

Sunny celebrations . . .



Enjoying the activities on offer at the Matariki — or Maori New Year — festival at Wanaka's Dinosaur Park on Saturday are (from left) Ruby-Kate Jamison (10), of Wanaka, Jeromy van Riel and daughter Maia (15 months), of Hawea Flat, and Tamatekapua (5), Angela and Maui Nixon (7), of Ranfurly. The event was organised for a third year by Kahu Youth and attracted several hundred people throughout the afternoon and into the evening. It featured workshops, storytelling, kapa haka, fire poi performances and two bonfires on the beach, and concluded with a community hangi and fireworks display. The celebrations were funded by Te Puni Kokiri and local people and businesses.

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