



# WHYPARA KORE : A MĀORI PERSPECTIVE

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# Why Para Kore?

In Te Ao Māori, everything we are stems from Papatuanuku – mother earth

- Begin with the Māori creation story
- Time of year Matariki
- Elements of Matariki
- Rekindling the va'a of Papatuanuku

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSQuvk0yKZ4>







*Waipuna-ā-rangi*  
Electra

*Hiwa-i-te-rangi*  
Celaeno

*Waitā*  
Taygeta

*Pōhutukawa*  
Sterope/Asterope

*Waitī*  
Maia

*Ururangi*  
Merope

*Matariki*  
Alcyone

*Tupuārangi*  
Atlas

*Tupuānuku*  
Pleione



# Matariki - Pleiades

- Time of change, seasons
- Marker of renewal
  - Features on the King's standard – Kingitanga
  - Reminder of the year past, remembrance and moving forward

## Puanga

- West Coast

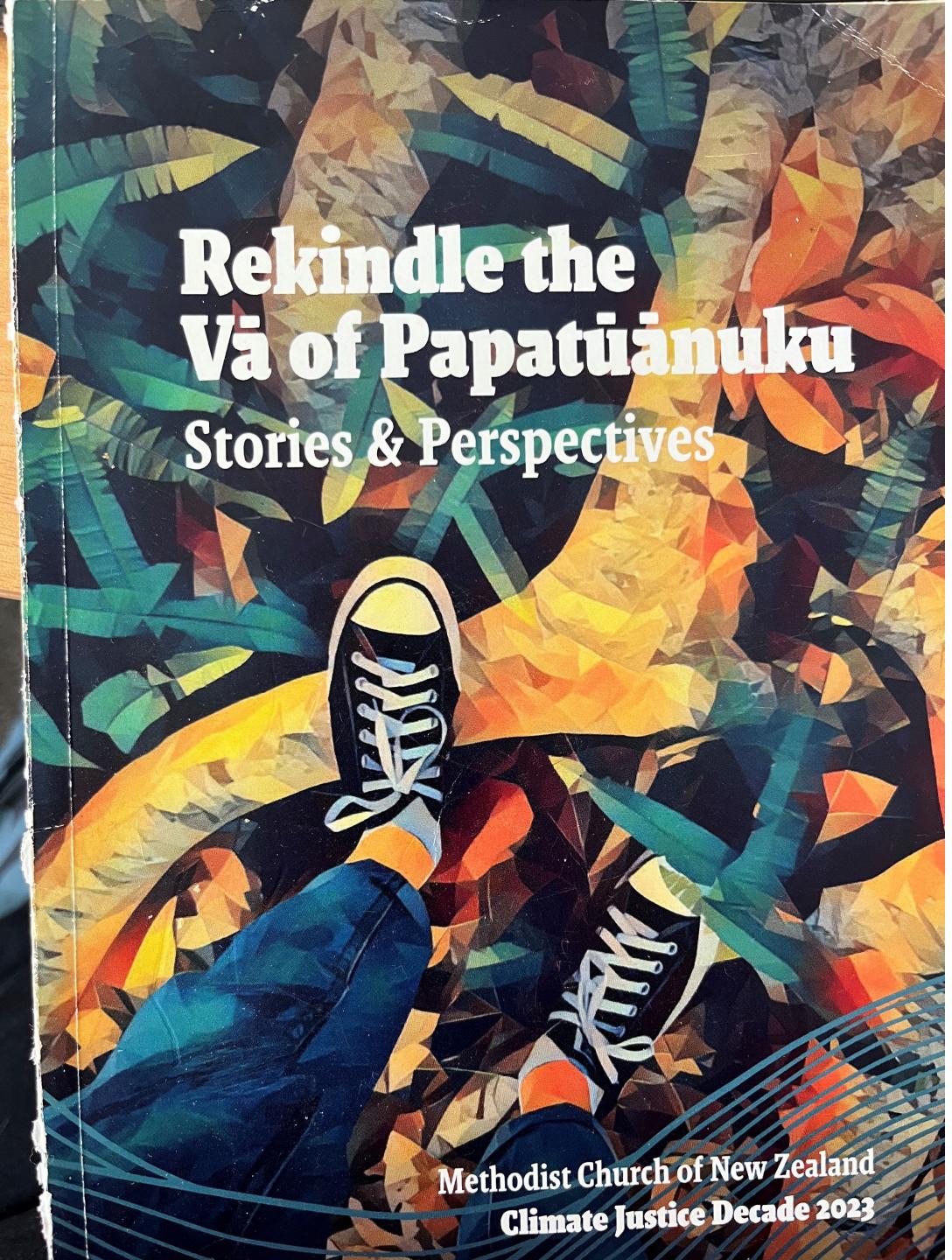




Ro te Mana Motuhake.

# MATARIKI

- Waiti – all things from bodies of fresh water
  - Waitā – all things from the moana
  - Waipuna-a-rangi – connection to the rain
  - Tupu-a-nuku – food that grows within the soil
  - Tupu-a-rangi – food that grows above the earth
  - Ururangi- is the star associated with the wind
  - Hiwa-i-te-rangi – the wishing star, aspirations
  - Pohutukawa - remembering the past year, loved ones lost
  - Matariki – reflection, hope and connection to the environment
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# Rekindle the Vā of Papatūānuku

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# Whakapapa Hauā

Papatuanuku – care for the earth

Ranginui – care for the environment

# KaMutu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2O3ICulcHBg>



# 9 STARS MATARIKI