

# Matariki Competition 2026

## Waikato District Libraries

**Entries open on Monday 8 June and close on Friday 10 July 2026 at 5pm**

The Waikato District Libraries Matariki Competition is an opportunity for residents of the Waikato District Council area to take part in the celebration of Matariki (Maaori New Year) through the written word and the arts.

To enter, create a poem or a T-shirt or both to celebrate Matariki.

**1. Poetry:** Write an English or Te Reo poem about Matariki in any style, with a limit of 300 words.

**2. T-Shirt:** Design a T-shirt inspired by your meaning of Matariki (template on reverse).

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age group category (please circle):**      5-9                      10-15                      16+

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your poem word count (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Email your poem and entry form to [librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz) or pop into the library and we can do that for you. Winners announced Friday 17th July 2026.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By entering this competition, entrants are deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the following terms and conditions. If you require assistance regarding the entry form or any of the terms and conditions, please enquire at your local Waikato District Library branch.

1. This competition is only open to residents of the Waikato District Council area.
2. Submitted entries must be the entrant's own work and should not have previously been published.
3. Entries must be emailed to [librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz)
4. All written entries must not exceed 300 words, and the word count must be included.
5. There will be one winner for each age group in each category.
6. Te Reo entries may require an English translation if they are published.
7. One entry per person per category. Every school age entry gives your school a chance to be in to win 1 of 2 \$300 Whitcoulls vouchers.

### PRIZE

Winning prize for each age group and category - \$100 Whitcoulls voucher. T-shirt design winners will also receive 5 T-shirts printed with their design. Two school draws - 1 x \$300 Whitcoulls voucher each.

### PRIVACY

The information provided on the entry form will only be used to contact the winners and for promotional purposes. All entrants consent to Waikato District Libraries using their name, photograph and entry for publicity purposes which could include Waikato District Council's website, social media, and marketing material.

**DISCLAIMER** Waikato District Libraries reserves the right to refuse to award the prize to any entrant who is in breach of the terms and conditions.

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# T-Shirt Template

The winner will receive \$100 Whitcoulls voucher and 5 T-shirts with their design on it.

- Design your T-shirt using the template below.
- Email your design and entry form to [librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:librarycomp@waidc.govt.nz)
- The design will be judged in the following 3 categories:
  - 1) 5- 9 years
  - 2) 10-15 years
  - 3) 16+ years



Feel free to add a description of your T-shirt and how it represents what Matariki means to you.

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