

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
<b>Big Inflatables/Aquarun: Everyday 1pm - 3pm @ Makino</b>				
<p>11am - 1pm @ Makino <b>Junior Lifeguard Experience</b> Only 15 spaces. Ages 8+ \$15pp Bookings essential</p>	<p>9:45am @ MCHL <b>Visit from Tim &amp; Harold Life Trust Education</b></p>	<p>10am - 11am @ MCHL <b>Flax Weaving Workshop</b> Only 10 spaces. Ages 5 - 8 Bookings essential</p>	<p>10am - 11:30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Matariki Star Mobiles</b></p>	<p><b>MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>Makino Open 10am - 6pm</b></p> <p>Manawatū Community Hub Libraries <b>Te Āhuru Mōwai Closed</b></p>
<p>10am - 11.30am @ MCHL <b>Rongoā Workshop</b> Only 20 spaces. All ages Bookings essential</p>	<p>10.30am - 12pm @ MCHL <b>Tamariki Tales with Alan Dingley</b> Only 20 spaces. Ages 8 - 12 Bookings essential</p>	<p>11:30am - 12:30pm @ MCHL <b>Flax Weaving Workshop</b> Only 15 spaces. Ages 8 - 10 Bookings essential</p>	<p>10:30am - 2pm @ Makino <b>Matariki Pool Party</b> \$8 per person</p>	
<p>10am - 11:30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Constellation Light Jars</b></p>	<p>10am - 11:30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Outer Space Collages</b></p>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm @ MCHL <b>Flax Weaving Workshop</b> Only 15 spaces. Ages 10+ Bookings essential</p>	<p>2pm - 4pm @ MCHL <b>Virtual Reality</b> Bookings essential</p>	
<p>2pm - 4pm @ MCHL <b>Movie Mondays</b></p>	<p>11:30am - 1pm @ Makino <b>Raft Building</b></p>	<p>11am - 12pm @ Makino <b>Swim Clinic Breaststroke</b> \$20pp Bookings essential</p>		
	<p>2pm - 4pm @ MCHL <b>Virtual Reality</b> Bookings essential</p>	<p>12pm - 1pm @ Makino <b>Swim Clinic Butterfly</b> \$20pp Bookings essential</p>		

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
<b>Private Swim Lessons: Monday - Friday @ Makino</b>				
<b>Big Inflatables/Aquarun: Everyday 1pm - 3pm @ Makino</b>				
<p>10am - 11.30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Alien Headbands</b></p>	<p>10am - 11.30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Seed Planting</b></p>	<p>10am - 11.30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Flying Rocket Ship</b></p>	<p>10am - 4pm @ MCHL <b>Spaceward Bound Planetarium Sessions</b> 20 spaces per session Registrations required - parents must register too</p>	<p>10am - 11.30am @ MCHL <b>Craft - Universe Kaleidoscopes</b></p>
<p>11:30am - 1pm @ Makino <b>Survival Swim Crash Course</b> Only 15 spaces. Ages 8+ \$15pp Bookings essential</p>	<p>11:30am - 1pm @ Makino <b>Poolside Crafts</b></p>	<p>12pm - 12:45pm @ Makino <b>Under 7's Snorkelling</b> Only 15 spaces \$15 pp Booking essential</p>	<p>10am - 4pm @ MCHL <b>Spaceward Bound - Rover Driving Workshops</b> 10 spaces per session, Bookings essential Ages 8+</p>	<p>12pm - 4:00pm @ Makino <b>Inflatable Afternoon</b> \$6 per person</p>
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			<p>12pm - 12:45pm @ Makino <b>Kids Aqua Party</b></p>	

### Colour Key for Events

Manawatū Community Hub Libraries @ MCHL

Makino Aquatic Centre @ Makino

Joint event: Manawatū Community Hub Libraries & Makino Aquatic Centre

### Programme Information

#### Craft Sessions

Craft sessions run from 10am - 11:30am. Limited supplies are available, so we suggest arriving between 10am - 10:30am.

#### VR Sessions - 20 minutes

Available between 2pm - 4pm at set times each week. Age 8+  
**Bookings essential**  
To book VR, phone: 06 323 5373

#### Inflatables

Inflatable obstacle courses take over the indoor 25m pool. It's big fun for kids, youth, and anyone who loves a challenge. Get ready to race your friends, test your balance, and see if you can make it to the finish without a splash.

#### Poolside Crafts

Get creative poolside with fun, hands-on crafts to make and take home. Jump in and out of the pool as you go, creating something unique along the way. Bring your friends and enjoy a relaxed, creative space together. No bookings needed, just normal pool entry and a bit of creativity.



## Float In Movie: Independence Day

Saturday 4th July, 5:30pm–7:30pm

Join us for an action-packed poolside movie night with Independence Day (1996) on the big screen.

When alien forces launch a global attack, a group of unlikely heroes must fight back to save the world. Packed with iconic moments and blockbuster action, it's the perfect night out.

Grab a floatie or use one of ours, then enjoy the movie from the water or poolside with friends and whānau. Your ticket includes popcorn and a drink. Don't miss this unique Makino movie experience.

**Tickets: \$15 per person. Bookings essential.**

## Matariki Pool Party

Thursday 9th July, 10:30am – 2pm

Celebrate the Māori New Year with friends and whānau at Makino's Matariki Pool Party!

As we come together to reflect, reconnect, and celebrate Matariki, enjoy giant inflatables, pool games, music, laughter, and plenty of splash-filled fun for all ages. Inspired by the stars of Matariki and the spirit of togetherness, it's the perfect chance to make special memories with your whānau and community.

**Tickets: \$8 per person**



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## Spaceward Bound Planetarium Sessions & Mars Rover Workshops

Thursday 16th July, 10am – 4pm

Blast off into an out-of-this-world holiday adventure! Step inside the Mars Blueberry Astrobiology Dome and explore the universe with space scientists Hari and Sam through immersive projections, travelling from Earth to the Kuiper Belt.

Young explorers aged 8+ can also learn to drive a mini Mars-inspired space rover. Planetarium Sessions and Rover Driving Workshops run throughout the day, with limited spaces available.

**Free event. Bookings required.**  
**See below for booking details.**

## Tamariki Tales with Alan Dingley

Tuesday 7th July, 10:30am – 12pm

Gather for a morning of storytelling and imagination with Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador Alan Dingley. A seasoned improv actor and Kids Lit Quiz quizmaster, Alan brings stories to life with humour, audience participation, and plenty of fun.

Inspired by the storytelling traditions of Matariki, tamariki aged 8–12 will discover the joy of sharing stories together.

**Free event. Only 20 spaces available.**  
**Book online to save your spot.**



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