

Te Atamira Holiday Programme

6 July – 17 July 2026

Workshops	Timings	Registration	Cost per day
Morning	9.30am – 12pm	Open from 9am	\$32
Afternoon	12.30pm – 3pm	Open from 12pm	\$32
Full day	9am – 3pm	Open from 9am	\$64
Extended day add-on	3pm – 5pm		\$15

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*Materials are provided for all programmes.

Introduction

Our holiday programme this July is bursting with creative adventures, many of them being inspired by the amazing exhibitions currently running at Te Atamira and the special time of Matariki.

'Infinite Possibilities' is an exhibition that invites you to explore our position in the universe with themes around Space, The Three Body Problem and The Oort Cloud. This exhibition provides us with opportunities to think, play and create with all things space, planets, stars, moons and Matariki.

Join us to experiment, create, and bring all these ideas to life in your own unique way!

July Holiday Programme 2026

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Week 1	Morning 9:30am to 12pm	Ages 5 - 7	Matariki Memory Match-Up Game	Clay: Alien & Robot Pinch Pot Factory	Cosmic Mobiles	Starry Stories: A Matariki Tunnel Book	
		Ages 8 - 13	Kids Pop: Hip Hop Dance	Exhibition Explorers: Infinite Possibilities	Ceilidh Fun! Scottish Music and Dance	Drama: Matariki Storytelling	
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Registration opens 30 mins before start time. Extension care available until 5pm.

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Monday 6 July

Morning Workshops

Matariki Memory Match-Up Game | Ages 5-7

Children will design and create their own memory matching game inspired by the stars of Matariki. Using illustration, pattern, and colour, they'll craft a playful set of cards that can be used again and again with friends and whānau. This creative session blends storytelling, design, and hands-on making into a fun interactive activity.

Kids Pop: Hip Hop Dance | Ages 8-13

Come and try out hip-hop dance with local dance teacher Nishal. Learn fun hip-hop moves and grooves in this energetic dance workshop set to upbeat music and great rhythms. Explore movement, coordination, and self-expression as you try out new steps and build confidence in a relaxed and supportive environment. This lively session is all about creativity, movement, and having fun while dancing to the beat.

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Tuesday 7 July

Morning Workshops

Clay: Alien & Robot Pinch Pot Factory | Ages 5-7

Learn the classic pinch pot technique then transform your pot into a wild monster, alien, or robot! Adding eyes, antennae, claws, gears, and other crazy features, you'll bring your creature to life. Great for building fine motor skills, 3D imagination, and lots of laughs.

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Exhibition Explorers: Infinite Possibilities | Ages 8-13

Children will step into the exhibition *Infinite Possibilities* and explore a world inspired by space, imagination, and discovery. Through observation, discussion, and creative exploration, they'll gather ideas and inspiration before designing their own artwork in response. This session encourages curiosity, experimentation, and big imaginative thinking inspired by the wonders of the universe.

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Wednesday 8 July

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Cosmic Mobiles | Ages 5-7

Inspired by the large-scale hanging artworks in the exhibition *Infinite Possibilities*, children will design and create their own miniature space mobile. Using balance, colour, and layered shapes, they'll assemble planets, stars, moons, and cosmic forms into a moving artwork that shifts and spins. This imaginative session combines sculpture, design, and a sense of wonder inspired by outer space.

Ceilidh Fun! Scottish Music and Dance for Kids | Ages 8-13

Step into the lively world of Scottish culture with Turn Up The Music teacher, Erica Hastie! In this fun, interactive workshop, children will discover the joy of group ceilidh dancing and Celtic spirit through music, song and games. They'll experience the magic of Scotland's musical traditions in a joyful, hands-on way.

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Thursday 9 July

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Starry Stories: A Matariki Tunnel Book | Ages 5-7

Create a magical tunnel book inspired by the stars and stories of Matariki. Using layered illustrations and concertina-fold construction, build scenes that reveal depth, space, and hidden details as the pages unfold. This imaginative workshop combines storytelling, design, and hands-on making to create an artwork full of wonder and discovery.

