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Blue Mountain Exchange

One of the challenges we enjoyed last week was the Blue Mountain Exchange. Exchanges such as this are about much more than the final score or result. They provide opportunities for our young people to compete, perform, represent their school, renew friendships and build new ones.

Tokomairiro High School is grateful to the students who represented us and to the staff, coaches, supporters and others whose work made the exchange possible. These events remind us that how we represent our kura matters. The respect we show our opposition, the way we support teammates, the manner in which we respond when things do not go our way, and the pride with which we wear our school colours say every bit as much about us as a result does. That said, we were all delighted to learn that at the end of the day, we had earned 7 wins to Blue Mountain College's 5!

Results:
Senior U18 Rugby - win
Year 9 &10 Rugby - win
Year 7 & 8 Rugby - loss
Senior A Basketball - win
Year 9 & 10 Basketball - loss
Year 7 & 8 Basketball - loss
Senior A Netball - win
Takahe Netball Team - loss
Year 7 & 8 Netball - loss (by one point!)
Chess - win
Ki O Rahi - win











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EXAM PERIODS
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Upcoming Events

Reading Week Monday 24th to Friday 28th August

Parent Teachers Meetings Wednesday 26th August

Winter Tournament Week
Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September

Literacy and Numeracy CAAs
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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
26th August 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

IOur whakataukī this week is "Ahakoa ko te hoki ki te moe noa iho te painga o te rā, whakanuia" - If going to bed was the best part of your day, celebrate that. This seems a low bar when it comes to measuring a successful day. Over our lifetime, though, we will experience far more ordinary days than extraordinary ones. And not every day goes according to plan. Sometimes, success is completing a difficult task, asking for help, including somebody, trying again after getting something wrong, or simply reaching the end of a rough day intact, knowing that tomorrow provides another opportunity. Rest is not the opposite of achievement. It is a vital part of what enables us to learn, participate, contribute and make the most of the opportunities that come our way. Our challenge is to notice the good things, however small they might be, and to know when it is time to put today's challenges down, and be ready to begin again tomorrow.

Parent Teacher Hui – Wednesday 26 August

We look forward to welcoming parents and caregivers to our Parent Teacher Hui. The partnership between home and school is one of the most important relationships we have. These conversations give us the opportunity to acknowledge progress, identify where support or challenges may be required, make plans for what remains of this year and next, and ensure that students, whānau and teachers are working together towards the same goals. Our teachers value the opportunity to sit down with parents and caregivers and talk about the young people we share responsibility for. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Tournament Week

Next week will also see a number of our students and staff heading away for Tournament Week. To everyone competing, coaching, managing and supporting our teams, we wish you safe travels and a fantastic time. While we hope for some excellent results, Tournament Week offers much more than what the scoreboard reflects: it requires our students to demonstrate resilience, teamwork, responsibility and respect, particularly when they are tired, under pressure, or things have not gone their way. All participants are encouraged to make the most of the opportunity, enjoy being part of a team, represent our school and community with pride, and come home with stories worth telling.

Student Leadership

An important opportunity to contribute to the future of our school is approaching with the Board of Trustees Student Representative election. The student representative holds a significant position, bringing a student perspective to the school's decision making group and participating in the governance of our kura. Students are to be encouraged to take this process seriously, whether they are considering putting themselves forward or whether they will cast a vote. Leadership is much more than having a title. It is about service, listening, representing others, contributing honestly and sometimes courageously, and accepting responsibility. Choosing who will represent the student body on our Board of Trustees deserves a great deal of thought and care.

2027 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2027 are now open. If you missed our Open Evening, we would be delighted to arrange a personal tour so that you can see our school in action, meet us and discover more about the opportunities available here. Enrolment forms can be submitted through the school office or completed online via our website. We also invite caregivers of incoming students to attend an enrolment appointment. These meetings are an important part of welcoming new students and whānau into our school. They give us the chance to learn more about your child, understand their strengths and interests, and answer any questions you may have. Please contact the school office or Mrs Milligan erica@tokohigh.school.nz to arrange a tour or collect an enrolment pack. Likewise, if you are a senior student looking for a school change, please feel welcome to come and examine our options and take a tour of the school!

