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Kia ora koutou, Bula Vinaka, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Malo ni, Fakalofa Atu

On behalf of the Safekids Aotearoa team, we hope that this newsletter finds you and your whānau well this Summer.

Safekids Tūmatakahuki: Policy Watch covers the latest news, research and policy development relevant to our work. It highlights issues that influence unintentional child injuries which directly or indirectly impact child, youth and whānau wellbeing. We send out our updates as a monthly newsletter which you can subscribe to [here](#).

The Meaning Behind the Name

Tūmatakahuki is a vertical stake (rod) that passes down the middle of all well-made traditional tukutuku panels. Tukutuku panelling is a traditional Māori art form that is part of the traditional wall

construction used inside Whare tīpuna (meeting houses). The stake is fixed to the face of the panel's horizontal rods by a special stitch. The stitch is considered to have a decorative function, however, its purpose is fundamental to the structural integrity of the **tukutuku** panel by securing the horizontal rods in place.

The purpose behind an important piece that binds the structure of the **tukutuku** panel enables the different aka (vines) to be weaved through each rod. In this way, the **tūmatakahuki** ensures the structure is solid, safe and integral. We hope that this newsletter is stake that solidifies and strengthens our unintentional injury network. It aims to protect our young tamariki from preventable harm.



Ngā tūmatakahuki o Safekids Aotearoa

Whānau stories

We love helping to tell the stories of people in our community.

You can watch some of our whānau stories on our [Facebook page](#) or on [our website](#).

Keep an eye out for more of our stories coming to a screen near you soon.

If you want to get involved and tell your story or have people in your lives who have interesting stories to tell, get in touch with us at safekidsaotearoa@adhb.govt.nz.

Web-Hui Series

We have now completed five web hui and collaborated with four organisations from government agencies to specialists in their own fields. We would like thank AT Transport, Sittight, The National Burns Centre, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Whats to come you ask? This year we will be focusing on research pieces that supports the kaupapa of Child Injury, we have Mātauranga Māori pieces and also research that we have been involved in. Make sure to stay tuned in for these web hui announcements.

Until then, below is recordings to our Web Hui's from July until now. Please feel free to share it amongst your team and let us know if you have any questions.

Click the playlist below.

[Playlist](#)

COVID-19

With Aotearoa currently in the new Traffic Light system we are slowly adjusting and starting to move around. During this time we all still need to be vigilant and keep track of where we have been and where

we are going. Symptoms of COVID-19 include **fever, a new or worsening cough, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, sore throat and shortness of breath.**

If you experience any of the symptoms aforementioned please get tested stay home and call Healthline on **0800 358 5453** or your doctor if you are still feeling unwell, especially if you have the symptoms noted above. Healthline is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also refer to the [official COVID-19 website](#) for more information.

Let's do it for our community, for our families and ourselves.

#ProtectOurWhakapapa



[Child and Whānau-Centred Policy](#)

Quantifying fatal and non-fatal drowning in children under five in Aotearoa, New Zealand

Water Safety New Zealand has collaborated with leading Australian researcher, Dr Amy Peden from the University of New South Wales, to quantify fatal and non-fatal drowning in children under five in Aotearoa.

The research analysed fatal and non-fatal (hospitalisations and ACC claims) drowning of children aged 0-4 years, between 2005 and 2019.

Across that period (2005-2019), there were 557 drowning incidents, of which 89 were fatal, and 468 required hospitalisation. Boys accounted for almost 63 per cent of drowning deaths, and one-year-olds were 4.5 times more likely to drown than four-year-olds.

Home swimming pools, including portable pools, pose the greatest risk of fatal drowning among children under five, followed by inland still waters (ponds) and domestic locations.

You can read the full research [here](#).

Te Ao Kohatu – Principled framing of best practice with mokopuna Māori

The purpose of this literature review was to:

- Examine the national and international literature on Indigenous theoretical frameworks and their applications to social work practice.
- Discuss this literature in relation to Aotearoa New Zealand’s statutory Child Youth and Family Indigenous and Bicultural Principled Framework (Strategic and Practice) (IBPF) within the context of advancing mokopuna and whānau wellbeing.

