

Matariki



Waitī

Wai means water in Te Reo Māori.

Waitī is the star connected to fresh water and all the creatures that live in rivers, streams and lakes. Especially the korokoro (lamprey fish).

YouTube video with info on [Waitī](#) (by Ara)

As Waitī relates to our awa (river) this will be the perfect opportunity to visit and learn more about the local awa with your centre whānau.

Ideas for learning through play

1. Make tuna (eels) from newspaper and have fun decorating and painting the tuna to be displayed in your centre or home!
2. Tamariki and whānau can make their own [hīnaki](#) from recyclables like milk bottles, or they could use chicken wire, spare parts from the college table or carpentry area! A [hīnaki](#) is a traditional Māori tool used for catching tuna.
3. Sing the waiata [Kei hea te tuna?](#) ([Lyrics](#) are available online).
4. Add colours or things that sink and float to wai (water).
5. Freeze objects in ice and then use a hammer to break the ice or leave in the sun to melt.