

# Ratonga Taiohi Pānui

what you need to know



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## Te Gagana Tokelau Tokelau Language Week

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Tokelau i tana Fakavae**  
Tokelau to Thrive Within its Foundation

**PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS 20x23**

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# te vaiaho o te gagana Tokelau – Tokelau language week

**mālo ni– It's Tokelau language week!**

The theme for Tokelau Language Week 2023 builds upon the 2022 focus, '*Halahala ki vavau kae ke mau ki pale o Tokelau.*' The overarching message is clear: *understanding the past is crucial for planning the future.*

Here are some words to try this week:

Mālo ni – Greetings/Hello

Fakamālo atu kia te koutou uma– Greetings Everyone

Tofa koutou – Goodbye (to those who are leaving)

Tofa ni – Goodbye (to those who are staying)

Fakamolemole – Please

Fakafetai – Thank you

You can find more words and phrases [here](#).

[For more information visit the Ministry of Pacific Peoples website](#)



# emergency housing supplier standards opt-ins

**MSD will use emergency housing suppliers that have signed up to these standards**

MSD has put in place [supplier standards for emergency housing \(EH\)](#) to make sure that motels and other accommodation providers we work with are getting the basics right.

The standards were published in August, and now MSD is working with suppliers to help them opt-in to the standards.

**From 6 November 2023, MSD (where possible) will only use opted-in EH suppliers**

When you're looking at EH for a young person, continue to contact MSD's Manager Regional Housing and they'll help you to find an EH opted-in supplier.

For more information about the Youth Service Emergency Housing end-to-end process, visit:

[www.youthservice.govt.nz/assets/Housing/Youth-Service-EH-end-to-end-process-005-v2.pdf](http://www.youthservice.govt.nz/assets/Housing/Youth-Service-EH-end-to-end-process-005-v2.pdf)



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# guaranteed childcare assistance payment reminder

taiohi who receive **GCAP** can continue to receive it during term breaks

You probably know that young parents and caregivers who are in full-time education, training or work-based learning, may be able to get the Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payment (GCAP), but did you know that **they can continue to receive it during school term breaks?**

GCAP is a payment that goes directly to childcare providers to help young people pay for childcare.

As school terms are coming to an end, it is important that taiohi know that GCAP can continue to be paid when:

- a holding fee is needed to keep a place in care,
- and they are planning on returning after the break.

[Learn more about GCAP here](#)



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# we want to hear from you – drop-in sessions 2024

## tell us what you want to learn more about in 2024

With only six drop-in sessions remaining in 2023, it's time for the team to start planning for 2024.

We want to know what will make the drop-in sessions valuable for you.

- Do you want to learn more about a particular product or process?
- Have you enjoyed the whanaungatanga-focused sessions?
- Do you have something to share with others?

Even if you haven't attended a session we still want your feedback!



Fill in our short survey by **Friday 3 November**  
here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/36SLNLY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/36SLNLY)

You can also email your comments to us at  
[YStraining@msd.govt.nz](mailto:YStraining@msd.govt.nz)



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# upcoming drop-in sessions

our drop-ins focus on the technical aspects that are unique to our service

## transitions – youth service to studylink

Tuesday 31 October, 10am



With NCEA exams less than a month away, some of your taiohi might be thinking about applying for StudyLink. In this session we will cover the things you need to know for supporting your taiohi through this process.

Join via [Teams](#)

## induction for new youth coaches

Wednesday 4 October, 10am



This session covers the foundational information about Youth Service to help new youth coaches thrive. Learn more about how Youth Service fits into MSD, the services we offer, and some of the resources we have.

Join via [Teams](#)

You can find the full drop-in session schedule  
on our provider site here:

[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)

or print the [breakroom poster](#)



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# realising the dreams and aspirations of youth

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