Sections 1 and 2 of this report examines the position of Indigenous children within the statutory child welfare system internationally, and then within Aotearoa New Zealand. Section 3 describes the role of the statutory child welfare system in Aotearoa New Zealand, specifically looking at the development and applications of Indigenous social work frameworks within statutory social work. Section 4 discusses the development and need for indigenous social work theoretical and practice frameworks. Finally, section 5 comments on changes within the Aotearoa New Zealand child welfare system within the context of advancing mokopuna and whānau well being

You can read the report [here](#).

Te Toka Tūmoana - Tangata Whenua and Bicultural Principled Wellbeing Framework

This paper provides an overview of how Te Toka Tūmoana - Tangata Whenua and Bicultural Principled Wellbeing Framework was developed by Child, Youth and Family (CYF) for internal use by practitioners. Grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi (1840), *Pūao-Te-Ata-Tū* (1988) and the Child, Young Persons and Their Families Act (1989), Te Toka Tūmoana responded to CYF’s priority to “work together with Māori” embedded in their *Mā Mātou, Mā Tātou Strategic Plan* (2012).

The paper describes the engagement approach used to develop this bi-cultural framework, which was intended for use both at a strategic and practice level. The four key phases to the work were:

1. A bicultural approach to developing Te Ao Māori wellbeing principles
2. Meeting at the Border
3. Co-construction
4. Triangulation

You can read the full report [here](#).

Annual Update of Key Results 2020/21: New Zealand Health Survey

The Annual Data Explorer presents results from the 2020/21 New Zealand Health Survey, with comparisons to earlier surveys where possible. Results are available by gender, age group, ethnic group, neighbourhood deprivation and disability status.

Overview of key findings

- **Most New Zealanders are in good health**
- **Psychological distress among adults has increased over time**
- **Smoking rates have decreased and e-cigarette use has increased**
- **One in five adults have a hazardous drinking pattern**
- **Obesity has increased in both adults and children since 2019/20**
- **Some household food insecurity indicators improved in 2020/21**
- **About one in 10 adults reported cost as a barrier to seeing a GP**
- **One in 100 children had an unfilled prescription due to cost**
- **Barriers to primary care due to COVID-19**

You can find the full results [here](#).

Te Rau Tira Wellbeing Outcomes Report 2021

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission have the role of monitoring and advocating for improved wellbeing for people in Aotearoa, and the He Ara Oranga Wellbeing Outcomes Framework provides the basis for doing that.

The framework looks at wellbeing through 12 domains: six from a Te Ao Māori perspective and six from a shared perspective, for everyone in Aotearoa. Through data and stories from across the motu, this report highlights where wellbeing is good, and where it is not. The Māori perspective reveals a growing cultural and collective strength that can enable Māori to determine their own future. The shared perspective show that, for many of us, Aotearoa is a great place to live, but we see large differences in wellbeing for marginalised populations. We know already that the burden of disease and the wider wellbeing effects of COVID-19 are being felt more heavily by some groups. These effects will become even more apparent over time.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Upcoming events and conferences



Australasian Road Safety Conference 2022 (28-30th September)

For more info [click here](#)

Safety 2022 - 14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (27th - 30 November)

For more info [click here](#)

If you have an event that you would like us to share email it to safekidsaotearoa@adhb.govt.nz.

Submissions & Bills to add your voice to

[Oranga Tamariki Amendment Bill](#)

This bill amends the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 by partially repealing the subsequent-child provisions, repealing a redundant information-sharing provision, and amending technical errors and ambiguities.

Status: Select Committee

[Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System and Children and Young People's Commission Bill](#)

This bill provides for independent monitoring and complaints oversight for Oranga Tamariki, and greater advocacy for children's and young people's issues generally through the creation of a new Children and

Young People's Commission.

Status: Select Committee

[Pae Ora \(Healthy Futures\) Bill](#)

This bill provides for a new structure and new accountability arrangements for the publicly-funded health system, in order to protect, promote, and improve the health of all New Zealanders.

Status: Select Committee

[Hazardous Substances and New Organisms \(Hazardous Substances Assessments\) Amendment Bill](#)

This bill amends the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 to improve the assessment and reassessment of hazardous substances.

Status: Select Committee

[Social Security \(Subsequent Child Policy Removal\) Amendment Bill](#)

This bill proposes to remove the subsequent child policy from the Social Security Act 2018 and Social Security Regulations 2018. The amendment removes the current penalty that kicks in for parents having an additional child while on a benefit.

