

PAT Tuhituhi Te Pihinga

PAT Writing Foundation

NZCER is excited to announce the release of four new PAT Tuhituhi | Writing assessment tasks for Year 3 and 4 students. These are designed to be engaging for students in Aotearoa and have been trialled with students and schools from around the country.

The new assessment is similar to the existing PAT Tuhituhi Years 5-10 assessment, with some key differences:

- It's paper-based
- Teachers mark their students' writing manually, using NZCER Assist
- It uses a new rubric, developed specifically to look at the skills of earlier writers

Trial responses were marked by a large group of teachers, using the new rubric in the Term 1 school holidays. A huge thank you to all of the teachers, schools, and students that took part in this trial!

We are currently analysing the marking data and will release the final, validated rubric toward the end of Term 2.

In the meantime, please feel free to look at the new assessment tasks and think about how you would use them with your students.

Full assessment tasks will be available at the end of Term 2.

Tasks

The first time I ...

Think about the first time you did something new.

What did you do? How did you feel?

Write to recount the first time you did something new.

Pets at school



Should pets be allowed at school? What do you think?

Write to persuade someone to agree with you.

Tasks

Good friends



What makes a good friend?

Write to explain how to be a good friend.

Pirate adventure



Imagine what it's like to be on a pirate ship.

Write a story about a character who has an adventure on a pirate ship.