

Richmond View School Stargazers' Club

Dark sky observations .. Away from school.

Tuesday 13th of June, gathering from 7.00 pm

*to allow time to get there.*

***THE WEATHER FOR THE 13th IS NOT LOOKING GOOD. We may have to postpone until Tuesday***

***20th***

Watch the website for any postponement notifications.

Details of the location are in the opposite column.

Important notes.

Students MUST be accompanied by an adult: do not "drop them off" with the intention of coming back later to collect them.

Please make a last-minute check of the school website before leaving home. If the event is cancelled or shifted a notification will be given at least an hour before the proposed start time.

Wintertime stargazing offers some spectacular views of the sky but "standing around in the dark" can be bitterly cold. Dress for the conditions; thick socks, a warm hat and gloves help make the cold a bit less distracting. A thermos of something hot for afterwards also helps .

For this venue a torch will be very helpful but it needs to be used with care to preserve our all-important night vision.

There are no toilets at or near the meeting place.

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Our meeting place is on a very wide grass area alongside Hawkesbury Road in the Omaka Valley. I will set up some cones and a couple of (low powered) flashing red lights to show where to park.

A GPS or Googlemaps App will direct you to the closest "address" which is

**494 Hawkesbury Road.**

**-41.557439/173.807692**

This is a nominal address, not the exact location of our gathering; look for the vehicle(s) parked on the roadside.

**Old fashioned directions.**

Leave Blenheim on New Renwick Road.

- Pass Fairhall School
- Pass the Fairhall Cemetery
- Turn LEFT onto DOG POINT ROAD.
- Turn LEFT onto BROOKBY ROAD
- Turn RIGHT onto KENNEDYS ROAD
- Turn LEFT onto HAWKESBURY ROAD
- Our meeting point is several hundred metres after the turn onto Hawkesbury Road.