

## Calendar Counting

### Purpose:

The purpose of this activity is to help your child to learn to count on and back from any number up to 31.

### Link to Number Framework:

Number Sequence, Stages 0-3

### What you need:

- A calendar page with large numbers, a great way to use old calendars.  
The page could be stuck onto card (from an opened cereal box or similar) to make the numbers easier to handle.

### What to do:

- Cut out the numbers.
- Put the numbers 1 - 15 in one set and the numbers 16 - 31 in another set.
- Shuffle each set and put the numbers face down in two piles.
- The child turns up one number from each pile and starts counting forwards from the smallest number to the largest number, or backwards for the largest number to the smallest number. For example if the numbers 15 and 21 are drawn, the child can either count "15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 21" or "21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15."

If your child is having difficulty, reduce the numbers you use. For example have the numbers 1-10 in one pile, and 11 - 20 in the other. If needed your child could use another uncut calendar page as a prompt for their counting until they are more familiar with the counting sequence.

It is important to practice counting forwards and backwards.

### What to expect your child to do:

- Be able to count forwards or backwards between any two numbers from 0 - 31, without starting from 1 as a prompt.
- Be able to count forwards or backwards across the decades. For example "9, **10**, 11, 12, 13" or "22, 21, **20**, 19, 18."

### Related Māori vocab:

count on	tatau whakamua
count back	tatau whakamuri
pile of cards	putunga kāri