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# ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

**Rāpare 15 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2026**
**Thursday 15 October 2026**

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# labour weekend changes to payments

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

| Normal Payment Date | Revised payment date |
|---|---|
| Tues – 27/10/26 | Sat – 24/10/26 |
| Wed – 28/10/26 | No Change |
| Thurs – 29/10/26 | No Change |

| Normal Extract Date | Revised Extract Date |
|---|---|
| Fri – 23/10/26 | Thurs – 22/10/26 |

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 Labour day, only taiohi who are normally paid on a Tuesday are paid earlier.

Taiohi will need to report any changes in MyMSD that will affect their payments (for example, wages or bank account details) by **10pm Thursday 22 October**.

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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# feedback survey for parental assistance test learning

**let us know any thoughts, feelings or feedback you have about the training**

Have you completed your online training session for the upcoming changes to Jobseeker Support eligibility for 18 and 19 year olds? If so, we'd love you hear from you!

Please take a few minutes to complete our feedback survey. Your insights help us understand what worked well and how we can continue to improve future training.

**You can access the survey through this link:**
https://www.youthservice.govt.nz/patfeedback

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# supporting taiohi to enrol to vote

**resources to help you to support taiohi to enrol**

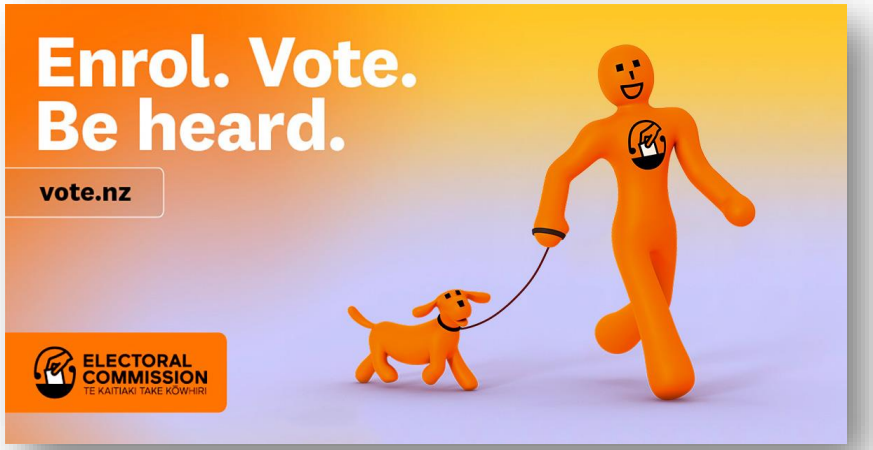
**Not quite 18 yet? (don't fear)**
If taiohi are 17, they can fill out an enrolment form now. On their 18th birthday, they'll automatically be enrolled and be ready to vote!

**Make sure taiohi are enrolled by 25 October**
For taiohi to vote in this year's general election, they'll need to enrol by 25 October.

Enrolled before? It's a good idea to check if their enrolment details are correct – especially if they've moved.

Enrol or check you are enrolled here:
Enrol or update online | Vote NZ

**There are two roles for taiohi Māori to choose from**
Learn more about the Māori roll and the General role here: What is the Māori Electoral Option? | Vote NZ



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# mental health awareness week

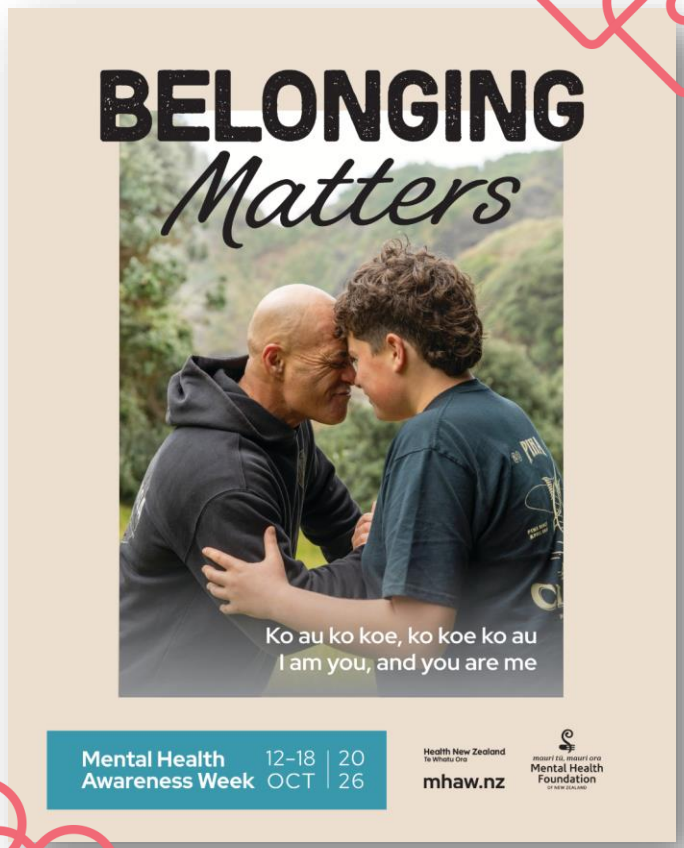
**ko au ko koe, ko koe ko au, I am you and you are me**

Mental Health Awareness Week is recognised in more than 150 countries worldwide, and the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand has been running it here in Aotearoa since 1993.

With support from Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, the campaign aims to shine a light on positive mental health and encourage people to adopt simple, everyday actions that boost wellbeing.

Every year has a different theme, this year the theme is Belonging Matters. Belonging is all about feeling connected. It is a fundamental part of our wellbeing and plays an important role in maintaining good mental health.

You may not realise that a neighbour, colleague, friend, or whānau member is feeling disconnected. Small acts of kindness, such as taking time for a kōrero, checking in, or offering to lend a hand, can make a meaningful difference!

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# drop-in recap: keeping ourselves well

**to best look after others it is important that you are looking after yourself**

Reflect on the everyday habits that help us stay well, manage challenges, and maintain balance both at work and in our personal lives.

**Self-care** – making time for activities that support our wellbeing. We need good self-care to recover well and respond better to stress.

**Physical wellbeing** – the importance of sleep, exercise, and healthy routines. Pick something you enjoy!

**Emotional wellbeing** – exploring strategies such as mindfulness, reflection, and self-compassion.

**Healthy workplaces** – building positive relationships, communicating effectively, and supporting one another. Make sure you know who your supports are.

# upcoming drop-in sessions

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

**education spotlight**
**Tuesday 20 October, 10am**

Join us as we welcome a speaker from the Tertiary Education Commission, where they'll discuss the Career Practice Hub on Tahatū Career Navigator.

The hub can help youth coaches with access to resources, activities and professional support to strengthen career practice.

**Join the Teams meeting**

**programme fund**
**Tuesday 3 November, 10am**

Programme Fund can be used to help taiohi pay for things that will improve their employability, education or wellbeing.

It's for things that will help them reach their goals in their Youth Service plan that can't be accessed through other payments, like hardships.

**Join the Teams meeting**

**induction for new youth coaches**
**Wednesday 4 November, 10am**

This session covers basic information about Youth Service, designed for new youth coaches.

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**

**We've added the drop-in sessions for the rest of the year to the Youth Service website.**
**Have a look at what's coming up:** Drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers

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