

Save Outdoor Education

Parliament Rally – Practical Information for Supporters

When: Tuesday 21 October

Where: Parliament Steps, Wellington

Time:

- Arrive from 12:00pm – help us build the atmosphere
- Formal welcome and karakia 12:50pm
- Speakers and petition presentation 1:00–1:30pm

Why We're Gathering

Over 50,000 New Zealanders have signed the petition to Save Outdoor Education.

We're gathering at Parliament to show the Government that Outdoor Education is rigorous, academic, and life-changing, building leadership, resilience, and connection with te taiao.

A large, visible, and vibrant crowd will send a powerful message:

Outdoor Education belongs in the curriculum.

What to Bring

- **People:** Friends, whānau, colleagues, students, supporters.
- **Banners and Signs:** Keep them bold and simple, "Save Outdoor Ed", "Outdoor Ed Builds Leaders", "Love Te Taiao."
- **Outdoor Gear:** Boots, jackets, tramping packs, school hoodies, show who we are.
- **Noise Makers:** Voices, chants, waiata, drums, guitars, or even pots and pans.
- **Phone or Camera:** Share the action using #SaveOutdoorEd and tag @EricaStanfordMP.
- **Water and Snacks:** Stay comfortable and ready to make some noise.

Timings (approximate)

Time	What's Happening
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12:00	Gather, practise chants, build atmosphere
12:50	Whelcome, karakia and Waiata
1:00	Speakers – students, teacher, academics, EONZ
1:15	Petition handover
1:20	Closing waiata and karakia

A confirmed run sheet will be shared the day before.

Chants

We'll keep it simple and loud, join in when you hear them.

Call and Response:

Leader: What do we want?

Crowd: Outdoor Ed!

Leader: When do we want it?

Crowd: Now!

Simple Group Chant

Save Outdoor Ed – keep it in our schools!

Save Outdoor Ed – give kids the tools!

Energy Booster

Hey hey! Ho ho! Outdoor Ed can't go!

Nature and Identity

From the mountains to the sea – Outdoor Ed for you and me!

Waiata:

Tūtira mai ngā iwi by Wi Huata

Tūtira mai ngā iwi,



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tātou tātou e
Tūtira mai ngā iwi,
tātou tātou e
Whai-a te marama-tanga,
me te aroha e ngā iwi!
Kia tapa tahi,
Kia kotahi rā
Tātou tātou e
(Repeat)

Tā-tou tā-tou e E!!
Hi aue hei !!!

Translation of Tūtira mai ngā iwi

Stand together, people
All of us, all of us.
Stand in rows, people
All of us, all of us.
Seek after knowledge
and love of others - everybody!
Be really virtuous
And stay united.
All of us, all of us.

This has a very powerful and strong meaning for our kaupapa and we have sought permission to sing this waiata on the day.

Banner and Sign Ideas

Education and Leadership:

- Outdoor Education Builds Leaders
- Keep Outdoor Ed in the Curriculum
- You Can't Teach Leadership from Behind a Desk

Te Taiao / Nature Connection:

- Love Te Taiao
- Let Nature Be Our Classroom
- From the Mountains to the Sea – Outdoor Ed for Me

Short and Bold:

- SAVE OUTDOOR ED
- OUTDOOR ED STAYS
- LEARNING OUTSIDE IS REAL LEARNING

Tips: Use bright colours, big letters, and add leaves or handprints to show te taiao.

How You Can Help on the Day

We'd love support from our community for:

- **Chant Leaders:** Confident voices to help start and keep chants going.
- **Banner Holders:** Help lift our big banners high on the steps.
- **Crowd Builders:** Arrive early, greet people, wave banners, and build energy.
- **Social Sharers:** Go live, post photos, and tag #SaveOutdoorEd.
- **Marshals:** Guide groups and keep things flowing safely (email us if you can help).

Good to Know

- This is a peaceful, family-friendly rally.
- Be prepared for all weather, Wellington can do four seasons in a day.
- Toilets are available inside Parliament buildings and across on Bowen Street.
- Marshals in high-vis will be on site to help.
- First aid support will be available.

Share the Moment



- Go live on Facebook or Instagram once you're there.
- Share photos, videos, and chants using #SaveOutdoorEd.
- Tag @EricaStanfordMP and @EONZ.
- Post a short clip: "I'm here because Outdoor Ed builds leaders."

After the Rally

- Share your favourite photo or reflection online.
Celebrate that you were part of something big, standing up for the future of Outdoor Education in Aotearoa.

**Stand with us – 21 October, Parliament Steps, Wellington
Outdoor Education Builds Leaders. Outdoor Education Belongs.**