

► Te Kāhui o Matariki

The cluster of stars that rise together in unison to mark a new year.



WAIPUNARANGI



URURANGI



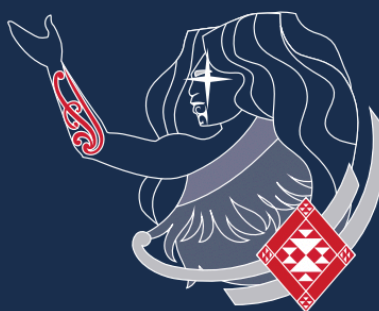
TUPUĀRANGI



HIWA-I-TE-RANGI



WAITĪ



MATARIKI

is the central star and mother of the other stars. She ensures they rise together to mark the new year. Matariki is associated with wellbeing.



TUPUĀNUKU



WAITĀ



PŌHUTUKAWA



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is connected to those who have passed since Matariki the previous year. Pōhutukawa prompts us to reflect on the past year.

TUPUĀNUKU AND TUPUĀRANGI

'Tupu' means 'new shoot' or 'grow'. Tupuānuku is connected to food grown in the ground. Tupuārangi is connected to everything that grows above the earth or from the sky such as birds and berries.

WAITĪ

is connected to freshwater and all living things that inhabit rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands.

WAITĀ

is associated with the ocean and represents the many types of food we gather from the sea.

WAIPUNARANGI AND URURANGI

Waipunarangi is connected to rain. Her name means 'water that pools in the sky'. Ururangi is connected to the winds. His appearance predicts the winds for the year.

HIWA-I-TE-RANGI

signals the promise of the new season. She is the youngest (pōtiki) of the cluster.

