

MATARIKI Kāpiti 2017

Matariki Events on the Kāpiti Coast

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, with the Council, promotes the revitalisation of Matariki in the community.

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as Pleiades. The ascent of Matariki in late May or June signals the change of season and heralds the start of the Māori New Year. This year there will be a range of local events provided by community groups, kura (schools), iwi and the Council for you and your family to enjoy from June to the end of July. To see a full range of activities go to kapiticoast.govt.nz/matariki

Maramataka

Each year Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti produces a Maramataka (calendar) that covers 1 July to 30 June and includes information for fishing and planting by the moon.

The Maramataka is officially blessed and launched at Matariki and is available for purchase from July at Council Service Centres for \$10 each.

Matariki Dawn 10 June, – 30 July Mahara Gallery, Waikanae

Opening 4pm 10 June with Tūmeke. Artists Michel Tuffery and Yvonne de Mille are both inspired by the traditional use of Manu Aute and Manu Tukutuku kites during Matariki. Matariki Dawn installation references the excitement of the first sightings of the Matariki stars at dawn – the signal that the New Year is about to begin.

Matariki on Main 7 July, 6pm – 9pm Main St, Ōtaki

Main Street Ōtaki will be closed to celebrate Matariki this year. An event for everyone with food, fun, entertainment and dancing. Come wrapped up warmly and enjoy with whānau and friends. Māoriland Hub will be open. There will be kapa haka, music, and much more. See updates as events are confirmed on www.facebook.com/OtakiVillage/

No8 Wire Week 15 – 23 July

Become a DIY genius and help save the world! Get hands-on these coming school holidays with our series of resourceful, practical and fun workshops for all ages. Learn new skills for sustainability in everyday life. Topics include building with free and recycled materials, veggie gardening, planting and caring for trees, making your own cleaning products and cosmetics, cool craft for kids, cooking and preserving skills to make food go further, a pop-up repair café and more. For more information go to: kapiticoast.govt.nz/no8wireweek

Tākoha Kai | Foodbank Donations 19 – 30 June

Celebrate the bountiful time of Matariki by sharing. Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped into Council Service Centres and participating schools between 19 - 30 June to be shared with food banks on the Kāpiti Coast. Tukuna atu he kai nō ō hokohokonga i te toa-hokohokoki te pēke kai.

Ahu Charitable Trust Matariki 2017

24 June, 4 – 8pm
Pukerua Bay School & Community Hall,
Rawhiti Road

Gold coin koha (cash only).

Come along for an afternoon of family-friendly activities, food and live music, as well as a starry night walk through the Secret Valley, rain or shine.

Activities include kapahaka, music, food, face painting and fun for the kids. Join us for a short bush walk and then back to the Hall for supper.

Sound Splash Pool Party 24 June, 5pm - 8pm Ages 8 - 13 Coastlands Aquatic Centre.

\$6 entry or \$12 entry with dinner.

Activities include a Matariki themed underwater photo booth, dunk tank, hydroslide and listen to Paepae Sound System.

Eco Art Exhibition 8 – 30 July Mahara Gallery, Waikanae 8 – 14 July Paraparaumu Library

This year is the Kāpiti Marine Reserve's 25th Anniversary. Several schools on the Kāpiti Coast have been working hard throughout term 2 to produce pieces to promote kaitiakitanga and caring for our local marine environment.

Kapa Haka 28 June, 2pm Paraparaumu Library

Kāpiti Primary School will be filling the Paraparaumu Library with the sound of waiata – come along for a special performance.

Tōku Whare: My House 6 July 10.30am Ōtaki Library

Come along to this sharing session and ask long-time Ōtaki residents if they know anything about your house or street. Bring a photo, share your knowledge or just sit back and listen to some local stories.

Waiata Māori 14 July, 12pm Waikanae Library

Marama Te Kira, singer/songwriter will grace us with her presence and waiata.

Celebrate Matariki 28 June, 9.45am - 2.30pm Whakarongotai Marae, Waikanae

Waikanae School will have activities set up at Whakarongotai Marae for the community to come and enjoy. We would love for the community to come and spend time with us during this day and participate in the activities that Waikanae School and the Marae Trustees have planned.