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Rodney Community Team
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**June-July 2026
School Holidays &
Matariki!**



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July School Holidays & Matariki

There's less than a month to go before the next school holidays and our team have got heaps of fun, free and local activities for you

and the kids! Have a look at what we have planned below.

This July, we are very excited to be helping you celebrate Matariki with your community by sharing a Rodney Matariki Calendar, so that you can find something to do near you. We are proud to be supporting three events thanks to Rodney Local Board: Mahurangi Matariki Festival in Snells Beach, Matariki at Te Hana Te Ao Marama and the Matariki Lantern Walk along the Mahurangi River. All of these events are free to attend and everybody is welcome. If you know of an event or activity happening near you, let us know so we can share the details.

Check out the whole program:

July School Holidays

Matariki in Rodney

MATARIKI 2026
COMMUNITY EVENTS IN RODNEY

FRIDAY 3 JULY
Opening Night: Matariki Members Exhibition Kumeu Arts
5pm - 9pm - Kumeu Arts
Whānau

SATURDAY 4 JULY
Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights
3pm - 9pm - Warkworth Town
Whānau

TUESDAY 7 JULY
Matariki Lantern Making
10.30am - 11.30am - Warkworth War Memorial Library
8-12yrs

THURSDAY 9 JULY
Matariki Lantern Walk
From 8.30pm - walk 9pm - Mahurangi River Board Walk, Warkworth (Meet outside Stirling Sports)
Whānau / Preschool
Book reading, Teddy Sleepover and Matariki Glow in the Dark
4pm - Art Centre Helemville
Tamaki
Opening Night: Kupenga o Matariki & Live Weaving
5pm - 7pm - Art Centre Helemville
Whānau

FRIDAY 10 JULY
Matariki at Te Hana o Te Ao Marama
10am - 2pm - Whānau Day - Free Rides, Markets, Hāngi
3pm - 5pm - Line Dancing
Te Hana Te Ao Marama Marae
Whānau

SATURDAY 11 JULY
Matariki at Leigh Sawmill Cafe
3pm - 5pm - Leigh Sawmill Cafe, 142 Pake Road, Leigh
All ages (818 after 5pm)

SUNDAY 12 JULY
Puhor Vision & Action - Riverside Planting Day
10am - 11pm - Puhor Sports & Community Club
All ages

SATURDAY 18 JULY
Matariki Festival by Kawau Bay Action Group
3pm - 8pm - Mahurangi East Community Centre
Whānau

More details: www.rodneycommunity.org.nz/matariki

RODNEY COMMUNITY
FREE
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
EAST RODNEY
JULY WEEK 1

SATURDAY 4 JULY
Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights
3pm - 9pm - Warkworth Town
Whānau

MONDAY 6 JULY
Circus Kumarani
10am - 2pm - Warkworth Town Hall
8-12yrs

TUESDAY 7 JULY
Circus Kumarani
10am - 2pm - Warkworth Town Hall
8-12yrs
Games Day & Wacky Wheels
10am - 1pm - Raurimu Hall, Kaipara Place
All ages

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY
Circus Kumarani
10am - 2pm - Mahurangi East Community Centre
8-12yrs
Big Play Day with Naughty Stuff
1pm - 4pm - Shoemith Hall, Warkworth
All ages

THURSDAY 9 JULY
Circus Kumarani
10am - 2pm - Mahurangi East Community Centre
8-12yrs
Gaming Day with Warkworth Library
2-4pm - Masonic Hall, Warkworth
Kids / Youth
Matariki Lantern Walk
From 8.30pm - walk 9pm - Mahurangi River Board Walk (Meet outside Stirling Sports)
Whānau / Preschool

FRIDAY 10 JULY
Matariki at Te Hana o Te Ao Marama
10am - 2pm - Whānau Day - Free Rides, Markets, Hāngi
3pm - 5pm - Line Dancing
Te Hana Te Ao Marama Marae
Whānau

All free thanks to:
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FREE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

EAST RODNEY

JULY WEEK 2

TUESDAY 14 JULY

Bluelight 2 Day Fishing Program Day 1
10am-3pm - Mangawhai Boating Club
Youth 11-15yrs

Wacky Wheels at Milldale
10am - 12pm - Milldale Playground
All ages

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

Bluelight 2 Day Fishing Program Day 2
10am-3pm - Mangawhai Boating Club
Youth 11-15yrs

