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**THE MAORI SCHOOLS REGULATIONS 1959,
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

—
BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 25th day of
February 1963

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Education Act 1914, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Maori Schools Regulations 1959, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Maori Schools Regulations 1959* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

2. The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 5, the following regulation:

“5A. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, if the School Committee for a Maori school, after consultation with the Head Teacher, so determines, any class or classes at the school, or the school as a whole, may be closed at any time or times of the school day for a period not exceeding 30 minutes for any class in any week for the purposes of religious instruction given by voluntary instructors approved by the School Committee and of religious observances conducted in a manner approved by the School Committee or for either of those purposes; and the school buildings may be used for those purposes or for either of them.

“(2) No pupil enrolled at a Maori school shall be required to attend or take part in any such instruction or observances if any parent or guardian of the pupil does not wish the pupil to take part therein and makes his or her wishes known in writing to the Head Teacher of the school. Any parent or guardian who has given such an indication of wishes may at any time withdraw it.

“(3) Any teacher at a Maori school shall, if the School Committee for the school so approves, at his request be freed from school duties for up to 30 minutes a week to allow him to take part in his own

school in religious instruction and religious observances or either, but no person shall directly or indirectly bring any pressure to bear on a teacher to induce the teacher to take any such part, and the position of any teacher and his opportunities for appointments and for promotion shall not be adversely affected because he does not take part in religious instruction and religious observances or either."

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations make provision for religious instruction and observances in Maori schools on lines similar to those indicated in the Religious Instruction and Observances Act 1962.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Education.