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Summer holidays in Stratford?

Check out our
low-cost and free
activities!



TE KAUNIHERA A ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

[Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)

Important information about our school holiday programme

Make sure you register

You'll need to register for some of our activities. Do it early so you don't miss out. You can register online at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz), at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, or Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Is your kiddo 8 years old or under?

Children 8 years and under have to be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years old or over for all of our activities.

At Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, there must be at least 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8. If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, all children have to be in the same pool. Full supervision rules are on page 14.

Opening hours and contact details

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

Prospero Place, Stratford 4332

Call: 06 765 5403

Email: library@stratford.govt.nz

Normal opening hours:

- Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 1pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays: closed

Holiday hours:

- Fri 22 Dec: 8.30am - 5pm
- Sat 23 Dec to Tues 2 Jan: Closed
- Wed 3 Jan: Normal hours resume

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

53 Portia Street, Stratford 4312

Call: 06 765 6275

Email: waiorua@stratford.govt.nz

[WaiORua.govt.nz](https://www.waiorua.govt.nz)

Normal opening hours:

- Monday - Friday: 6am - 6.30pm
- Saturday: 7am - 5pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays: 10am - 5pm
- Our hours can sometimes change due to facility bookings. Give us a call to check availability.

Holiday hours:

- Fri 22 Dec: 6am - 6.30pm
- Sat 23 Dec: 7am - 5pm
- Sun 24 Dec: 10am - 2pm
- Mon 25 Dec: Closed
- Tues 26 to Sat 30 Dec: 10am - 5pm
- Sun 31 Jan: 10am - 2pm
- Mon 1 Jan: Closed
- Tues 2 Jan: 10am - 5pm
- Wed 3 Jan: Normal hours resume



Get out and about in Stratford

- Experience the latest exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery.
- Check out a movie at our historic TET Kings Theatre.
- Jump on your bikes and head to the Stratford Bike Park. While you're there, have fun on the playground and take a selfie in our Victoria Park photo frame.
- Take a stroll on the Stratford Discovery Trail.
- See what activities are available at Tutaki Youth.
- Visit the Taranaki Pioneer Village.
- Discover the Republic of Whangamomona and try your hand at the mini-putt course!
- Explore Te Popo Gardens.
- Enjoy some outdoor fun at the Hollard Gardens.
- Take a stroll on one of our many walking trails - have you tried the Cardiff Walkway or York Road Loop? Perhaps you've never been to Dawson Falls?!

Need more ideas?
Stratford.govt.nz/Discover



Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

SUMMER READING

STRATFORD DISTRICT LIBRARY
SUMMER READING PROGRAMME



PICK UP YOUR BOOKLET FROM MONDAY
4TH DECEMBER TO GET STARTED

Fun to be
had!

Help prevent
the summer
slide!

Prizes to be
won!



Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre



Christmas storytime and craft

Wednesday 20 December

9.30am – 10.30am

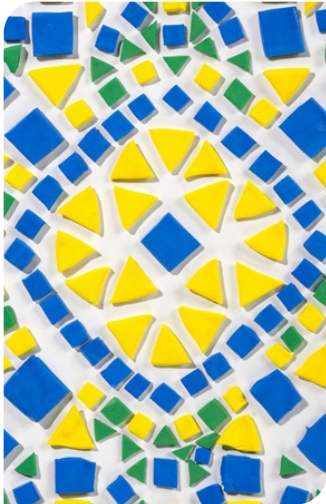
Join us for a Christmas story and festive crafts to get you in the holiday spirit.

Cost: Free

Ages: kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: Not needed

Venue: Library



Create a mosaic tile

Wednesday 10 January

9.30am – 10.30am

11am - 12pm

Create your very own mosaic tile to display in your room, use as a coaster, give as a gift, or more!

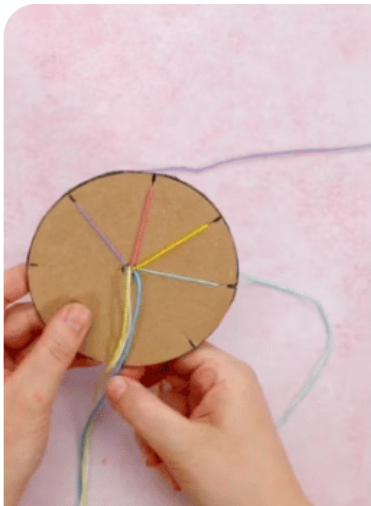
Choose one of two session times.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 to 12 - kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library



Make friendship bracelets

Friday 12 January

1.30pm – 2.30pm

2.45pm – 3.45pm

Create amazing bracelets for yourself or your friends.

