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The Addams Family

One Night Only- 27th May at 7pm
After weeks of rehearsals filled with singing, dancing, acting, and plenty of laughter, our cast and crew are ready to share this hilariously spooky musical with our school families and wider community. From Wednesday Addams' surprising romance to Gomez and Morticia's wonderfully weird family antics, this show is packed with heart, humour, and catchy songs that will have you grinning from ear to ear.
Our students have worked incredibly hard to learn lines, master choreography, and create memorable characters. Behind the scenes, staff, volunteers, and whānau have also poured in countless hours to help with costumes, sets, props, getting the students to school for rehearsals and technical support. This production is a true community effort, and we are so grateful for everyone who has helped bring it to life.
Tickets are $5 for Adults- Students/Children Free! Buy tickets and refreshments on KINDO. Limited tickets and Goodies available on the night, Any issues please contact the school. Can we please add QR Code for KINDO??
Come and support our young performers as they celebrate being unique, embracing family, and proving that being a little different is something to be proud of. You'd be crazy to miss it!



Making Lifelong Connections

Hosting international students has been such a rewarding experience for our family. We have hosted both when our boys were young, at high school, and now again as adults, which has been special to experience through different stages of family life.
We were definitely nervous the first time, wondering about the culture differences, communication, and whether students would feel bored or overwhelmed living in a small rural community. In reality, it has been the complete opposite. The students quickly became part of our family and wider community, joining in with everyday life, farm experiences, family outings, and adventures to places like Mt Cook, West Coast and Taieri Mouth. Some of our favourite memories have simply been watching students experience something new for the first time and seeing the connections and friendships that grow along the way. We still keep in contact with several students, and one has even returned to visit us with his family twice.
Hosting has opened our eyes to different cultures and perspectives, and in today's world, that feels more important than ever.

Host Families Wanted: Short-Term Cultural Exchange

Tokomairiro High School is seeking hosts for visiting students from Yasuda High School, Tokyo this August.
This is a fantastic opportunity for your family to experience a new culture right from your living room!
The Details:

- Duration: 13-night stays.
- Timing: Early August (2 Females), & Mid-August (2 males).
- Requirement: Students must have their own room.

Help us give these students an unforgettable Kiwi experience!
Interested?
Please contact the School Office at 417 8620.

Turf Update

One of the most exciting developments around the school at the moment is the progress on our new turf.
Last week the installation team arrived on site and wasted no time getting started. Despite the cold conditions, work has been progressing steadily, with the site now being prepared for the underlay installation.After such a long period of planning and fundraising, it is incredibly exciting to finally see visible progress being made. We know many students, and staff, are eagerly counting down to the finished product.



NCEA Common Assessments: 18th May to 22nd May
The Addams Family: Wednesday 27th May
Teacher Only Day: Friday 29th May
Kings Birthday: Monday 1st June
Year 9 and 10 Camp: Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 5th June
Cultural Competition: Wednesday 1st July

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
20th May 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

With winter just around the corner, school life certainly is not slowing down. Over the past few weeks there has been plenty happening around the kura, from Pink Shirt Day and bike safety initiatives to exciting progress on our new turf.
Many of you will also have seen the announcements over the weekend regarding proposed changes to national qualifications. These changes are significant and will require schools across the country to think carefully about how learning programmes and timetables are structured in the future. There is still much to learn, but it is clear that education continues to evolve quickly, and schools will need to adapt alongside those changes.

Bike Safety Initiative

Last week we were very fortunate to welcome Bob Jones and Malcolm Budd from the AA, alongside counsellors Larry Frost and Dean McCrostie, and Steve Griffiths from NZ Police.
They spoke with students about the importance of bike safety during the darker winter months, when visibility can become a real concern both before and after school. One of the highlights was seeing many students leave with free bike lights fitted to their bikes — a practical way to help keep our young people safe on the roads this winter.
We are very grateful to everyone involved for supporting our students in such a positive and practical way.

The Addams Family

This production marks the return of school productions to Tokomairiro High School after a number of years, and we are incredibly proud of the students and staff who have put in a huge amount of work preparing for the show. We encourage our community to come along, support our performers, and enjoy an entertaining evening together.

Recognition Badges

Recognition Badge nomination forms are now available from the school office.
Students are able to nominate themselves for Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum badges across Sport, Culture, and Service. These awards continue to be a wonderful way to celebrate the many different ways our students contribute to school life and the wider community.
This is now the third year of the programme, and it has been pleasing to see the number of students striving towards these recognitions continue to grow each year.

