

TE ARA O NGĀ WHETŪ O MATARIKI

FOLLOW THE STARS OF MATARIKI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check out the fantastic range of community events planned to celebrate Matariki from Wednesday 26 June to Sunday 14 July. Each event is linked to particular stars in the Matariki constellation, that have different significance in the Māori world view. See back pages for details of each star's meaning and where it is in the constellation.

There's something for everyone!

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O WHAKAORI

MASTERTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Ngā Kaumātua, Ngā Taonga

In this Age Concern event, kuia, koroua and whanau can gather together and enjoy activities including Rongoa and weaving, line dancing, Kapa haka and a nourishing kai at this event that upholds what the Matariki whetu represents - hope, connection, health and wellbeing and a gathering of people.

Maximum 100 people.

When 10am - 1pm Wednesday 26 June

Where Red Star Sports Hall, 10 Herbert Street, Masterton

Bookings Required. Book at health@acww.nz

★ Matariki

The star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people.

Kaumātua Luncheon

Eastside Community Group is celebrating Matariki with lunch and entertainment for the Kaumātua of Eastside. Kai will be prepared by Te Awhina Community Volunteers, and entertainment will be provided by the children of Ko Te Aroha. There will also be a guest speaker to tell the story of the celebration Matariki.

Maximum 20 people.

When 12 noon - 2:30pm Wednesday 26 June

Where Ko Te Aroha, 33-35 Johnstone Street, Masterton

Bookings Book at williams.lb44@gmail.com

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THURSDAY 27 JUNE - SUNDAY 14 JULY

What's your wai/why?

Mauri Ora Wairarapa as part of the Taiao project have collated a number of photographs submitted by whanau and kaimahi depicting how water is part of their mental health. View this photographic art exhibition in the foyer of Te Hauora reception. Entry is free.

When Thursday 27 June - Sunday 14 July

Where Te Hauora, 101 Chapel Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Pōhutukawa, Waitī and Waitā

Pōhutukawa is the star associated with those that have passed. Waitī is the star associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters. Waitā is the star associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Matariki planting day

Fernridge School invites you to join them in planting seeds, seedlings and trees that will provide kai for our community in the future. After planting, share a light kai at the school. For more information contact the School Office on 06 378 6535

When 9:30 - 11:30am Thursday 27 June

Where Fernridge School, 264 Upper Plain Road, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Tupu-ā-nuku and Tupu-ā-rangi

Tupu-ā-nuku is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food. Tupu-ā-rangi is the star associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.

Matariki in the Square

Come and join the fun at Matariki In The Square! Grab some kai from the Thursday night Food Trucks, and enjoy some Matariki entertainment.

When 4:30 - 6:30pm Thursday 27 June

Where Masterton Town Square,
Chapel Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Matariki

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Matariki at the Library

Enjoy crafts, star cookie decoration and hot chocolate, moko stencil, and hopefully (yet to be confirmed) waiata and a harakeke weaving.

When 5 - 7pm Thursday 27 June

Where Masterton Library,
54 Queen St, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Matariki

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FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Matariki dawn celebration

Masterton Intermediate School invites you to their dawn ceremony explaining each star of Matariki, watch as messages are sent skywards, waiata and native planting.

When 6 - 9am Friday 28 June

Where Masterton Intermediate School,
38 Intermediate Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

Riversdale beach Matariki and kite flying

The Riversdale Beach Community Association invites you to a free family event on the beach to fly kites and share food, reflecting on the star Waitā.

When 2pm Friday 28 June

Where Riversdale Beach,
Enter beach at Karaka Reserve

Bookings Not required

★ Waitā

Waitā is the star associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

MONDAY 1 JULY

Light up the night

FAB LAB is hosting a free workshop open to the public to come and use FAB LAB's technology to make your own light up necklace that is meaningful to you. Designs could range from names of loved ones past and present, or your wishes for the future. At night, the lights on the necklace will highlight the laser engraved image.

When 5 - 7pm Monday 1 July

Where FAB LAB, 44 Queen Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

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SATURDAY 6 JULY

Mānawatia a Matariki ki Pūkaha

On Saturday 6th of July, Pūkaha has a huge day of celebration planned and are open to the public from 5.30am-5.00pm.

Things kick off at 5.30am with the opening of a new arts studio (Whare toi), followed by breakfast, Matariki celebrations, entertainment (kapa haka), presentations and kai.

This Matariki commemorates two years of the Te Tuku partnership between Rangitāne and Pūkaha, and the first anniversary of the opening of Te Whare Wānanga Taiao o Manukura.

