

## Tamariki Mahi

6<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Kia ora everyone,

Matariki celebrations are happening at Glen Warren Te Ana a Raki as tamariki learn about this unique celebration.

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises just once a year, in mid-winter - late May or early June.

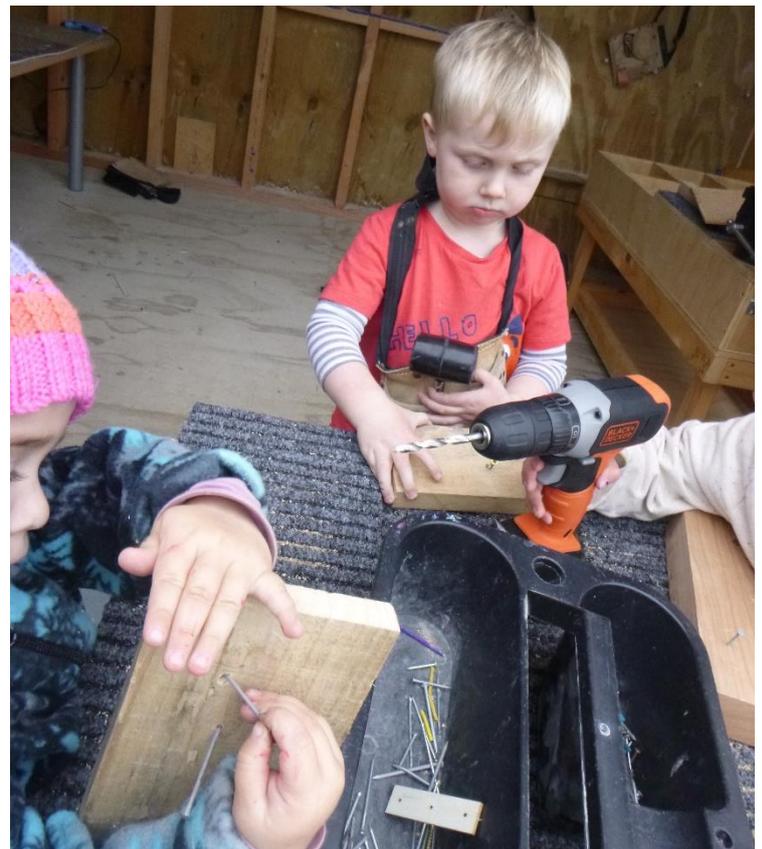
Karen H supports nga tamariki as together they create an amazing galaxy of the nine stars of Matariki akoranga/learning about each star and what they each represent.

Other activities we will be introducing are-

Matariki indicates that harvest has ended and the time is right to plant- this year we will be planting a Lemon Tree in Glen Warren's playground.

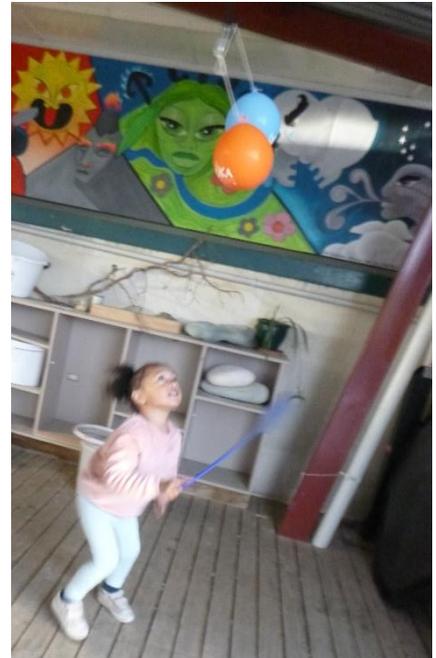
Matariki -the Māori New Year reflects that we would like to take the time to revisit the aspirations you may have for your tamariki.

And later in the week we will try out our baking skills as we create shortbread Matariki star biscuits.



Time to test our building skills, as we open the carpentry shed. The new electric drills were sort after, which is where the lessons in turn-taking comes in.

The amazing benefits of carpentry on a developing child far outweigh the potential for the challenges involved in introducing woodworking. And I can see many budding 'carpenters' akoranga/learning how to use the tools safely while making their ideas comes real. For all tamariki carpentry can be taught and safely experimented with, just as in any other curriculum area.



Swotting balloons suspended from the roof provided heaps of fun. It takes a watchful eye and precise co-ordination to hit the target, but just look at the skills nga tamariki demonstrate!!



The baby baths were out today, and with bubbles and cloths our little group of e hoa were very involved in washing our dolls.

Great role play activity for developing personal, social and emotional skills as well as being a fun water play activity for outside!

(Not too sure about the position of some of those babies though—just as well you weren't practising on real babies!)

And so, ends another busy week at Glen Warren Te a Raki.

Be sure to visit our Tamariki Mahi next week as our little learners continue to explore and have fun.