

Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki

Wednesday 29 July 2026

To the School Board

Tēnā koutou

RE: Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki 2026

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

This year the event will be celebrated on **Wednesday 29 July**, and the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association Te Wehengarua is also joining the celebrations! For now, NZEI Te Riu Roa worksite reps are reaching out to school boards as we organise events and to encourage your participation and celebration.

Some key points:

- Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki is our chance to thank tumuaki | principals for the job they do as the cornerstone of our education system
- The day is a chance to highlight the work that tumuaki | principals do for our schools, tamariki and communities, which often goes unsung
- It's a chance to recognise tumuaki | principals and their leadership
- It acknowledges that tumuaki | principals often prioritise the wellbeing of their students, staff and community at the expense of their own
- Tumuaki | principals have an essential role within communities throughout Aotearoa ensuring all aspects of schooling are taken care of so that all tamariki | rangatahi benefit
- Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki shows we are committed to listening to tumuaki | principals and standing beside them as they address the issues that need to be resolved to enable our tamariki | rangatahi to thrive
- The day shows we are standing in solidarity with tumuaki | principals and are committed to making their professional lives manageable and sustainable.

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

Ngā mihi,