



youth service
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what you need to know

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Thursday 28 May 2026



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31 Mē - 6 Iuni

GAGANA SAMOA

E afua mai
i mauga tetele
manuia o le
nu'u

From the high
mountains are the
blessings of the
village



20 PACIFIC
26 LANGUAGE
WEEKS

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samoan language week 2026



cheehooooo! celebrate samoan language week from 31 may to 6 june!

The 2026 theme for Samoa Language Week is "E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le 'nu'u - From the high mountains are the blessings of the village."

Connect with Samoa through the language, honour their rich culture and traditions, and celebrate the strength and pride of Samoan identity across generations and communities.

Give it a go using some everyday phrases in Samoan!

LEARN SOME EVERYDAY PHRASES IN SAMOAN

Tālofa lava	<i>Hello</i>
Tōfā soifua	<i>Goodbye</i>
loe, fa'amolemole	<i>Yes please</i>
Leai fa'afetai	<i>No thank you</i>
'O lo'u igoa o...	<i>My name is...</i>
Tulou/Tulouna lava	<i>Excuse me</i>
Fa'amālulu atu	<i>My apologies</i>

Link for Samoan Language week resources to use:

[Ministry for Pacific Peoples — Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week](#)



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king's birthday changes to payments



some taiohi will be paid early, make sure they know how this works

If a young person's regular payment day falls on a public holiday, they'll be paid early – this includes payments onto payment cards for taiohi on Money Management. Because of King's Birthday, only taiohi who are normally paid on a Tuesday are paid earlier.

Normal Payment Date	Revised Payment Date
Tues – 02/06/26	Sat – 30/05/26
Wed – 03/06/26	No change
Thurs – 04/06/26	No change

Taiohi will need to report any changes in MyMSD that will affect their payments (for example, wages or bank account details) by **10 pm today (Thursday 28 April)**.

Normal Extract Date	Revised Extract Date
Fri - 29/05/26	Thurs – 28/05/26

Make sure taiohi understand that this is NOT an extra payment or a permanent change
Their payments will go back to their regular payment day the next week.



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your stories: youth week at manaaki ora

a day of weaving, connection, kai and good vibes!



Manaaki Ora proudly hosted a creative and empowering event for Youth Week 2026. They encompassed this year's theme, *"Our Voices Matter – We Deserve to Be Heard"* – *"Taringa Whakarongo! Te Reo O Ngā Taiohi"*, by highlighting the importance of listening to and uplifting the voices of taiohi.

In collaboration with their local Arts Village, Manaaki Ora created a welcoming space where taiohi could express themselves through art, creativity and connection. Over 50 taiohi attended throughout the day, participating in weaving to create kono and tukutuku panel making. The kono were then filled with daily affirmation cards to take away.



As well as an outdoor space to chill with a free BBQ, there was a large blackboard set up to give taiohi the opportunity to share messages about issues important to them, and what they'd like for their community and leaders to hear!

youth service experience survey

we use the survey to measure how satisfied taiohi are with the service

**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK!**

Scan the QR Code
to go straight to the
survey



We want to hear what taiohi think about Youth Service so that we can celebrate successes and find any problems that need to be resolved.

Please reach out to your young people and encourage them to fill in the survey to give feedback. Their feedback is really helpful for improving our service.

After filling out the survey, taiohi will go into the draw to win a \$50 prezzy card!

Link to survey:

<https://www.youthservice.govt.nz/feedback>

P.S. the link has been updated so more than one person can complete the survey using the same device



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drop-in recap: love better website

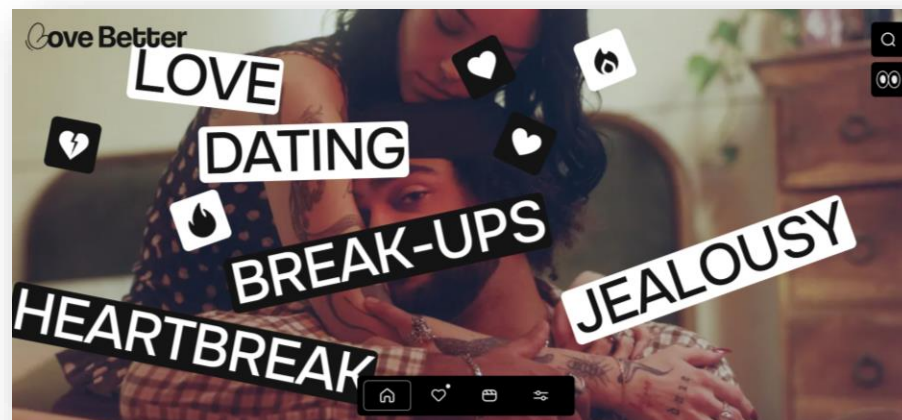


missed the drop-in or need a refresher? you're in the right place

As part of the Ministry of Social Development's youth campaign, Love Better is an interactive and lively web experience designed for Aotearoa's young people, helping them to navigate the tricky world of love and relationships in the 21st century.

The campaign is multi-phased, phase one, **Own the Feels** and phase two, **Love Creep**. They are then connected by the Love Better platform.

- **Own the Feels** is aimed at acknowledging that break-ups hurt, but there is a way through without harming yourself or others. It focused on building the skills and knowledge that young people need to safely navigate break-ups, whilst creating a peer-to-peer community to learn from and inspire each other.
- **Love Creep** then shifted focus to coercive control – to see what this can sound, feel or look like. It uses real stories of control experienced by, used by, or seen by young people, friends or family members and practitioners.



Check out the website here:

[Navigate the messy stuff in Relationships | Love Better](#)



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upcoming drop-in sessions



drop-in to meet other youth coaches and learn about youth service

induction for new coaches Wednesday 3 June, 10am

In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- how legislation and policy determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- where to find information to help you in your role.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

transferring to another provider Tuesday 9 June, 10am

In this session, you'll learn how to help taiohi move to a new provider, making sure they stay supported every step of the way.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

youth service plans Tuesday 16 June, 10am

Come join us as we'll go over:

- what a Youth Service plan is
- what needs to be in a Youth Service plan
- how often it needs to be reviewed and uploaded into ART.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

full drop-in schedule

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