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Mid Year Reports

We are currently making some significant changes to the structure of our mid-year reports for Years 7–10.
These changes are designed to better align with the new English and Mathematics performance indicators being introduced nationally. Because data from the new SMART testing system will not be available until close to the end of term, mid-year reports will now be published at the beginning of next term.
In the meantime, NCEA students can continue to monitor their progress through the NZQA portal, while the Parent Portal provides families with up-to-date assessment information throughout the term.

NCEA Common Assessments

This week marks the first assessment window for the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessments.
We wish all students involved the very best and encourage them to approach these assessments with confidence and preparation.

Attendance

As we move further into the assessment season, attendance becomes increasingly important. Quite simply, every day matters. Regular attendance remains the single greatest predictor of student success, and we appreciate the ongoing support from whānau in helping students arrive at school ready to learn each day.
It has been encouraging to see many of our students maintaining strong levels of engagement and commitment as the term progresses.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that Friday 29 May will be a Teacher Only Day and the kura will be closed for instruction. This day will provide valuable time for staff to engage in professional learning, curriculum planning, and collaboration. Our upcoming session will focus particularly on local curriculum development as we continue working to provide meaningful and relevant learning pathways for our students.
Thank you for your support in allowing staff this dedicated time to focus on school improvement.

Uniform

As the weather turns colder, we are reminding everyone about our uniform policy and appreciate your support in ensuring students are wearing the correct items.
Key Uniform Reminders:

- Outerwear: Students must wear regulation uniform items from NZ Uniforms, or a plain navy or black jacket. Hoodies are not permitted as part of the school uniform.
- Footwear: All shoes must be black.
- Warmth: We encourage students to wear thermals under their uniform during the colder months.

Thanks to KidsCan, we have warm jackets available for students who need them. Please contact the school office if this assistance would be helpful for your child.
If a student needs to wear non-regulation uniform for a short period of time please contact their Dean or Housegroup Teacher so a uniform pass can be issued.

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SUCCESS PROFILE



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SIX SUCCESS TRAITS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT:

SHOWING UP

Showing up consistently was an important part in my learning last year. Being present in class meant I didn't miss important learning and could stay up to date with my work. This consistency helped me stay organised, avoid falling behind, and ultimately achieve strong results. Missing a couple days at school or few classes doesn't seem like a big deal for some people but it can have a significant impact on your learning and I encourage everyone to be present at school as much possible.

BEING CONSISTENT

I have found that staying consistent with either an assessment or everyday learning is the best way to achieve high. Making consistent effort into your work keeps the ball rolling, you won't forget ideas, go off topic of lose track of what you've done. You don't have to make 100% effort every day but when those days come when you don't feel motivated it's better to try even if it's completing something small.

BEING PREPARED

Coming prepared to class means being ready to learn, having the right materials, having any homework completed and all notes and assignments organised. This helped me stay focused in lessons and make the most of the time in class. Being prepared also meant I could keep up with deadlines and avoid unnecessary stress when assessments were due.

MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Maintaining a positive attitude is key for success. Being positive towards your learning will help you stay motivated to get work done and try your best. Life is full of ups and downs and there will be times where you don't achieve as well as you'd like or had hoped. But this is where a positive attitude is crucial. You can't let it get you down. Use it to get you further next time.

BELIEVING IN YOURSELF

The power of the mind is a big thing. If you don't believe in yourself and have a negative mindset on something you are most likely not going to as well as you could. So I have found that believing in yourself helped me stay motivated and confident in my work. When school is hard having a strong mindset helped me push through rather than give up.

BEING COMMITTED

Being committed to my learning helped me a lot last year. With other commitments outside of school I had to learn how to prioritise. Even when things got busy I made sure that my school work was my first priority to meet deadlines. Staying committed to school was definitely a huge factor to my success.

Whakaute, Haepapa, Hiranga
Respect, Responsibility, Excellence

Bible Reading for the Week

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Luke 12:34

Pink Shirt Day

Last Friday our kura joined schools and workplaces across Aotearoa in recognising Pink Shirt Day. It was fantastic to see the level of support from students and staff, with plenty of pink on display throughout the day.
More importantly, it was a reminder that the way we speak to and treat others matters. Every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and that they belong at our kura. Those messages were also revisited during assembly this week as we continue to promote a culture grounded in respect and manaakitanga.









