

Kaitiaki pēpi

Waiata ā-ringa

Waiata ā-ringa (action songs) bring singing and actions together. They are usually sung not chanted, but chants are sometimes incorporated into them.

There are different types of waiata ā-ringa. Performing them can be fun or serious. There's playful ones especially for tamariki, for example, doing driving the bus actions while singing Ngā Wira o te Pahi (The Wheels on the Bus).



Maramataka

The maramataka is the traditional Māori lunar calendar. Maramataka literally means the moon turning. This is the traditional way to mark time.

The supply of kai was always organised using the maramataka. It was the guide for planting and harvesting crops, and knowing when other food sources would be plentiful.

The maramataka also marked significant events and celebrations, the time of Matariki and Puanga and other seasonal events and activities.

