



2017 Calendar of Public Health Events

Date	Event	Contact
JANUARY		
29 January	Te Rā o te Raukawa, Te Whiti Park	www.atiwatoafm.com
FEBRUARY		
30 January – 7 February	Term 1 begins for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools	
1 – 28 February	National Bike Wise Month – ‘Go By Bike Day on 8 February	www.bikewise.co.nz
26 February – 4 March	New Zealand Hearing Week	www.nfd.org.nz
27 February – 5 March	Well Child Week	www.wellchild.org.nz
MARCH		
4 – 10 March	Light it Orange for Shine: Helping victims of family violence	www.lightitorange.org.nz
5 March	National Children’s Day	www.childrensday.org.nz
8 March	Walk to Work Day	www.livingstreets.org.nz
11 March	Creekefest 2017 Porirua	poriruawhanau.org.nz
13 – 19 March	Brain Awareness Week	www.brainweek.co.nz
20 – 22 March	Child Cancer “Beads of Courage” Street Appeal	www.childcancer.org.nz
20 March	World Oral Health Day	www.healthysmiles.org.nz
20 – 26 March	Shave for a Cure Awareness Week	www.leukaemia.org.nz/
22 March	United Nations World Water Day	www.smartwater.org.nz
24 March	World Tuberculosis Day	www.stoptb.org
24 – 25 March	Blind Foundation Guide Dogs Red Puppy Street Appeal	blindfoundation.org.nz/guide-dogs/
25 – 26 March	Neighbours Day Aotearoa ‘I Heart my Hood’	www.neighboursday.org.nz
APRIL		
3 – 7 April	Autism Awareness Week	www.autism.org.nz
3 – 9 April	St John Appeal Week	www.stjohn.org.nz
7 April	World Health Organisation World Health Day: ‘Depression: Let’s talk’	www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/event/en/
13 April	Term 1 Ends	
21 April	RSA Red Poppy Day	www.rsa.org.nz
24 April	World Meningitis Day	www.meningitis.org.nz

MAY		
1 May	Term 2 Begins	
1 – 7 May	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal	www.salvationarmy.org.nz
1 – 31 May	Go Red for May – Women’s Heart Awareness Month	admin.heartfoundation.org.nz/go-red-for-women
5 May	International Midwives Day	www.midwife.org.nz
5 May	World Hand Hygiene Day	www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/
8 May	World Red Cross Day	www.redcross.org.nz
8 – 14 May	New Zealand Sign Language Week	http://deaf.org.nz
8 – 14 May	Road Safety Week	www.brake.org.nz
12 May	International Nurses Day	www.nursingcouncil.org.nz
14 – 20 May	Hospice New Zealand Awareness Week	www.hospice.org.nz
26 May	Pink Shirt Day: Stand together to take action against bullying	www.pinkshirtday.org.nz
26 May – 4 June	Youth Week – “Our Voices Count; Count Our Voices”	www.arataiohi.org.nz/youthweek
31 May	World Smokefree Day	www.smokefree.org.nz
JUNE		
12 – 18 June	Men’s Health Week	www.menshealthnz.org.nz
18 – 24 June	Volunteer Awareness Week	www.volunteeringnz.org.nz
20 June	World Refugee Day	http://unhcr.org.au
25 June	Matariki – The Māori New Year	http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/matariki
JULY		
1 – 31 July	Dry July	www.dryjuly.co.nz
1 – 31 July	Women’s Refuge Awareness Month	www.womensrefuge.org.nz
7 July	Term 2 Ends	
24 July	Term 3 Begins	
AUGUST		
1 – 7 August	World Breastfeeding Week ‘Sustaining Breastfeeding Together’	www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org
1 – 31 August	Heart Kids Month	www.heartkids.org.nz
25 August	Daffodil Day	www.cancernz.org.nz
SEPTEMBER		
1 – 30 September	Cervical Screening Awareness Month	www.nsu.govt.nz

1 – 30 September	Blue September Month for Prostate Cancer	www.blueseptember.org.nz/
1 – 30 September	Breathe Better September	www.breathebetterseptember.co.nz
4 – 8 September	Asthma Awareness Week Asthma Balloon Day 8 September	www.asthmafoundation.org.nz
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	www.spinz.org.nz
11 – 17 September	Māori Language Week	www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/
15 – 23 September	CanTeen Awareness Week – Helping young people facing cancer	www.canteen.org.nz
29 September	Term 3 Ends	
OCTOBER		
1 – 31 October	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	www.nzbcf.org.nz
1 – 31 October	Stoptober Quit Smoking Challenge	www.stoptober.nz
2 – 8 October	Stroke Awareness Week	www.stroke.org.nz
9 – 15 October	Mental Health Awareness Week Mental Health Awareness Day 10 October	www.mentalhealth.org.nz
9 – 15 October	Get Ready Week	www.getthru.govt.nz
11 October	World Obesity Day – Ending Childhood Obesity	www.obesityday.worldobesity.org
13 – 14 October	Pink Ribbon Street Appeal	www.nzbcf.org.nz
15 October	Global Handwashing Day	www.handhygiene.org.nz
16 October	Term 4 Begins	
NOVEMBER		
1 – 30 November	Movember – Men’s Health Month	www.movember.com
12 – 18 November	Diabetes Awareness Week	www.diabetes.org.nz
25 November	White Ribbon Day	www.whiteribbon.org.nz
DECEMBER		
1 December	Aids Foundation Red Ribbon Day	www.nzaf.org.nz
1 December	Safe Sleep Day – Te Ra Mokopuna Ora	www.whakawhetu.co.nz
14 December	Term 4 Ends – Secondary schools	
18 December	International Migrants Day	www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/
20 December	Term 4 Ends – Primary and Intermediate schools	