Sports Results

Hockey
Toko Wahine 1st XI v Queens High School 2nd XI - 4-4 DRAW
Tokomairiro Gold (Yr 7 & 8) v JMC Takahe - LOSS

Basketball
Tokomairiro Timberwolves - BYE



Netball
Toko Tahake v Catlins Blue - 34-88 WIN
Toko Senior A v Crescent Gold - LOSS
Toko Senior A v Trinity - WIN
Toko Steel (Year 7 & 8) v Balclutha Primary - 23-1 WIN

Public Health Nurse - Abby Brookland
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line." - *Oscar Levant (1906 -1972)*

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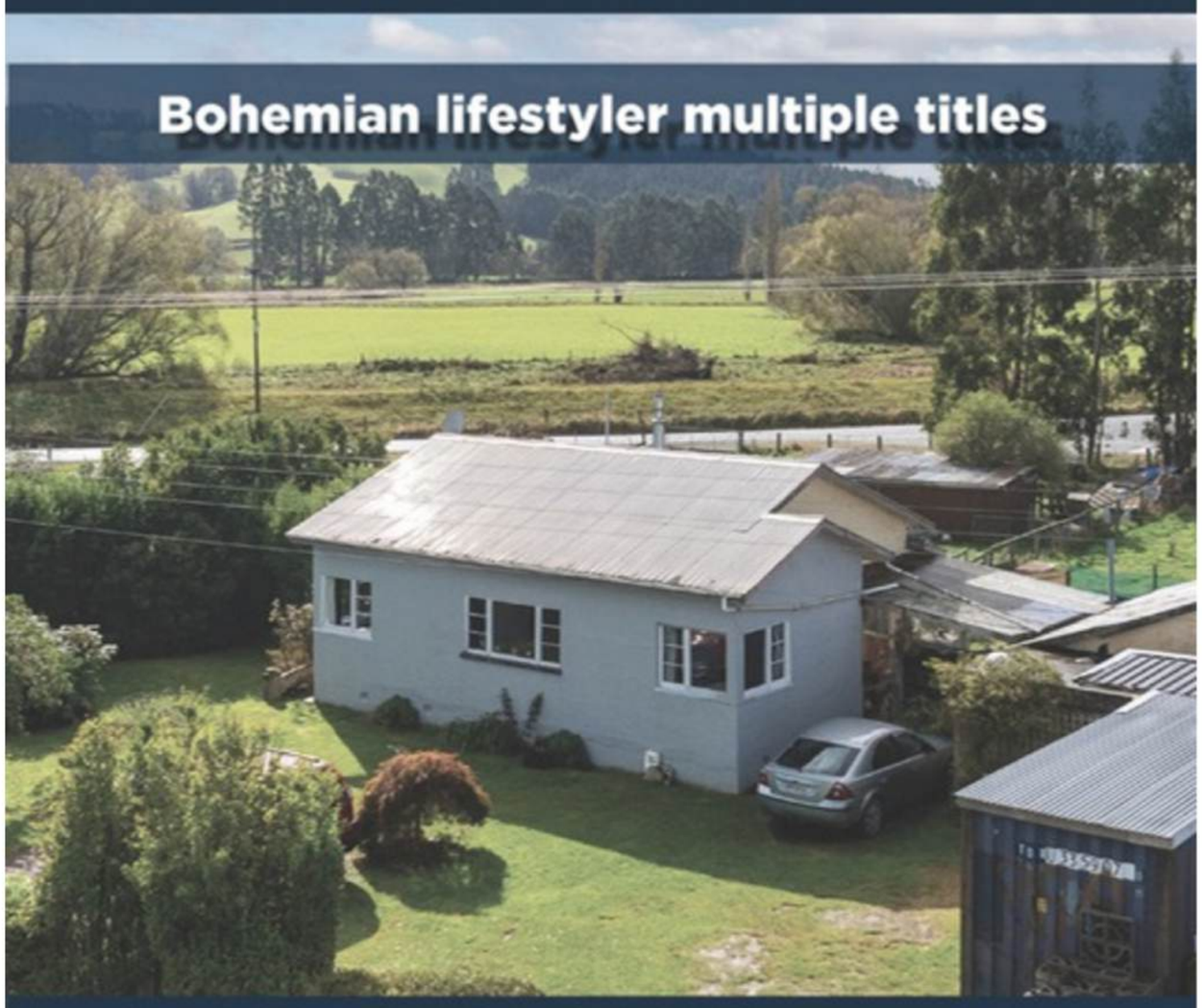

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The Bruce Stewart Leadership Programme provides funding assistance for learning and development that builds confidence, skills, and the ability to make a positive impact. While the programme has a strong leadership focus, leadership can take many forms and looks different at every stage of life.

