

We've got your back!

NZEI TE RIU ROA

Tumuaki are the steady heart of our communities – advocating for ākonga, supporting kaiako and other staff, and championing quality public education.

Ripeka Lessels

*Te Manukura | President
NZEI Te Riu Roa*



The Principals' Council ensures the voice of tumuaki is heard where it matters most. Together, we advocate, influence, and strengthen the profession on behalf of principals across Aotearoa.

Stephen Lethbridge

*Convenor, NZEI Te Riu Roa
Principals' Council*



NZEI Te Riu Roa has our backs, ensuring principals never stand alone. I've been honoured to carry the voice of principals to the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive for a number of years.

Martyn Weatherill

*Principals' Representative, NZEI
Te Riu Roa National Executive*



Principal Support Officers

- Experienced peer assistance
- Advice and representation in employment matters
- A listening ear and a problem-solving approach

Principals' Council

- Collective voice and advocacy for tumuaki
- Strategic direction

Collective Agreements

- Advocacy and support during collective bargaining
- Timely negotiation updates

Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki

- Annual day of recognition and appreciation for tumuaki (initiated by NZEI Te Riu Roa)
- Celebrates the contribution of tumuaki to schools, tamariki, and communities

Professional Learning and Development

- Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference
- Webinars
- Te Kāhui Whetū

Principals' Kit and Resources →

- Guidance on staff management, school leadership, and administration
- Specific resources for rural principals



Peer Networks →

- Principals' private FB page



Principals' Helpline

- Monday to Friday (8:30am to 5:00pm)
- Confidential advice
- Industrial and legal support
- Pastoral support
- Email: nzei@nzei.org.nz

0508 774 624 725

(0508 PRINCIPAL)

Tumuaki heard, Tumuaki respected, Tumuaki leading

Ko te reo o te Tumuaki e rāngona ana; Ko te tūranga o te Tumuaki e whakautetia ana; Ko te Tumuaki anō e kōkiri ana.