Pick one of two session times.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 to 12 - kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

Build a trap and protect our native species

Tuesday 16 January

1.15pm – 3.30pm

4 x 30 min sessions

Build a trap with Predator-Free Taranaki and help to protect our unique native wildlife and plants.

Pick one of four session times.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 to 12 - kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Rhododendron Dell at King Edward Park



Taranaki Taku Tūrangā

**Towards
Predator-Free
Taranaki**

Colourful tie-dyed art

Friday 19 January

9.30am – 10.15am

10.30am – 11.15am

Create stunning tie-dyed art.

Pick one of two session times.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 to 12 - kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library



Crafternoon

Monday 22 January

1.30pm – 3pm

Call in to the library and get crafting! We'll provide the materials.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages - kids under 8 years old need to have an adult with them

Register: Not needed

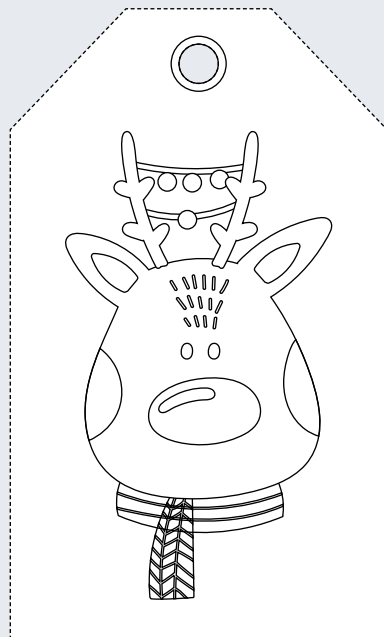
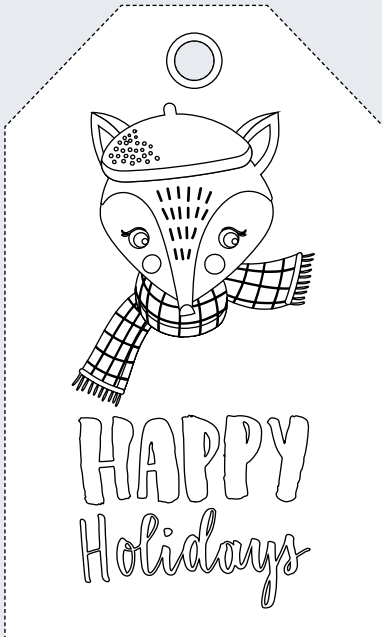
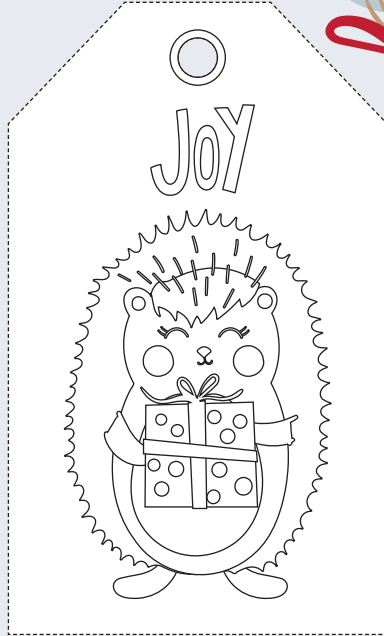
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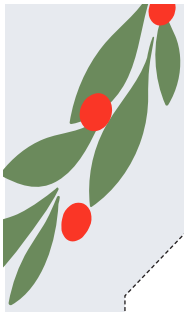




Christmas tags

Colour in and cut out





to _____
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Stratford Discovery Trail

KIDS ICON HUNT

Hey kids!

Take a walk along the Stratford Discovery Trail and find the icons hidden along the trail.

The trail is marked by scroll signs posts that look like this ♡



Use your map and the scroll signs to guide you. When you reach each scroll sign, use your crayon/pencil to rub the icon onto the circle location provided.

« Scan to download your Icon Hunt map or pick one up from the library

**Whānau friendly
events in the community**





Stratford's Christmas Treasure Hunt

There are 7 icons hidden around
Stratford...

Do you have what it takes to
solve our clues?

Give it a go! Worksheets will be
available from **Friday 1 December**
at the Stratford Library and Visitor
Information Centre.



