

Mānawatia a Matariki!



You will create a personalised and informative 2D or 3D Matariki display

Matariki

“It’s about sharing and collectivity, coming together. It’s about the environment and giving back to the environment and being thankful ... it is about aroha and manaakitanga and kai and whanaungatanga, and all of those good things that make people who they are. The best things that make us who we are.” Dr Rangī Matamua

TASK:

To create a personalised 2D or 3D Matariki display that includes the following information:

- What is Matariki – a brief explanation
- The story of Tāwhirimātea and how this relates to Matariki
- A brief description and picture / image of each of the 7 or 9 stars
- A personal reflection about your year since last Matariki
- 1-3 personal goals for te Mātahi o te Tau Matariki (Māori New Year)

Use the information below and the websites to help you.

See the ‘ideas’ for how you could create your display

IDEAS:

- ❖ You could create a ‘Diorama’ – using a shoe box that when you look through the small hole you see your display of stars / constellation or lift the lid to see 3D display. You could add your information around the outside of the box. You could add fairy lights.
- ❖ You could create 3D stars from card / paper and create a hanging display – use pieces of wood from our environment to hang your stars from - make it a natural display – add shells for eyes of the stars and try to be environmentally sustainable
- ❖ Upcycle items in your house – e.g. glass jars with paper wrapped around and cut out the stars / constellation – light a candle inside to light it up or wire fairy lights could be used.



RESOURCES:

The three major principles that guide Matariki are:

- **Remembrance** — honouring those who have died since the last rising of Matariki
- **Celebrating the present** — gathering together with family and friends
- **Looking to the future** — looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Matariki is also underpinned by key values, most significantly:

- **aroha** — love and respect for one another
- **whakamaharatanga** — remembrance
- **kotahitanga** — unity
- **manaakitanga** — caring
- **tohatoha** — sharing
- **mana taiao** — environmental awareness
- **hākari** — feasting
- **wānanga** — discussion
- **noho tahi** — coming together
- **atawhaitanga** — kindness
- **whakanui** — celebrations
- **tuakiritanga** — identity.

Taken from <https://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/manawatia-a-matariki-happy-maori-new-year>

Other sources of information:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUQRibrT0ScR3SDd8GdyrQ>

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/matariki-maori-new-year>

<https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2015/06/06/ko-te-whanau-o-matariki-matariki-education-resource-2015/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHIAXE_kh80

