



To the School Board

Tēnā koutou

RE: Tumeke Tumuaki 2023

In 2022 NZEI Te Riu Roa launched Tumeke Tumuaki, an initiative which recognises and celebrates the amazing contribution principals make to education.

This year the event will be celebrated on Wednesday 1 November. NZEI Te Riu Roa worksite reps are reaching out to school boards as part of our event organisation to encourage their participation and celebration.

Some key points about Tumeke Tumuaki and how it can celebrate your tumuaki:

- Tumeke Tumuaki is our chance to thank principals for the job they do as the cornerstone of our education system
- We can use the day to highlight the work that principals do for their schools, tamariki and communities, which often goes unsung
- Recognise principals and their leadership
- Acknowledge that principals often prioritise the wellbeing of their students, staff and community at the expense of their own
- Principals have an essential role within communities throughout Aotearoa ensuring all aspects of schooling are taken care of so that all tamariki benefit
- Tumeke Tumuaki shows our commitment to listening to principals and standing beside them to address the issues that need to be resolved to make their professional lives manageable and sustainable.

We know that you too value the contribution our tumuaki makes, and I hope that we can meet to discuss my ideas for how to celebrate the day and show support to our principal.

Ngā mihi,

