

Matariki NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora Roadstars!

Are you ready for Matariki?

Twinkling in the winter sky just before dawn, Matariki (*the Pleiades*) signals the Māori New Year.

Matariki is time of celebration, harvest and reflection and for star gazing at night!

If you go stargazing at night it is really important to

Be bright dress bright

maybe wear an item of reflective clothing or a glowstick. Always use footpaths where possible

Stop, Look, Listen and Link

before crossing in car parks and on roads. As well as having fun with the whanau Ruben wants you to stay safe!



Kids Club
Join Ruben's Kids Club

If you know anyone who lives in the Waikato, is aged 3 to 7 years who would like to join my Kids Club then go to my website www.ruben.govt.nz and complete the form in the Kids Club tab



Make your very own Matariki star mobile!

Carefully cut around each of the seven stars and make a small hole at the top of each of them (as shown). This can get a little tricky so be sure to ask a grown-up if you need some help. Cut seven lengths of string in varying sizes and thread them through each of the stars. Now all you have to do is tie them to a coat hanger (or something similar) and hang them up. Wow, now you have your very own Matariki star cluster!

