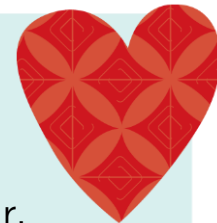


Let's Celebrate Matariki



Matariki is the Māori name for the group of stars that rise into the sky in mid-winter and signals the start of the New Year. It is a celebration of people, culture, language, spirituality and history.



Here are some ideas to celebrate:

- ★ Hold a harvest day, plant new seedlings or fruit trees
- ★ Have a shared feast or Hāngī with food from the garden or make a friendship soup - everyone brings a vegetable
- ★ What's in your kete? pull out vegetables, fruits and name them in Te Reo
- ★ Explore the outdoors and learn about the natural world and native trees
- ★ Be creative with arts, crafts, music and dance read stories or legends, make poi and perform a dance, learn a haka or traditional Māori games
- ★ Paint pictures of stars or make stars from twigs
- ★ Make and fly kites Manu Tukutuku.
- ★ Have a Matariki disco with glow in the dark stars.