Looking Ahead to 2027

For our current senior students, another important decision is just around the corner, with course selection for 2027 soon to begin. Choosing subjects is about much more than filling spaces on a timetable. Parents, caregivers and students are strongly encouraged to attend our Senior Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 10 September. Staff will be available to discuss courses, pathways and possible combinations and to help students make informed choices. We want every young person to choose a programme that challenges them appropriately while keeping open as many future opportunities as possible.

Ahakoa ko te hoki ki te moe noa iho te painga o te rā, whakanuia. Whatever today holds, notice something good, allow yourself to rest, and be ready to begin again tomorrow!

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The Genesis is a weekly publication produced by Tokomairiro High School, sharing school news while also providing a community newsletter and noticeboard for the wider Milton community.

Our goals are to:

- Celebrate positive local news, stories and achievements.
- Promote the activities of our schools, particularly Tokomairiro High School.
- Share information about local clubs, groups, activities and events.

The Genesis is delivered free to households and businesses throughout the wider Milton community. We proudly employ students and other local people to help with delivery.

It costs almost $50,000 a year to produce and distribute The Genesis. This is made possible through advertising, donations, sponsorship and support from Tokomairiro High School.

We are extremely grateful to our local businesses, organisations and individuals who continue to support us. Our regular advertisers and sponsors play an important role in keeping The Genesis going.

The Genesis has no paid reporters. We rely on our community to provide stories, news and photographs, and we are especially grateful to the many clubs and groups who regularly send us their reports and event information.

Donations: Donations are always welcome: Tokomairiro High School, Account: 03 1736 0009803 000, Reference: GENESIS DONATION

Donations can also be placed in the secure box in the Genesis office door or payments can be made via the Kindo QR code.

Thank you to everyone who supports The Genesis. Your contributions help us keep our community connected and ensure local stories continue to be shared.

Bible Reading for the Week

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. -*Genesis 12:3*

It's Reading Week!

Term 3 Week 6 , 24 -28th August

It's that time again! Tokomairiro High School Library celebrates reading, books and readers with its annual reading week.

The theme for 2026 is "Time travel with a book". Through the magic of books students can visit a new era every day. Activities include quizzes, colouring competitions and the Grand Costume competition There will be daily focuses:

24/8 Walk like an Egyptian! Egyptian quiz

25/8 When Knights were Bold! Medieval times quiz

26/8 Roamin' around the Empire! Roman empire quiz

27/8 Back to the future! Science Fiction ! Time traveller's media quiz .

28/8 Everything Everywhere All at Once: Grand Costume Competition. Mix and Match Day Dress up as a fictional character or a person from another era. Mash ups also tolerated. Prizes for Students and staff!

To be considered for the prizes: Students and staff must be photographed in costumes.

So come along and join the fun!

