



Dear Principal

All of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes and all of our coastline is at risk of tsunami. We can't predict when they will happen, but we can practise the right action to protect ourselves.

New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, is happening at 9.30am on 18 October 2018. (\* If you cannot do the drill at 9.30am on 18 October 2018, you can choose a time to suit you within two weeks of the drill and still be counted).

Taking part is a great way for schools to practise the right actions to take before, during and after an earthquake including your tsunami hīkoi (evacuation walk) if you're in a coastal area.

### ShakeOut - it's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Sign up now at [www.shakeout.govt.nz](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz). You can register everyone in your school in two minutes.
2. Spread the word (tell family, friends, your community, and share on social media) using resources on our website.
3. Do the Drop, Cover and Hold drill at 9.30am on 18 October 2018, followed by your Tsunami Hīkoi if you're in a coastal area.

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New Zealand ShakeOut is an earthquake preparedness campaign based on the highly successful Great California ShakeOut, which began in 2008 and is now an annual event involving over ten million people. New Zealand has had two hugely successful nationwide campaigns, first in 2012 and again in 2015.

Once you've confirmed your registration, the ShakeOut team will send you information on how to get prepared, hold your Drop, Cover and Hold drill, and practise your tsunami hīkoi if you're in a coastal area.

#### Win prizes and build resilient kids

After you've signed up you can also opt into the **New Zealand ShakeOut Schools' Challenge** and be in to win great prizes for your students and school, while helping make sure our communities are more prepared.

The New Zealand ShakeOut website [www.shakeout.govt.nz/how/schools/](http://www.shakeout.govt.nz/how/schools/) has more information, including lesson plans and teaching resources for schools and more.

## Teach emergency preparedness

*What's the Plan Stan?*, the online guide for teaching emergency preparedness, is used by schools across the country to teach emergency preparedness for years 1-7, with suggestions for teaching and learning programmes focusing on emergency events and the impacts they could have. Visit [www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz](http://www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz) to:

- Learn more about earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Find out where earthquakes and tsunamis have happened in New Zealand.
- Explore lesson ideas for years 1-3 and 4-8.
- Develop and update school emergency policies and plans.

If you have any questions or queries, please email the New Zealand ShakeOut team at [shakeout@dmpc.govt.nz](mailto:shakeout@dmpc.govt.nz)

Sign up to New Zealand ShakeOut 2018 today and make sure your school, staff, students, families, whānau and communities are better prepared for emergencies. We look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely



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