Status: Royal Assent

[Sunscreen \(Product Safety Standard\) Bill](#)

This bill requires the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to recommend the setting of mandatory regulation under section 29 of the Fair Trading Act 1986 prescribing a product safety standard for sunscreen products.

Status: Committee of whole House

[Plain Language Bill](#)

This bill promotes the use of plain English in official documents and websites.

Status: First Reading

[Accident Compensation \(Maternal Birth Injury and Other Matters\) Amendment Bill](#)

The main objectives of this bill are to provide more equitable coverage for injuries covered by the Accident Compensation Scheme, and to provide greater clarity for claimants, and to better give effect to the policy intent of the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

Status: Select Committee

Product recalls

The following products have been recalled in the month (click on the title for full details):

[Mattel Fisher-Price Dots and Spots Puppy Deluxe Swing \(Plug adapter\)](#)

The swing was supplied with an overseas plug-in adaptor which is not designed for use in New Zealand.

If used with an incompatible power source there is an increased risk of electric shock, which can cause serious injury or death.

[Farmers - Sportspower Rosemead 5 Station Swingset \(Check the Slide\)](#)

Slide may be scratched or gouged due to the way it's been packed in the box.

The damage to the plastic slide may have created sharp plastic on the slides surface that could cause cuts.

[West Avenue 1.8m & 2.1m Snow Tipped Artificial Christmas Trees](#)

The trees have polystyrene artificial snow on the tips of the branches that can easily come loose and dislodge.

If the small artificial snow pieces come loose, they may pose a choking / suffocation hazard for young children, which can lead to injury or death.

[Huggies Thick Baby Wipes - Limited Edition: 'Tropical The Little Mermaid' and 'Toy Story, Rex \(dinosaur\)' designs](#)

It has been identified that a bacterium (*burkholderia cepacia*) may be present in the wipes from the above batches.

Whilst this bacterium poses little medical risk to healthy people, it may cause serious infections or health complications in those with weakened immune systems.



News from across the whenua

[Respect for water paramount to preventing drownings](#)

An Otago University professor who specialises in Māori water safety research says fatal drownings can be prevented if people have a greater understanding of respect for the water.

[Concerns Kiwis losing ability to swim as 27 people dead in water incidents already this summer](#)

There are concerns New Zealanders are losing their ability to swim as the country faces the highest number of drownings in years.

So far this summer, 27 people have died in water-related incidents - and now there are calls for the Government to subsidise swimming lessons for all school children to stop the problem before it gets out of control.

[Plunket staff to learn more Māori mātauranga under new partnership](#)

Whānau Āwhina Plunket staff will learn more about te ao Māori and ways to engage with Māori whānau under a new partnership. It comes after Plunket, the largest Well Child services provider, was found to be failing Māori, Pasifika, and disabled children with outdated practices that were not culturally inclusive.

[Children aged 10-13 thrown from car, critical after Matamata crash](#)

Five young children were seriously injured after they were flung from their vehicle in a crash near Matamata.

Arriving at the scene about 11.55pm yesterday (27th December 2021), police found the Nissan Tiida in a ditch on Morrinsville-Walton Rd with the five children - aged 10 to 13 - outside the car.

[Child dies at public swimming pool in Christchurch](#)

A child has died at a public swimming pool in Christchurch on Wednesday (22nd December)afternoon.

[Health literacy plan to help public navigate medical information](#)

To enable people with low literacy levels to negotiate and fully participate in their own health journey, a health literacy initiative is being introduced in South Canterbury.

South Canterbury District Health Board (SCDHB) Consumer Council members Joy Sylvia and Gareth Ford developed the Health Literacy project – Te Whakapai Ake i te Reo Matatini o te Hapori which will be implemented from January 2022.

[Five children dead, several critical after jumping castle blown into air at Tasmanian primary school](#)

A Tasmanian community has been rocked by grief after a jumping castle was blown into the air at a Devonport primary school, leaving five children dead and several in hospital.

[Ka Pai Kai healthy eating workshops reaching schools around East Cape](#)

Nutritious kai and kōrero have proved “ka pai” with tamariki from some of the region's most remote schools.

As part of the region's manawakura approach to the Healthy Active Learning initiative.

[Child airlifted to hospital, driver critically injured after Wellington crash](#)

A child has been airlifted to Hutt Hospital and a driver critically injured after a two-car crash near Naenae. A third person was also injured in the crash at the intersection of Cambridge Tce and Fisk St.