Sports Results



Hockey

Tokomairiro Gold (Yr 7 & 8) v DNI Red Sticks - WIN

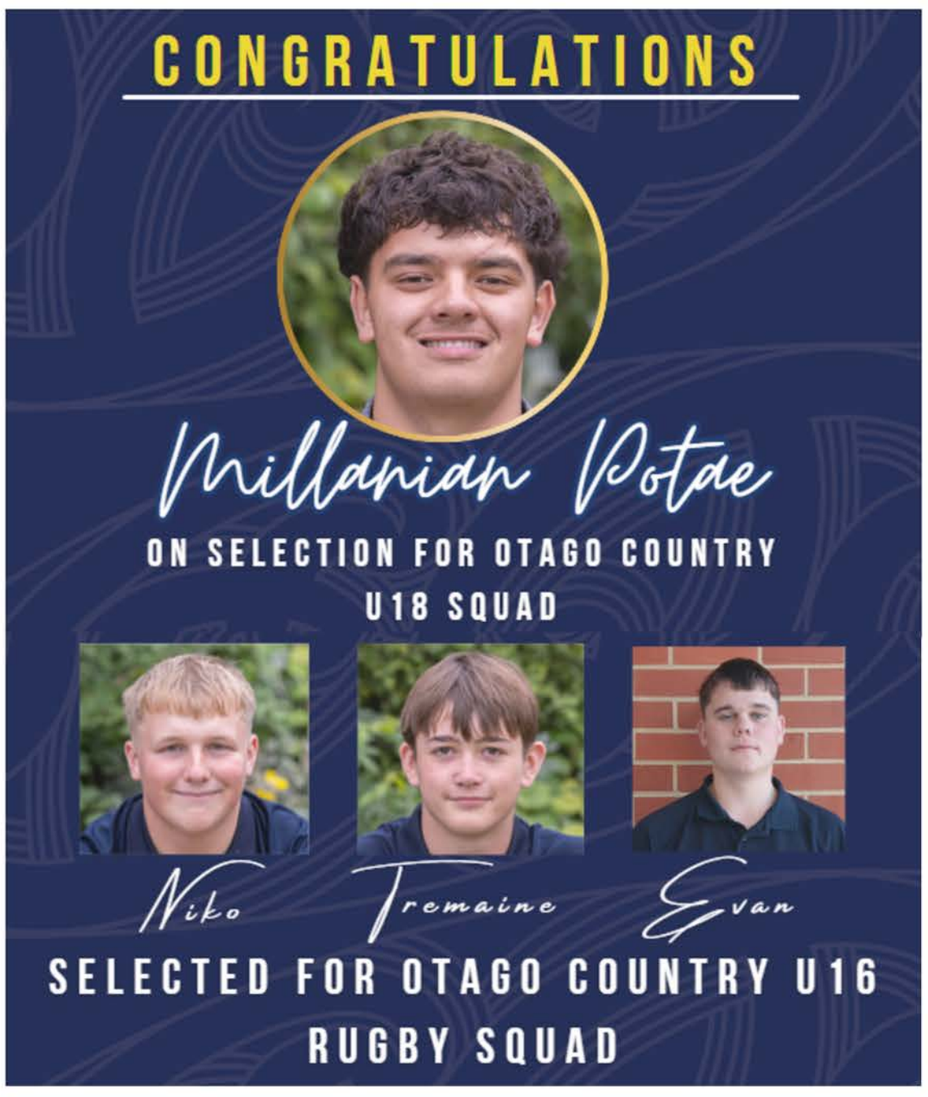
This was the last game for the season. This team had a great season only losing one game. Outstanding effort from the team.

Netball

Toko Senior A v Trinity CC Senior A - Loss (Final)

Premier Senior Secondary Blue - Dunedin Competition finished second

This is the end of our winter sports season. Thank you to our coaches and parents, without your support our teams would not be able to compete.





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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'There's a great power in words, if you don't hitch too many of them together' - *Josh Billings (1818-1885)*

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Will Patience Pay Off?

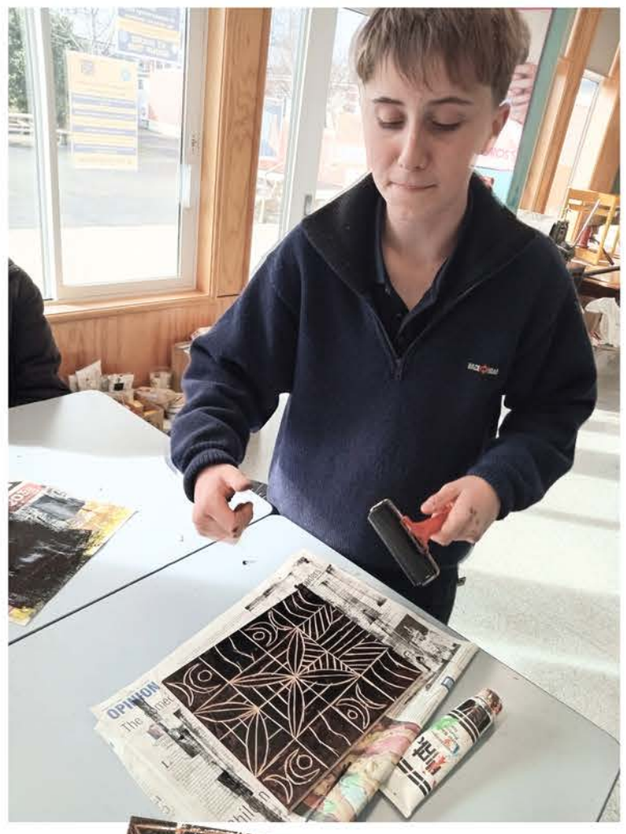
The SPEC class has continued to work on their Community Project module. This task took a bit of patience.. A few weeks ago we learned about supplying food to the community pantry and the seed swaps available locally. The class has dried tomato seeds to donate and started growing a few experiments from seed. Here we have Cooper and Peter potting pumpkin and watermelon seeds. Fast forward to this week and we have some sprouting action!