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Leadership Programme



Milton Indoor Bowls

The second game of Interclub was played last week. Milton Country Club had the bye while Glenledi beat Moneymore 6-2. In the first round Glenledi won both games 9-2 and 10-5. The second round saw. Moneymore take a game 10-3 while Glenledi won the other 10-4.
The second night of the South Otago Fives were also played last week. South Otago Town and ountry lead with 30 points, Paratai and Moneymore are tied in second place with 25 points. Glenledi have 23, Katea nd Lawrence are even with 20 and Te Houka and Milton Country Club have 15. Finegand have 5 and Hillend 3.

News from the Trenches

First up I'd like to say has anyone else noticed the TV Advert star that looks uncanny like an RSA member. That advert that shows a guy being disturbed sitting on an outside toilet, you know the one. Has anyone seen Ian Flett recently??? The likeness is uncanny. If so he is always keen for autographs and photos.
Right our Super Sports Comp is rapidly approaching the conclusion with the points scoring getting higher and higher each week. Don't forget to play your joker in the next couple of weeks if you haven't already. The prize giving will be held on Saturday 27 June with the theme of a Hawaiian night (yes I'm aware it's Winter) but come dressed up in your Hawaiian gear. There will be prizes for best costume. We are also trying to arrange some entertainment that ummm will be hilarious if we can get it. Still a work on in progress.
Our joker draw is steaming along with a rather large pool starting to accumulate. For the last 4/5 draws it's been a Manson turning the card, however hasn't quite worked out yet. Also our membership draw is also getting up. A name who missed out when I was there, was Andrea Brown. So don't be like Andrea and make sure you are there on Thursday night. .
Go find your Hawaiian gear and pineapples
Private Spike Pike

Genesis Deadline - 12 noon Monday



Toko Junior Rugby Club

Results - Round 4

POD = Player of they day
ROD = Rippa of the day
TOD = Tackler of the day
CC = Coaches Choice

Rippa Toko White
POD: Jordie Calteaux
ROD: Jaxon Adam
Rippa Toko Gold
POD: Maddox Stephen
ROD: Te Aranaga Bishop
Rippa Toko Blue
POD: Cameron Evans
ROD: Vinny Lyon

Yr3/4 Toko Blue
POD: Jed Marshall
TOD: Rowan Campfens
Yr3/4 Toko Gold
POD: Rua Bishop
TOD: Charlie Leckie
Yr 5/6 Toko Blue
POD: Jack Smail
TOD: Jonty Scott
Yr 7/8 Toko Gold
POD: PJ
TOD: Baxter Hayes
CC: Kohatu Bishop

Toko Rugby Club Report

On Saturday in beautiful sunny conditions Toko Premiers took on Heriot at home in a match that has previously been a battle royale. This match was no exception and Toko opened the scoring when Dylan Greer selfishly didn't give his hard working brother Harry the ball. Toko left large gaps in midfield for Heriot to take advantage of with 2 tries. Toko stormed back with the beast Teimana Rewita barging over for a try to make halftime 17-14 Heriot.
Second half was a torrid effort with both teams looking for the knock out blow. Toko defended stoutly and resolutely to finally hang onto a close 31- 24 win.
Tokokai Seniors which is chocked full of Toko stars wrecked Clutha 150th celebration with an emphatic 33 22 victory for their first of many wins this season.
Next up Toko Premiers travel to Evil Empire Clutha next week so would be good to see plenty of support there so we can ambush them.
Finally congratulations to the numerous Toko Premiers who were selected for Topp Cupp and Development teams to be played in Clutha in a couple of weeks. Shows good rewards for the performance this season. *The Judge*

Council Updates & Notices

Updates from the Clutha District Council | Stay Informed, Stay Connected

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Do you have a creative arts project in mind?

You could be eligible for **funding between $200 - 5,000!**

The Clutha District Creative Communities Scheme third funding round for 2026 is **closing soon!**



To qualify projects must:

- Be in the Clutha District.
- Be started and completed within 12 months of funding approval.
- Any group, organisation or individual can apply.

Visit **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/creative-communities** to find out more and get an application form, or phone Council on 0800 801 350.

Applications close 5pm, 19 June 2026.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2026

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS!

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to make our community a better place? These awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups and youth who give their time and energy to help others.

There are three categories:

- **Youth Spirit** (a year 13 student from a local secondary school).
- **Individual.**
- **Group.**

Nominations close 9pm, Sunday 24 May 2026.

