

# Mānawatia a Matariki

Celebrating, reflecting and acknowledging  
the past, present and future

21 June — 29 June 2022

## Three stars have a deep connection to water

**Waipuna-ā-rangi** – ‘the spring in the sky’. Rain from Waipuna-ā-rangi helps nourish the whenua (land) and waterbodies and is returned through evaporation. Waipuna-ā-rangi reminds us that manaaki (generosity) that is given to others, will eventually be returned.

**Waiti** - fresh waterbodies and all the food sources, and creatures within. Rainfall from Waipuna-ā-rangi nourishes the freshwater bodies watched by Waiti, before flowing out to the saltwater bodies of **Waitā**. This flow of freshwater to the sea reminds us of our connection to water, and to each other.

**Waitā** - oceans and salt waterbodies and all the food sources, and creatures within. It receives the flow of water from the freshwater bodies on the land. It reminds us that our actions upstream can have adverse effects downstream.