Whānau friendly events in the community



Take a kid trout fishing day

Saturday 2 December

8am - 1pm

It's all on for the Stratford kids' trout fishing day! Book your fishing spot now. All fishing gear is supplied.

Cost: Free

Ages: Kids of all ages

Register: At the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

Venue: Scout Den pool, King Edward Park.

**STRATFORD
CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

**Christmas
Traditions**

**Broadway, Stratford
Friday 1 December**

5:30pm Prospero Market

6:30pm Parade with carols to follow

Follow this event

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TET

Stratford Business Association
Heart of Taranaki

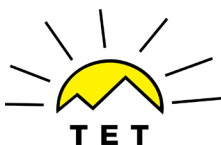
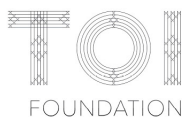


Summer Nights

Free
Event

King Edward Park

Relax & Enjoy



Save
the
dates

Movies

Saturday 27 January

Shrek (2001) at 4pm
Mamma Mia at 5.45pm

Concert

Saturday 10 February

Join us for live music
starting at 5pm:

- Mitch and his guitar
- The Mara

Step up! Become a Youth Councillor

**Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC)
is recruiting Youth Councillors for 2024.
Join a team that makes a difference, and
host awesome local events while you do
it!**

It's an exciting time to be a part of SDYC with heaps of opportunities to grow your skills and experience.

As a team of diverse rangatahi aged 12 to 24 years old who live, work, or go to school in Stratford district, you'll meet on the first Tuesday of every month to have input into Council activities, build leadership skills, and plan future activities that benefit young people like you.

Activities outside of these meetings will give you more opportunities to make the most out of your experience.

For more info, visit Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil



STRATFORD DISTRICT
YOUTH COUNCIL



**SCAN AND
APPLY
ONLINE**



Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Pool supervision rules

- 5 years and under must have a caregiver over 16 years of age in the pool within arms reach
- 6-8 years must be actively supervised by a caregiver over 16 years of age.
- There must be a minimum of 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8.
- If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, then all children must be in the same pool.

Pool entry fees

	Casual	10x Concession
Adult	\$5	\$45
Child	\$4	\$36
Senior	\$4	\$36
Green Prescription	\$4	\$36
Spectator	FREE	
Adult supervising child under 8 years old in the water (from 1 July 2023)	\$2.50	
Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children over 8 years OR 1 adult and 3 children)	\$15	



Pirate day treasure hunt!

**Thursday 21 December
11am - 1pm**

Arrrr! Callin' all captains 'n' first mates to join this 'ere treasure hunt! Will ye find the golden coins?

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Sausage sizzle

Friday 22 December

11am - 1pm

The grill will be on and we'll be cooking up NZ's greatest delicacy...

Cost: Pool entry, sausages \$2 each

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Saturday 23 December

11am - 3.30pm

What's better than one mega-inflatable? THREE mega-inflatables of course!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Christmas eve mega-inflatable fun

Sunday 24 December

11am - 1pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out for Christmas eve. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Boxing day mega-inflatable fun

Tuesday 26 December

11am - 2pm

Enjoy a boxing day splash! One of our mega-inflatables will be out.

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Bombing competition!

Wednesday 27 December

11am - 12pm

Bombing competition with our lifeguards in the main pool. Will you make a splash?

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Aqua inflatable race day with PRIZES!

Thursday 28 December
11am - 12pm

Take part in a race across our mega-inflatables, with prizes for the fastest individual times. (Don't have the fastest time? You'll still have a fun time!)

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Double mega-inflatables!

Friday 29 December
11am - 2pm

Double the mega-inflatables for double the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Saturday 30 December
11am - 2pm

What's better than one mega-inflatable? THREE mega-inflatables of course!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



New Year's eve mega-inflatable fun

Sunday 31 December
11am - 12pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out for New Year's eve. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Double mega-inflatables!

Tuesday 2 January

11am - 1pm

Double the mega-inflatables for double the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Build a raft with PRIZES!

Wednesday 3 January

11am - 1pm

Build a raft using big barrels, pool noodles, ropes and more, and then race your raft! Will you win a prize?

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Save a life

Thursday 4 January

11am - 1pm

Learn lifesaving techniques with our awesome team of lifeguards!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: 10 years and older

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Sausage sizzle

Friday 5 January

11am - 1pm

The grill will be on and we'll be cooking up NZ's greatest delicacy...

