



Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi  
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### **“Matariki stars shine in Central Hawke’s Bay”**

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There will be a few extra stars shining bright for Matariki celebrations this week in Central Hawke’s Bay as festivities get underway.

New event organiser Zac Makoare has moved the event to Te Aute College. “Matariki is about new beginnings and nurturing young leadership in our community. That’s the major reason we have moved the event from Waipukurau”, said Zac. “Many of our great leaders studied at Te Aute and Matariki is a great time for us to continue this tradition.”

Troy Kingi, a former student of Te Aute is the star act for the night. He took a keen interest in guitar while at school and tried his hand at composition in the early 2000s. He starred in the film Mt Zion as “Hone” alongside Stan Walker and Temuera Morrison. He toured as support act for Stan Walker’s World Wide tour last year. Troy released his first EP album in September on iTunes.

Other performers include Toni Huata, Respect Dance Academy, Waipukurau Primary, Porangahau Primary, Central Hawke’s Bay College Kapa Haka and hosts for the evening Te Aute College. Te Whare Tū Tauā o Aotearoa will present a demonstration of Maori weaponry.

Free community buses will leave at 5pm from A.W. Parsons Stadium carpark, Waipukurau with pick ups in Waipawa at the bus stop. Buses will return home by 8.45pm.

The free community celebrations will take place outdoors and organisers encourage everyone to dress warm. There will be hot food and drinks on sale and celebrations will end with a spectacular fireworks show to music at 8pm.

Gates open at 5pm and ample off road parking is available in the school grounds.

Matariki is supported by Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea and is funded by Ngati Kahungunu Iwi and Te Puni Kokiri – Ministry of Maori Development.

Matariki Central Hawke's Bay, 5pm to 8pm Friday 13th June, Te Aute College, SH2, Pukehou

### **About Matariki**

Matariki (Pleiades) is a group of seven stars that appear on the eastern horizon in the pre-dawn sky from late May to late July each year. The first sign of the new moon heralds the arrival of Matariki and signals a time of thanksgiving to welcome the new year planting season with feasting, fun and festivity.

### **About Ngāti Kahungunu**

Ngāti Kahungunu has the third largest iwi population. The 2013 NZ Census and Local Government statistics show that 61,626 people or 9.2 percent of the Maori population belong to Ngāti Kahungunu.

Geographically, Ngāti Kahungunu has the second largest tribal rohe in the country, from the Wharerata ranges in the Wairoa District extending to Cape Palliser in South Wairarapa. The coastal boundaries are Paritu in the North to Turakirae in the South.

### **About Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea**

Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea is a significant place in the cultural and historical heritage of Ngāti Kahungunu. The Taiwhenua works on community engagement, building whanau relationships and instilling pride.

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