

Friends of Horowhenua libraries June 2023



Matariki Greetings everyone!
Wishing you all the best for the turning of the year



Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Iwi across New Zealand understand and celebrate Matariki in different ways and at different times. For more detailed information about the significance of this uniquely New Zealand event go to <https://teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year>

Another Great Mid Winter Book Sale!

There will be no Morning Tea meeting in July - instead we will be bringing you another mighty Mid Winter Book sale.

The Sale will open on **Monday 3rd July** and run for the whole of the first week of the school holidays. What a great opportunity to pick up some bargains and a great way to collect a stash of reading material for the cold months to come.

I have heard that there is a *'tower of boxes of books'* to be unpacked and organised for sale so I'm sure there are some great treasures to be found among them. Please bring your own bags to pack your selections in - as we all know plastic bags are like hens teeth these days (and not as strong as fabric bags to carry the weight of all of the books you will find!)

School Holidays are upon us - don't forget to have the young people in your family check out the beautifully refurbished Youth Space in Te Takere.

With new equipment and activities on offer there is no excuse for being bored during the holidays.

There is a huge list of Matariki themed activities on offer for kids of all ages:

Check this Events and Activities page on the website for full details

[https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities?dlv_OC%20CL%20Te%20Takere%20Events%20Listing=\(pageindex=2\)](https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities?dlv_OC%20CL%20Te%20Takere%20Events%20Listing=(pageindex=2))



And of particular interest to older folk on July 19th **Kaumātua and older adults of the Horowhenua are invited to join us for a day out in the Horowhenua to learn about and celebrate Matariki.**

This fun trip begins by boarding a free chartered bus at 9.30am at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō to head to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton. There will be performances and a speaker to enjoy followed by morning tea.

From here we head back to Levin for a presentation from Te Kokiri and a light lunch.

Matariki Writing competition



Are you a writer? I know we have many talented folk in our community and maybe you are one of them. There isn't much time left to get those creative juices flowing but maybe this weekend could be your moment!

Enter your Matariki themed short story or poem in English or Te Reo.

Unleash your creativity for a shot at winning prizes! All entries will be displayed in our Matariki Exhibition from 10 July to 23 July.

Entries must be submitted online by Monday 26 June.

Competition open to ages 10+. Download the entry form for terms and conditions.

https://www.tetakere.org.nz/files/assets/te-takere/forms/wn00092_matariki_writing_competition_form_editable.pdf



The Friends visit Nye House in Foxton

Instead of having our June morning tea at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, a group of the Friends travelled to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom for morning tea at the café followed by a visit to the historic Nye House. We were delighted to be shown round by Jim and Sarah Harper. The downstairs rooms have been lovingly restored by Jim and Sarah. The bedrooms upstairs are still decorated with the original newspaper wallpaper. The original condition of these rooms gave an insight to what living in the cottage might have been like way back in the 1860s. The photo shows the group on the cottage's front verandah.

Library Stocktake

Many thanks to everyone who came along to help with this. It is an important part of the management of our libraries and I know that your help is much appreciated by all of the library staff.

Shelf-tidying Working Bee

A small group of volunteers are continuing with tidying the Adult Fiction of Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. We are sure users of this section of the library are appreciating the order in these shelves. We meet at 8.30am at the Bath Street entrance on the second Wednesday

of each month. The early start enables the work to be completed before the library opens at 10.00am. More help is always welcome.

Tea and Tales

The Friends are always welcome to join Tea and Tales either at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō on the first Thursday of the month, or at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on the last Tuesday of the month. Both meetings are from 10.30am to 11.30am. Those attending are welcome to bring a tale to share or just to listen.

Sunday Concerts

With the cooler months approaching if you are looking for a way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon come along to Te Takere on June 25th for a real treat

This Concert at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō will feature Wellington based singer-songwriter Amba Holly.



Amba has won awards for Best Māori Songwriter and Best Māori Female Solo Artist at the 2019 Waiata Māori Music Awards, including winning the Radio Airplay Song of the Year by a Māori Artist in Te Reo Māori.

Coming Up - In October we will be celebrating with another Festival of Stories. - Watch this space....

Happy Reading Everyone