Cost: Pool entry, sausages \$2 each

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Friday 6 January

11am - 2pm

What's better than one mega-inflatable? THREE mega-inflatables of course!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Mega-inflatable fun

Sunday 7 January

11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Intro to water polo

Monday 8 January

11am - 1pm

Join us for this fun introduction to the sport of water polo!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: 8 years and older

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Reindeer food

Rudolph friendly recipe!

Mix together:

Rolled oats

Red jelly crystals

Green jelly crystals

*Read the poem when you sprinkle it
outside your home...*

*"Sprinkle on the lawn at night,
The moon will make it sparkle bright.
As Santa's reindeer fly and roam,
This will guide them to our home."*

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Safe Trust Learn 2 Swim programme (5 days)

Choose a week to book your 5 FREE lessons. Your options are:

1. Monday 8 January - Friday 12 January
2. Monday 15 January - Friday 19 January
3. Monday 22 January - Friday 26 January

All lessons are from 9am to 10:30am

Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust are pleased to offer the FREE Learn 2 Swim programme again for 2024!

This is a five day programme for ages 4 plus (including adults), running from Monday - Friday. Pick the week you want to attend.

Cost: Free - \$20 deposit required to book. This will be repaid after four lessons have been completed

Ages: 4 years and older, including adults

Register: Register now at tinyurl.com/l2s24

Venue: Wai o Rua



Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Aqua inflatable race day with PRIZES!

Tuesday 9 January
11am - 12pm

Bring the whānau and take part in a family race across our mega-inflatables, with prizes for the fastest family times. (Don't have the fastest time? You'll still have a fun time!)

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: All ages
Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)
Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Wednesday 10 January
11am - 2pm

What's better than one mega-inflatable? THREE mega-inflatables of course!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: All ages
Register: Not needed
Venue: Wai o Rua



Snorkelling fun day

Thursday 11 January
11am - 1pm

Bring your own snorkel
Learn how to use your snorkel and search for the underwater surprises!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: 8 years and older
Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)
Venue: Wai o Rua



Mega-inflatable fun

Friday 12 January
11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: All ages
Register: Not needed
Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Saturday 13 January

11am - 2pm

What's better than one mega-inflatable? THREE mega-inflatables of course!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Mega-inflatable fun

Sunday 14 January

11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Water safety for babies and preschoolers

Monday 15 January

11am - 1pm

A fun water safety session for little tamariki and pēpē.

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: Under 5 years

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Mega-inflatable fun

Tuesday 16 January

11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Teddy Bear's picnic!

Wednesday 17 January
11am - 1pm

Pack your favourite teddy or toy and your lunch, then join us for a Teddy Bear's picnic. You'll have a magical time at Wai o Rua with your little friend... maybe they can even help you with the lolly scramble!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Family volleyball

Thursday 18 January
11am - 1pm

Bring the whānau and play with and against other families in this fun competition.

Prizes are available, but of course, the best prize is spending active fun-times with your fam.

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Water safety for babies and preschoolers

Friday 19 January

11am - 1pm

A fun water safety session for little tamariki and pēpē.

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: Under 5 years

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Saturday 20 January

11am - 2pm

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Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Mega-inflatable fun

Sunday 21 January

11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Double mega-inflatables!

Monday 22 January

11am - 2pm

Double the mega-inflatables for double the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Water polo

Tuesday 23 January

11am - 1pm

Join us for a fun session of water polo!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: 8 years and older

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Wai o Rua

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Double mega-inflatables!

Wednesday 24 January

11am - 2pm

Double the mega-inflatables for double the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Mega-inflatable fun

Thursday 25 January

11am - 2pm

One of our mega-inflatables will be out. Come and enjoy the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Double mega-inflatables!

Friday 26 January

11am - 2pm

Double the mega-inflatables for double the fun!

Cost: Pool entry

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



Triple mega-inflatables!!!