Printmaking in Year 9 and 10 Art

The 9/10 printmaking class has finished their 3 colour reduction prints!
A learning curve, some hard mahi, brilliant finished results. Rory Lister (right) is working on his project and below are some finished works by Matthew Greer and Jasmyn Durham.







Articles & Reports

Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages. Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz

Genesis Deadline Monday at noon



News from the Trenches

It's ok, it's ok your security blanket has returned. The sun will come up this week. Your source of everything credible has returned with all the news from the RSA. And there is lots to report.
We are just putting together the final touches on a Quiz night to be held on the next few weeks so get your team of 4 lined up to compete for the brainiest title. Based on normal chats at RSA there is unbelievable amount of knowledge floating around. There will be auction items to purchase. Stand by for all the details next week column. This will be a night to remember. We have the cleverest Quiz Master lining up the questions
First thing on Friday morning we had to undertake an emergency welfare check on a couple of RSA members, namely Bruce Good and Tanya Manson as they had suffered some anguish last Thursday due to their beloved footy team folding like a pack of cards. Speaking of rugby, our NPC Comp is suddenly got much harder this week to pick the results. The scores will be covered up very shortly and then the heat goes on the leader. At this stage Lammy has got a sneaky lead, but will he fold under the pressure. There is a pack closing in on him and there are a few who haven't played their joker yet for double points. One who shall we refer to as Caramel Square is lurking. There was a rumor his partner forgot to turn on the slow cooker to cook some Silverside for tea. So that person has a new nickname.
Also getting close to the maximum level is the Joker Draw which should hit that stage in the next 3 or 4 weeks. The membership draw has been struck regularly recently based on the large number attending Thursday night raffles.
Finally the Spuds for the Spud Comp will be arriving in the new few weeks so make sure you have your ground prepared to make some whoppers.
Just remember Age isn't important unless you are a cheese. Take it easy. *Private Spike Pike*

Milton Indoor Bowls

The last Championship event for the season was played at the Bowling Club last Tuesday night. One team from each club was eligible to play and they were Glenledi: Graeme Hill, Russell Copland, Maree Hill, Lynne Copland, Milton Country Club: Gary Foster, Ray Low, Raymond Perry, Carol Rutherford, and Moneymore: Alistair Allison, Alwyn Read, Bronwyn Woodhead, and Judith Hand.

Round 1: Glenledi bye. Moneymore 7, Milton Country Club 4.
Round 2: Moneymore bye, Glenledi 12, Milton Country Club 1.
Round 3: Moneymore 6, Glenledi 5.
Final: Moneymore (2 Lives) 8, Glenledi 2,

The final night of the South Otago 5's were played on Thursday night, Clutha Valley were the winners with 95 points. Very close and only one point behind was Glenledi with 94 points. Moneymore ended up in 8th place with 63 and Country Club were right behind them with 56. Clutha Valley hold the Freebowl Challenge and Glenledi the J.T. Sanson Cup.

On Saturday the South Otago champion drawn Triples were played at Clinton. Local player Peter Grant skipped the runnerup team which included Natalie Paterson and Nola Anderson.

