental Health Awareness week
International Day of Sign Languages
Meskel - Ethiopian Orthodox and Eritrean Orthodox Festival
International Translation Day
Chinese Language Week (Sep / Oct)
Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival (Sep / Oct)
Arba'in - Shia Muslims (Sep / Oct)
Rosh Hashanah (Sep / Oct)
Yom Kippur (Sep / Oct)
Vijaya Dashami (Sep / Oct)
Navaratri (Sep / Oct)
Durga Puja (Sep / Oct)

OCTOBER

Diwali/Deepawali - Hindu Festival
Fijian Language Week
Niue Language Week
Gagana Tokelau Language Week
International Day of Older Persons
Independence Day - Fiji
Korean Alphabet Day - Hangul
White Sunday - Samoa
Halloween
Birthday of Baha'u'llah (Oct / Nov)

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Commemoration Day - Iran - Yalda Night
International Day of People with Disabilities
National Day - Bhutan
Christmas Day - New Zealand



This list is intended as a jumping off point and is not a comprehensive list of all dates of significance to all those who call Aotearoa New Zealand home. Several of these dates change year on year, so always check online for the accurate dates.

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