Drama: Matariki Storytelling | Ages 8-13

Explore the story of Matariki through imaginative storytelling, movement, props, and simple scripts. Step into different roles as scenes and characters come to life through creative play and collaboration. This engaging session encourages confidence, expression, and teamwork while discovering the magic and meaning behind the stories of the stars.

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Monday 13 July

Morning Workshops

Dance Moves and Grooves | Ages 5-7

Whether you're trying dance for the first time or already love to move, this fun workshop with Brooklyn from DanceQT is a chance to get active, creative, and enjoy music and movement in a supportive environment. Explore new moves, build confidence, and have fun dancing alongside others in an energetic and welcoming session.

Space in Salt | Ages 8-13

Children will experiment with paint and salt to create colourful planets, moons, and cosmic textures inspired by outer space. As colours spread, blend, and crystallise in surprising ways, they'll discover exciting artistic effects while designing their own unique celestial artworks. This imaginative session combines creativity, experimentation, and a touch of science-inspired wonder.

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Tuesday 14 July

Morning Workshops

Wonderful Winter | Ages 5-7

Create a bright and colourful winter scene using a mixture of paint, collage, and layered textures. Explore cool colours, contrasting shapes, and creative materials as snowy landscapes and wintry details come to life on the page. This hands-on session encourages experimentation and imaginative design while celebrating the beauty of the season.

Eye of the Beast | Ages 8-13

Create a dramatic and vibrant artwork of a close-up dragon or dinosaur eye using oil pastels and bold colour blending techniques. Explore texture, shading, and pattern as scales, reflections, and glowing colours bring your creature to life. This expressive workshop encourages creativity and detail while experimenting with rich layers of colour and striking visual effects.

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Imagination in Motion | Ages 5-7

Get ready to act, imagine, and create! This interactive drama workshop encourages kids to explore character, voice, and movement through theatre games, improvisation, and short scenes. Along the way, they'll build confidence, self expression, teamwork, and performance skills in a relaxed and supportive environment. This session is all about building confidence, having fun, and trying new ideas — with no performance pressure at all.

Apple Clay & Me | Ages 8-13

Use the pinch pot technique to shape your very own apple – but not just any apple! A pinch pot apple workshop with a twist! Add creative little surprises like, a tiny worm peeking out, leaves with fun patterns, swirly textures or rainbow colours, a smiling face, glittery seeds, or even apple "teeth" It's a sweet, hands-on way to explore clay while letting every child's unique imagination shine. One apple, endless possibilities.

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Thursday 16 July

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Starlight and Space Dust | Ages 5-7

Design your own universe using stencils, pastels, and vibrant colour techniques. Experiment with glowing planets, swirling galaxies, and layered cosmic effects as you explore contrast, texture, and imaginative design. This creative session encourages bold colour exploration and playful experimentation inspired by the mystery and beauty of space.

Talkative Crocodile Puppets | Ages 8-13

Make a moving-mouth crocodile puppet from cardboard! Learn simple mechanics, then let your croc talk, joke, and snap. All materials provided. Join the creative chomping crew!

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Make and Play: Cosmic Quest Board Games | Ages 5-7

Design and build your very own space-themed board game filled with planets, challenges, shortcuts, and cosmic surprises. Explore creative game design as you invent the rules, pathways, characters, and visual style of your galactic adventure. This imaginative workshop combines art, storytelling, and hands-on making into a playable creation that's truly out of this world.

Creative Cardboard Slot Sculptures | Ages 8-13

Unleash your imagination in this hands-on workshop to use a cardboard slot technique – fitting shaped pieces together without glue or tape – to build your very own 3D sculpture. It's a fun, creative challenge that encourages 3D thinking, thinking outside the box and problem-solving skills. Perfect for young builders, creators, and curious minds. No experience needed – just bring your ideas!

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