



*“Kia ora, nau mai haere mai ki
te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga”*

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2008 School Terms and Holidays

This page provides information on the 2008 School Terms and Holidays for State and State-Integrated primary, intermediate, secondary and composite schools. It also provides information for Anniversary Day Holidays for 2008.

2008 term dates

Primary and Intermediate schools

Term	Start date	End date
1	Between Tuesday 29 January (at the earliest); and Thursday 7 February (at the latest)	Friday 18 April (98 - 110 half-days)
2	Monday 5 May	Friday 4 July (88 half-days)
3	Monday 21 July	Friday 26 September (100 half-days)
4	Monday 13 October	No later than Friday 19 December (98 half-days)*

* Or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for **384 half-days** in 2008.

Secondary and Composite schools

Term	Start date	End date
1	Between Tuesday 29 January (at the earliest); and Thursday 7 February (at the latest)	Friday 18 April (98 - 110 half-days)
2	Monday 5 May	Friday 4 July (88 half-days)
3	Monday 21 July	Friday 26 September (100 half-days)
4	Monday 13 October	Wednesday 17 December (94 half-days)*

* Or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for **380 half-days** in 2008.

2008 Holidays

Schools must be closed in 2008 on Saturdays and Sundays, and on the following days:

- New Years Day - 1 January
- Day after New Years Day - 2 January
- Waitangi Day - 6 February (Wednesday)
- Good Friday - 21 March

- Easter Monday - 24 March
- Day after Easter Monday - 25 March
- Anzac Day - 25 April (Friday)
- Queen's Birthday - 2 June (Monday)
- Labour Day - 27 October (Monday)
- Christmas Day - 25 December
- Boxing Day - 26 December

And the relevant Anniversary Day Holiday as listed below.

Anniversary Day Holidays 2008

Location	Day and date	Occurs
Auckland	Monday 28 January	Within school holidays
Taranaki	Monday 10 March	Within Term 1
Hawkes Bay	Friday 24 October	Within Term 4
Wellington	Monday 21 January	Within school holidays
Marlborough	Monday 3 November	Within Term 4
Nelson	Monday 4 February	Within school holidays
Canterbury	Friday 14 November	Within Term 4
Canterbury (South)	Monday 22 September	Within Term 3
Westland	Monday 1 December	Within Term 4
Otago	Monday 24 March	Within Term 1 (Easter)
Southland	Monday 14 January	Within school holidays
Chatham Islands	Monday 1 December	Within Term 4