THURSDAY 16 JULY

Games Day at Puhai
11am - 1pm - Puhai Community Hall
All ages

FRIDAY 17 JULY

Parkour Give-it-a-Go!
12:00 - 2:00pm - Mahurangi East Community Centre
All ages

SATURDAY 18 JULY

cHart Artworks Open Day
10am - 3pm - Masonic Hall, Warkworth
Whānau | All ages

Matariki Festival by Kawau Bay Action Group
3pm-8pm - Mahurangi East Community Centre
Whānau

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FREE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

WEST RODNEY

JULY

SUNDAY 5 JULY

JUNK PLAY - Loose Parts
12PM - 4PM | Helensville War Memorial Hall
All ages

SATURDAY 11 JULY

Pop-up Play for 2-5 yr olds
10am - 12pm - South Head Hall
2 - 5yrs

MONDAY 13 JULY

Circus Holiday Program
10am - 2pm - Kumeu Community Centre
8-13yrs

TUESDAY 14 JULY

Circus Holiday Program
10am - 2pm - Kumeu Community Centre
8-13yrs

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

Circus Holiday Program
10am - 2pm - Waimauku War Memorial Hall
8-13yrs

THURSDAY 16 JULY

Circus Holiday Program
10am - 2pm - Waimauku War Memorial Hall
8-13yrs

School Uniforms Connection & Cake
10.30am - 12pm - Helensville War Memorial Hall
Community

SATURDAY 18 JULY

Parkour Give-it-a-go!
2pm - 4pm - Kaukapakapa Memorial Hall
All ages

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Check out our website for all the details:
<https://rodneycommunity.org.nz/whats-on/>

Matariki
TE HANA TE AO MARAMA

10am - 2pm

311 State Highway 1, Te Hana

10.07.2026

FREE

Nau mai haere mai!
Come celebrate Matariki at Te Hana Te Ao Marama!

- Free Hangi served at 12.30pm
- Free kids rides, playground, castle, vertical bungee, sausage sizzle, kids facepainting + entertainment
- Mirimiri
- Stalls

Line Dancing 3pm - 5pm

For more info: 0210705948

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TE HANA TE AO MARAMA
Maori Cultural Centre

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MAHURANGI

matariki

3-8PM

SATURDAY 18TH JULY

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

SOUP @ RAMA
COMPETITION

KIDS ACTIVITIES

LINE DANCING

FUN FOR ALL

FESTIVAL

DANCE PARTY

WITH DJ WENDY DOUGLAS

ROCK CLIMBING

LIVE MUSIC

BAR

MAHURANGI EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROUDLY HOSTED BY THE KAWAU BAY ACTION GROUP

Snells Beach: Community Conversations

Our final Community Conversation event just happened this past Thursday 11 June. It was a very productive night and lots of plans have begun brewing. Project ideas from the first Community Hui on May 26 and some submitted since were displayed around the room and attendees were given the opportunity to vote for the projects they believe are good and deserve funding. A pool of funding will now be divvied up between the projects based on that tally. Our team are now working to present the results to the community so keep an eye out to see which projects will be rewarded funding and how you can be involved in getting these projects off the ground.

Catch up on what we discussed at the first evening, May 26th by reading the Headlines!

<https://rodneycommunity.org.nz/.../SnellsBeachNewspaperA4...>

Read more about the entire Community Conversations project:

<https://rodneycommunity.org.nz/community-conversations/>



Lou Perkins, Community Facilitator for Mahurangi East

June 12



Kumeū: Community comes together at Huapai Hub

A huge Family Fun Day is happening this Saturday 20 June with entertainment from Out & About providers and Kumeū Arts. Thanks to support from Rodney Local Board, Green by Nature and Kumeū Lions, the community will be treated to a whole day of activities and fun all in the name of bringing people together and enjoying the Huapai Hub shared space.



Kyra Toomey-Shaw, Community Facilitator for Kumeū & Surrounds

June 15



[Read more](#)

Helensville: Soup & Connections

A series of Community Soup Chats is about to begin in Helensville, led by Community Facilitator, Arwen Flowers. Get ready to connect, share ideas, and enjoy some delicious, warming soup every Tuesday starting 23 June!



Arwen Flowers, Community Facilitator for Helensville & South Kaipara
June 1



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Small Project Fund 2025–26

Thanks to everyone who gave their feedback on the Rodney Youth Small Project Fund 2025 – April 2026. **Congratulations to the winners of the \$50 Gift Cards: Holly J & Kale S!**

See what our team is working on across Rodney

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