

# Puanga Matariki @ Reyburn House, Town Basin 15 June - 17 July 2026



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Prizes will be awarded in the following age categories:

5 years and under • 6-10 years • 11-17 years • Adults & Whānau

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**Matariki Colour Competition**

One winner selected from each age-group categories.



Name: ..... Age: ..... School: ..... Tel: .....

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★ Honouring the Past • Celebrating the Present • Looking to the Future

*What does Matariki mean to you? He aha te tikanga o Matariki ki a koe?*

Puanga Matariki marks the Māori New Year – a time of remembrance, renewal, and reconnection.



In Te Tai Tokerau (Northland) and some other regions, Puanga (Rigel) is also recognised as an important marker of the Māori New Year. Different iwi observe different stars depending on local traditions and visibility.

Under the guidance and mana of Reyburn House (Northland Society of Arts), CreateAbility Whangārei, and Ngāti Hau hapū and whānau of Te Tai Tokerau, this initiative honours the values of Aroha, Kotahitanga, Manaakitanga, Mana Taiao, and Tuakiritanga. It brings people together to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and care for our shared future.

Through imagery of **whānau gathering**, shared harvest, environmental connection, and the **Matariki star cluster**, this project promotes unity, belonging, creativity, and cultural identity throughout the Whangārei District community.

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**Key values reflected include:** Aroha (love and respect), Kotahitanga (unity), Manaakitanga (care), Tohatoha (sharing), Wānanga (learning and discussion), Mana Taiao (environmental awareness), Whakanui (celebration), and Tuakiritanga (identity).



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**Matariki values shown in the artwork:**

- Aroha – Whānau gathered in warmth and connection
- Kotahitanga – Unity and shared gathering
- Manaakitanga – Sharing kai and space
- Tohatoha – Sharing kai and culture
- Mana Taiao – Harvest, seeds, and land imagery
- Wānanga – Cultural symbols and storytelling space
- Whakanui – Celebration atmosphere
- Tuakiritanga – Strong Māori identity presence



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**Colouring Competition Opens:** 15 June 2026 and closes 17 July 2026. Winners will be announced 31 July. Completed entries can be returned to Reyburn House Art Gallery by 17 July 2026, 4pm.