

# 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 10-16 July. Events are linked to particular stars in the Matariki constellation, each with 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!

## ON NOW AND THROUGHOUT MATARIKI

### Matariki reading challenge

Register online with Beanstack or pop into the library to get your bongo sheet for this free challenge! Complete different reading challenges to earn tickets for prizes, plus read 5 books over the challenge and you will get your own book to keep. Ages 0-18.

**When** Now until Saturday 15 July

**Where** Your house

**Bookings** Not required

#### ★ Matariki

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

## MONDAY 10 - THURSDAY 13 JULY

### He hokinga mahara ki ngā tau whā tekau

#### Te Whakarewatanga o te tau hokorua o te Kōhanga Reo o Ngāti Hāmua

Te Kōhanga Reo o Ngāti Hāmua invite whānau and our community to look at their exhibition as they celebrate a 40 year milestone in the presence of kaumātua. There will be tabletop activities available for tamariki relating to Hiwa-i-te-rangi and other stars. The 'He maimai aroha' section will also relate to Pōhutukawa to honour the memories of loved ones, share stories and look at photos.

**When** 10:30am Monday 10 July - 12 noon Thursday 13 July

**Where** Haukāinga, 15 Queen Street, Masterton

**Bookings** Not required

#### ★ Hiwa-i-te-rangi and Pōhutukawa

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

## MONDAY 10 JULY

### Matariki colouring

Matariki themed colouring at the library all day. Everything provided, all welcome.

**When** Monday 10 July - all day

**Where** Masterton Library, 54 Queen Street

**Bookings** Not required

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### Matariki raranga/weaving and waiata

Join local artist Taonga by LJ to make ngā whetū/stars with harakeke at Club Wairarapa. \$20 koha entry.

**When** 10am-3pm Monday 10 July

**Where** Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex Street Masterton

**Bookings** Yes - please call 06 370 0012

#### ★ Matariki and Pōhutukawa

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## TUESDAY 11 JULY

### Poi wananga

Join local artist Taonga by LJ for a poi wananga at Club Wairarapa. Come along and make a contemporary poi and learn a waiata or two to have fun with. \$20 koha entry.

**When** 10am-3pm Tuesday 11 July

**Where** Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex Street Masterton

**Bookings** Yes - please call 06 370 0012

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## Star crafts

Matariki star arts and crafts at the library.  
All welcome.

**When** 10:30 - 11:30am Tuesday 11 July

**Where** Masterton Library, 54 Queen Street

**Bookings** Not required

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## WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

### A Matariki weaving story

Age Concern Wairarapa welcomes Hamuera Manihera as their guest speaker in this year's Matariki series. Pōhutawaka reminds us to reflect on those that have passed before us. In this presentation, Hamuera describes his journey to becoming a prominent traditional cloak weaver, honouring his tūpuna who have shaped his path.

**When** 10am - 2pm Wednesday 12 July

**Where** 10 Herbert Street, Masterton

**Bookings** Yes - please call 06 377 0066

### ★ Pōhutukawa

The star associated with those that have passed.

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### A starry night – Matariki music for flute and harp

Come and celebrate Matariki in this special lunchtime concert featuring the glittering flute and harp duo of Michelle Velvin and Bridget Douglas. They will take you on a musical journey that traverses the stars, moon, waterfalls and sea of Aotearoa. This 30 minute programme includes works by New Zealand composers Gareth Farr, Eve de Castro Robinson and Michelle Velvin.

**When** 12.15 - 12:45pm Wednesday 12 July

**Where** Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, 12 Bruce Street, Wesley Wing

**Bookings** Not required

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## Matariki story-go-round

Come along to the Library to listen to stories about Matariki, followed by an arts and crafts activity.

**When** 10:30am Wednesday 12 July

**Where** Masterton Library, 54 Queen Street

**Bookings** Not required

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## Matariki ki runga Wairarapa ki raro

Join special guest speaker Mike Kawana at Club Wairarapa for a presentation on the Wairarapa and Matariki.

**When** 7:15 - 8:30pm Wednesday 12 July

**Where** Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex Street Masterton

**Bookings** Yes - please call 06 370 0012

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## THURSDAY 13 JULY

### Yoga under the moon

Practicing yoga is a form of mindfulness. Marg Patete encourages a restorative and nourishing practice, perfect for Matariki as we take the time to rest, recover and prepare for the New Year. Nourish, relax and restore with special lunchtime yoga sessions with Marg Patete under the Moon in the exhibition Our Moon: Then, Now and Beyond. Bring your own mat.

**When** 5:30 - 6:30pm Thursday 13 July

**Where** Aratoi, Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, 12 Bruce Street, Wesley Wing

**Bookings** Not required

### ★ Matariki and Hiwa-i-te-rangi

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## Kaumātua luncheon

The Eastside Community Group invite kaumātua to share stories and reflect over kai, reflecting on the Matariki star associated with the gathering of people, wellbeing and health.

**When** 12:30 - 3pm Thursday 13 July

**Where** Te Awhina Community Hub  
2 Stuart Crescent, Masterton

**Bookings** Not required

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## Matariki reading challenge finale and disco

Come on down to the Library to wrap up the Matariki Reading Challenge, followed by a disco! There will be arts, crafts, music and dancing. Free. All welcome.

**When** 4 - 6pm Thursday 13 July

**Where** Masterton Library, 54 Queen Street

**Bookings** Not required

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## FRIDAY 14 JULY

## Weaving and te reo

Club Wairarapa will be hosting local weaver and te reo teacher Edith Rolls to hold a lesson. \$10 koha entry.

**When** 10am - 2pm Friday 14 July

**Where** Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex Street  
Masterton

**Bookings** Yes - please call 06 370 0012

### ★ Matariki and Pōhutukawa

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## SATURDAY 15 JULY

## Riversdale beach Matariki and kite flying

Historically kites were flown at Matariki as a way of sending messages to people far away – living and those who have passed away. The ‘Seven Kites of Matariki’ is the story that imagines why the stars in the cluster called Matariki can be seen on an early morning in the mid-winter sky.

The Riversdale Beach Community Association invites you to a family event on the beach to fly kites and share food, reflecting on the stars Waitī and Pōhutukawa. The event will start promptly at 10.00am with a welcome and storytelling.

**When** 10am - 12 noon Saturday 15 July

**Where** Riversdale Beach Coast Area  
between Acacia Ave and Karaka Ave

**Bookings** Not required

### ★ Waitī and Pōhutukawa

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

## Community screening of Coco Reo Māori

Come along to the Regent 3 Cinema for a free screening of Disney’s ‘Coco’ in te reo Māori. All welcome. Keep an eye on the Masterton District Council and Masterton Library Facebook pages for confirmation of time and when the tickets will be available for collection.

**When** 10am - 12 noon Saturday 15 July

**Where** Regent 3 Cinema, 230 Queen Street,  
Masterton.

**Bookings** Yes. Please collect a ticket from Regent 3 Cinemas. First in, first served, only 75 available.

### ★ Matariki

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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

Matariki

Waitī

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.”