

EARTH SCHOOL AOTEAROA

Letter to principal

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For parents and caregivers to give to their child's principal

[Date]

Tēnā koe [Principal's name],

I am the parent/caregiver of [child's name], who is currently enrolled at [school name]. I am writing to let you know about a weekly enrichment programme we would like [child's name] to attend and to seek your support for a regular one-day-a-week release.

Earth School Aotearoa is a place-based learning programme based at Mangaroa Farm in the Mangaroa Valley, Upper Hutt. It is facilitated by qualified educators and children attend one day a week during term time, spending the day learning on the farm and in the forest.

I believe this programme will support [child's name] in ways that complement their time at school. I have included an information sheet from Earth School Aotearoa that outlines the programme in more detail, including how it aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum and how learning is communicated back to families.

Under Section 52 of the Education and Training Act 2020, students may attend alternative education with the permission of their school. I am asking for your support to make this possible for [child's name] on a weekly basis. I am happy to discuss this further at a time that suits you.

Ngā mihi,

[Parent name]

[Contact details]