

School Calendar

Why is it important to maintain the consistent 52 weeks per year?

The consistent structure of 52 weeks per year and 13 weeks per quarter of *WEcalendar* can facilitate many annual planning. For example, school terms can be easily determined once and repeatedly applicable for every year. Here is a preferable school-term arrangement. We may have four school terms with 10 study weeks in each quarter. The term breaks are five weeks and one week in alternation. Then, students can enjoy two long school holidays during the study year with one in the summer and another in the winter.

Weeks (Two long school term breaks per year)

Quarter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jan. to March	3	4	5	T	E	R	M		O	N	E	
2	April to June		T	E	R	M		T	W	O		1	2
3	July to Sep.	3	4	5	T	E	R	M		T	H	R	E
4	October to Dec.		T	E	R	M		F	O	U	R		1

In New Zealand, there are three 2-week short-term breaks in order to reserve a six-week long break in the summer annually. The simple arrangement can be as follows:

Weeks (An annual six-week school term break in New Zealand)

Quarter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jan. to March	3	4	5	6	T	E	R	M		O	N	E
2	April to June				T	E	R	M		T	W	O	
3	July to Sep.			T	E	R	M		T	H	R	E	E
4	October to Dec.		T	E	R	M		F	O	U	R		1

Once the school calendar is ready, it is reusable every year. The same schedule and study plan can be applicable to the subsequent years with minor adjustments.

“The simple and consistent calendar structure can simplify many and major annual schedules.”

WEcalendar - Weekly Planner (Sample: School Calanedar of Auckland, New Zealand)

Q1	J		A		N		F		E		B		M		A		R	
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
Sun	1 <i>NY's Day</i>	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4 <i>Children's Day</i>	11	18	25					
Mon	2 <i>NY's Monday</i>	9	16	23	30 <i>Auckland Day</i>	6 <i>Waitangi Day</i>	13	20	27	5	12	19	26					
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27					
Wed	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28					
Thu	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22	29					
Fri	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23	30					
Sat	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	3	10	17	24	31					
					Term 1 Start													
Q2	A		P		R		M		A		Y		J		U		N	
Week	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26					
Sun	1 <i>April Fools</i>	8 <i>Easter Day</i>	15	22	29	6	13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	20	27	3	10	17	24					
Mon	2	9 <i>Easter Monday</i>	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4 <i>Queen's Bday</i>	11	18	25					
Tue	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26					
Wed	4	11	18	25 <i>Anzac Day</i>	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27					
Thu	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28					
Fri	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29					
Sat	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30					
	Term 1 End			Term 2 Start									Term 2 End					
Q3	J		U		L		A		U		G		S		E		P	
Week	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39					
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2 <i>Father's Day</i>	9	16	23					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24					
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25					
Wed	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26					
Thu	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27					
Fri	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28					
Sat	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29					
			Term 3 Start									Term 3 End	30 (Sunday) <i>Leap Day</i>					
Q4	O		C		T		N		O		V		D		E		C	
Week	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52					
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	5 <i>Guy Fawkes Day</i>	12	19	26	3	10	17	24					
Mon	2	9	16	23 <i>Labour's Day</i>	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25 <i>Xmas Day</i>					
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26 <i>Boxing Day</i>					
Wed	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27					
Thu	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28					
Fri	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29					
Sat	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30					
		Term 4 Start									Term 4 End		31 (Sunday) <i>NY's Eve</i>					

* Easter Holidays are assumed.