Toko Golf Club Results

18th August - Stableford

J Green	36 stbs
L. Mitchell	33 stbs
H. Vollweiler	29 stbs
M. Cain	26 stbs

Longest Putt - L. Mitchell

Genesis Deadline - Monday at noon

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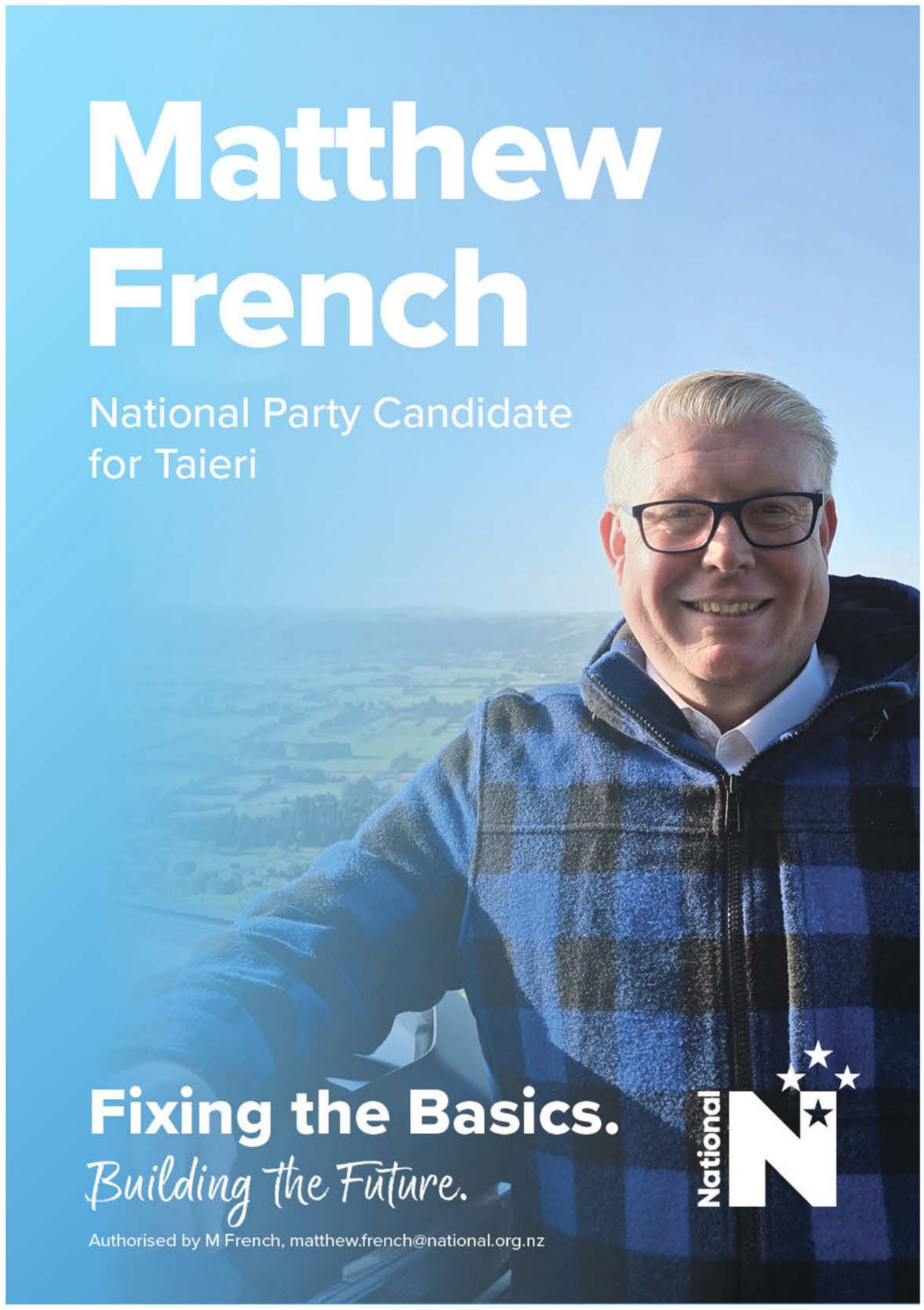

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- People who have experience in one or more forms of art.
- People from a range of communities.
- People with specific cultural knowledge relevant to the arts.
- People of all ages. We would particularly like to include young people on the committee!

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Signing up: If you're interested, contact the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator at Council by phoning 0800 801 350, or email **help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz** before 5pm on **6 September 2026.**

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Do you have a creative arts project in mind?

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The Clutha District Creative Communities Scheme final 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.

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