When 5am - 5pm Saturday 6 July

Where Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, SH 2, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Matariki

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SUNDAY 7 JULY

Matariki ki Tūmapūhia Marae 2024

Free whānau event highlighting 'Ngā whetu Matariki' and observing and practising Tikanga Māori (Māori customs). Activities include Mihi whakatau, Hautapu, Wāhi whetu (star stations), participating in various aspects of hangi cooking. Free breakfast for those in attendance after the hautapu, and free hangi lunch for all. Free limited transport available (bookings required)

When 5am - 3pm Sunday 7 July

Where Tūmapūhia Marae, 2614 Homewood Road, RD 12, Masterton

Bookings Not required for event, but bookings required for free limited bus transport. Contact: info@tumapuhiahapu.co.nz

★ Matariki, Pōhutukawa, Waitī, Waitā, Waipuna-ā-rangi, Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Ururangi and Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Yoga in the gallery

Practicing yoga is a form of mindfulness. Marg Patete encourages a restorative and nourishing practice, perfect for Matariki time as we take the time to rest, recover and prepare for the New Year. Nourish, relax and restore at this yoga session with Marg Patete

When 11am - 12:15pm Sunday 7 July

Where Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, 12 Bruce Street Masterton.

Bookings Required, email margpatete@gmail.com

★ Matariki

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MONDAY 8 JULY

Matariki @ the OCG

A family-centred Matariki celebration at Oxford Street Community Gardens including a range of Matariki activities for all age groups like cooking soup and damper over the firepit, planting, kite making, Matariki reading and drawing.

When 10am - 12 noon Monday 8 July

Where Oxford Street Community Gardens, Oxford Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Tupu-ā-nuku and Ururangi

Tupu-ā-nuku is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food. Ururangi is the star associated with the winds.

SUNDAY 14 JULY

Matariki concert

This special 45 minute concert features the glittering flute and harp duo of Michelle Velvin and Bridget Douglas in a musical journey that traverses the Matariki stars, moon, waterfalls and sea of Aotearoa. 120 people maximum

When 12:15 - 1pm Sunday 14 July

Where Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, 12 Bruce Street, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Waitā

Waitā is the star associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

Kaitiakitanga and Kai – Awatotara Community Planting Day

The Awatotara Trust invites you to bring the family and help plant the Awatotara site, take home a tree, share soup, a sausage sizzle and enjoy the sense of community. This gathering aligns with the Matariki star, and to Waitā as you will be working with fresh water.

When 10am - 1pm Sunday 14 July

Where Moss Hall,
1 Mahunga Drive, Masterton

Bookings Not required

★ Matariki and Waitī

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THE STARS OF MATARIKI

In the Māori world view, each star holds a certain significance over our wellbeing and environment.

Waipuna-ā-rangi

Ururangi

Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Tupu-ā-rangi

Waitī

Matariki

Waitā

Tupu-ā-nuku

Pōhutukawa

Matariki

The star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

Pōhutukawa

The star associated with those that have passed.

“Pōhutukawa suspended above, a constant reminder for my treasured ones that have gone. May you shine as stars in the night, and sparkle within the repository of memories forever more.”

Waitī

The star associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters.

“Waitī above, Waitī below, flowing are your waters as sustenance for the land, as vitality for mankind, as a food basket for the people. The current of the river swirls and eddies, the lakes ripple, and the source of Tāne-te-waiora overflows, ‘tis life!”

Waitā

The star associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

“Behold the great expanse of Kiwa that gleams green and blue beneath you Waitā. Draw up the many of Ikatere, dive out to sea, and collect from the seaside as food for the multitude ashore. The charm of Tangaroa has begun! ‘Tis the great current, the long current, the boisterous ocean, the calm ocean.”

Waipuna-ā-rangi

The star associated with the rain.

“Welcome the misty rain! Welcome the drizzle! Welcome the showers! Welcome the heavy drenching rain! Fall from the spring of the sacred sky, give drink oh Waipuna-ā-rangi, the land grows, and the people flourish.”

Tupu-ā-nuku

The star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food.

“Tupu-ā-nuku shoot up, and grow down, to be plentiful. May the mound dedicated to Rongo be forever fertile, that which was formed from afar. The bounty of Nukutū is scooped up in great numbers, till the soil, cultivate, harvest the year of copious abundance.”

Tupu-ā-rangi

The star associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.

“Thriving is the forest, lush is the forest, bountiful is the crown of the forest upon which the children of Tāne settle, there indeed is the great fowling tree. Tupu-ā-rangi you shall make the forest plentiful; the birds are rich with fat, the berries are fertile, sustenance.”

Ururangi

The star associated with the winds.

“Ururangi pacify the unseeing god, lest the wind blows violently, blasting and fierce hitherto. But instead let it be a breeze, a gentle caressing wind so I may be revitalised and refreshed.”

Hiwa-i-te-rangi

The star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

“Great Hiwa, long-established Hiwa, skilled Hiwa, wise Hiwa! Hiwa-i-te-rangi this is the wish of the desiring heart; this is the determination of the longing heart. Spread out in plenty the multitude of immense opportunities. Hold fast to succeed, hold firm to good fortune! Go forth into the world and prosper.”