Visit **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/community-awards** for more information, or email us at **help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz.**



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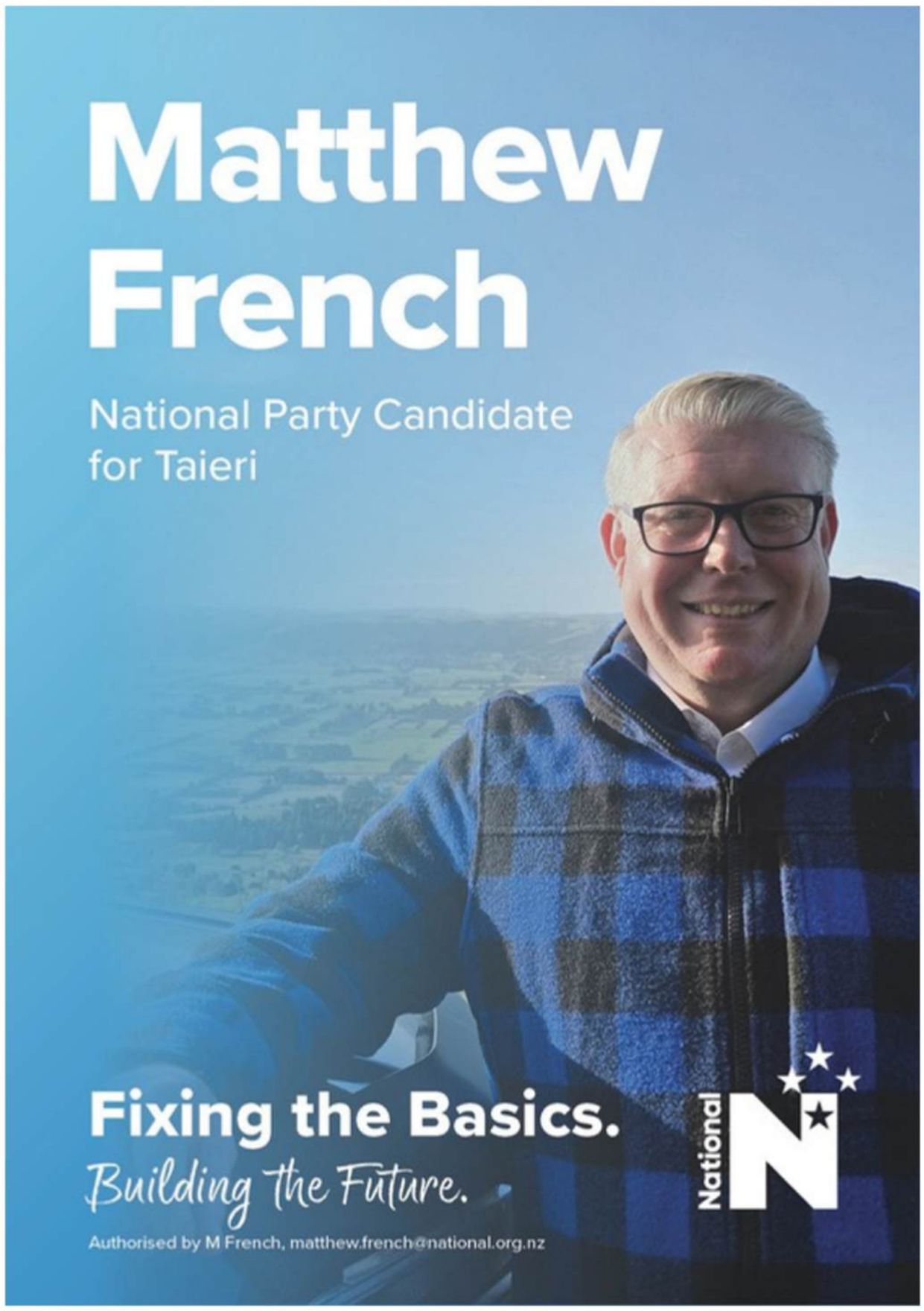

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Tokomairiro Waiora Incorporated has an opportunity to join the team!

Whānau Ora Kaitūwhana

- Full-time position (40 hours per week)
- Tokomairiro (Milton) based
- A Social Work degree (BSW), or equivalent, is desirable

Tokomairiro Waiora Inc. is seeking a compassionate and motivated Whānau Ora Kaitūwhana to empower whānau to achieve their wellbeing goals. You'll take a mana enhancing and holistic approach toward your mahi, helping whānau access the right supports, strengthen resilience, and create pathways to positive outcomes.

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