

Matariki 2020

Past celebrations include

CONSERVATION	CULTIVATION	HARVEST	CELEBRATION	REMEMBRANCE	NAVIGATION/ CLUSTER
Recycling in Centre, watch it be collected or take to refuse	Start a garden or prepare garden by turning soil over	Kai from Centre garden/ trees picked, dug up and shared	Whanau day, night or week	Stories - revisit Centre stories or read profile books	Fairy lights around the Centre, create a star grotto in a dark space
Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship of environment	Plant something – An idea, a seed or tree, herbs in a yoghurt container to take home	Kai from home, whānau provide veges for homemade soup - cut pieces carefully	Gifting tamariki something - a photo of themselves, a learning story etc.	Pūrākau - Story telling from life members and elders	Space and constellations learning especially around Pleiades - Matariki constellation
Composting - Environmental awareness, set up a worm farm	Pulling out your Māori resources and bringing them to the forefront during Matariki	Vegetable hangi - Tamariki dig the hole	Photo wall - Pepeha wall, whānau wall, create a Whakapapa tree	Inviting current, alumni members, grandparents to whānau day	Black Matariki Playdough or Black Slime, uku with stars and glitter in it
Repurposing - What could this become?	Updating displays like your living resources i.e Pepeha or whanau wall photos	Hire a weaving tutor to come in on session	Tamariki gift something to others - old books and clothes to charity	Hire a Kapahaka tutor to come in on session in costume	Large box, painted black inside with holes poked in the top to mimic stars
Clean up the community - a beach or road walk to pick up rubbish - Nga hononga	Learn about the Māori gods like Haumia tiketike and Rongonui	Bonfire during the day = Smores!! Use rosemary branches for your senses	Making gifts for whanau and friends like clay handprints	Bring in an old photo or special toy for your child to share with fellow members	DIY Lantern or torch making from old plastic bottles or jars
Sand, mud and water play = Environmental awareness, Papatuanuku	Start a rock garden - tamariki paint the rocks	Harakeke harvest - for weaving and for ti rakau - stick games	Marae visit/ sleepover	Make a 3D model of your Centres Maunga, Awa, or even your Centre from card and sellotape	Waka making Harakeke rakau Whakatauki reciting proverbs
Maori resources that need loving - Damaged poi? Missing puzzle pieces.	Create poi, rakau, kites, the Matariki cluster with collage	Making bread - yum! (to go with the soup?)	Visit another Centre and learn how the Centre was named	Talk about local Māori history	Rocket ships from old small plastic bottles and orange cellophane flames
Learn about local flora and fauna with a bushwalk	Group activity that tamariki add to every session, i.e Paper mache moon, leaves for whānau tree	Healthy eating with karakia before kai	Waiata/sing and dance. Learn the Matariki Macarena	Myths and Legends	Make a solar system from paper mache balloons of different sizes