Saturday 27 January

11am - 2pm

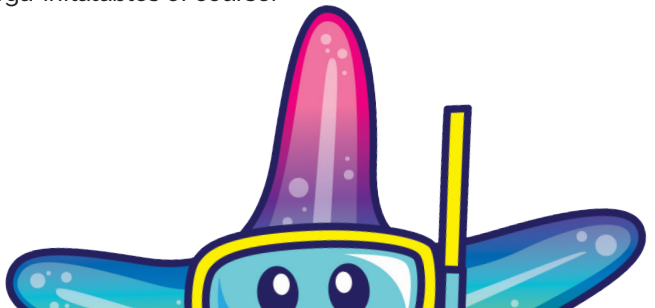
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Cost: Pool entry

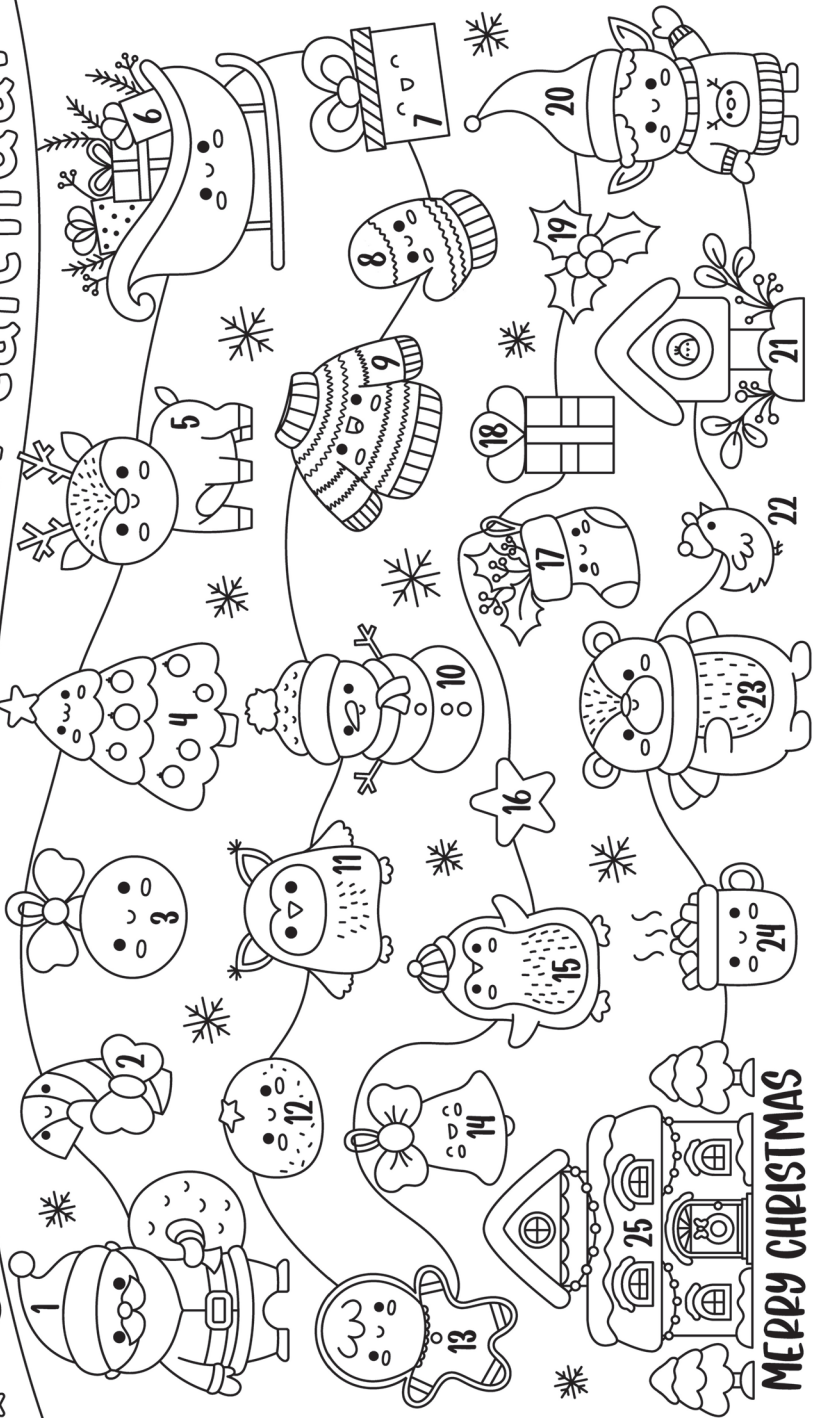
Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: Wai o Rua



CHRISTMAS advent calendar



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Things I want to do during the holidays...



























**Looking for even
more awesome
events?**

**Keep an eye out for Facebook updates
from:**

- Taranaki Pioneer Village
- Tūtaki
- TET Kings Theatre
- Stratford Speedway



***Before
you
go...***

- ✓ **Download our FREE Antenno app to get the latest council updates sent straight to your device**



- ✓ **Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Events to find out what's on, or to post your own community events!**