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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 winter.

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 enable the different aka (vines) to be weaved through each rod. In this way, the **tūmatakahuki** ensures the structure is solid, safe and integral.



Ngā tūmatakahuki o Safekids Aotearoa

Upcoming web hui

The next Safekids Aotearoa Web Hui is happening on **Thursday 26 August 2021**, focusing on inanimate mechanical forces. You may be thinking, what does that mean? This refers to jammed fingers, furniture tip-overs or a child running into a glass door.

Register below to join us as we explore this topic in the home setting. We hope to add to your kete of tamariki home safety knowledge through our data, key safety messages and tips.

As always you can find more information and safety resources on [our website](#).

[Register Now](#)



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.

COVID-19

With Aotearoa currently at level 1, 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, sore throat and shortness of breath.**

If you experience any of the symptoms aforementioned please stay home and call Healthline on **0800 358 5453** or your doctor if you are 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

Implementation effectiveness of health interventions with Māori communities.

This study aimed to provide the perspectives of health professionals about the implementation and effectiveness of health interventions for Māori communities. Health professionals are the frontline individuals who deliver the interventions, and this study provides their perceptions within the New Zealand context.

This study identified that the most important features for implementing health interventions with Māori communities from a health professional's perspective related to the process by which the intervention was developed, engagement with the community (including community autonomy), and effective teamwork. This study has highlighted key areas of implementation that are not always discussed or considered and contributes to the body of literature that challenges the traditional top-down approach.

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

Bula Sautu a window on quality 2021: Pacific health in the year of COVID-19

Bula Sautu uses national data to show the complex contributing factors that impact on health for Pacific peoples, from maternity to end of life, using a life-course approach. The report brings together a diverse range of Pacific health and equity experts to share their views of how effectively (or ineffectively) the health system is performing for Pacific peoples.

Bula Sautu shows some of the worst inequities in our health care system but also profiles providers, communities and individuals responding creatively, brilliantly and vibrantly within the constraints imposed upon them. The report shows how our mainstream health system is designed neither for nor with Pacific peoples and is failing to meet Pacific needs.

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

Funding to Māori Health Providers 2015/16 to 2019/20

This report shows information on funding to Māori health providers by the Ministry of Health and District Health Boards (DHBs) for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20. This report follows on from their report in 2017 on the same topic and is part of their monitoring of Whakamaua: Māori Health Action Plan 2020-2025.

The types of services delivered by Māori providers include health priorities from:

- child health,
- oral health,
- maternity,
- community health,
- specialist medicine,
- mental health,
- health of older people,
- public health and
- disability.

Services delivered by Māori health providers are generally targeted towards Māori, Pacific and high-needs communities.

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

Upcoming events and conferences



Auckland Home Safety Workshop (September)

more info [click here](#)

Kaikohe Home Safety Workshop (22 September)

more info [click here](#)

Pacific Language weeks

more info [click here](#)

Auckland Traumatic Brain Injury Wānanga (September)

more info [click here](#)

Pasifika Medical Association Conference 2021 Reconnect, Reflect, Reframe, Re-

energise (8-10 September)

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

[Fair Trading Amendment Bill](#)

This bill amends the Fair Trading Act 1986 to introduce new protections against unfair practices by prohibiting unconscionable conduct in trade and by extending the Act's existing protections against unfair contract terms in standard form consumer contracts to also apply to small trade contracts. This bill also strengthens the ability of consumers to require uninvited direct sellers to leave or not enter their property.

Status: Third Reading

[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: First Reading

[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: Select Committee

[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: Select Committee

Product recalls

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

[Trade Aid - pink doll and rabbit toys with kapok filling](#)

The back of the toys have two small buttons sewn into the back of them. Buttons can come off and may pose a choking hazard to young children.

[Candy Guitar Toy](#)

The toy does not comply with the safety standard and may release small parts that could pose a choking hazard to young children (under 36 months).

[Patrol Dogs Toy Set - Motion Toy](#)

The toy can release small parts that may pose a choking hazard to young children.

[Bargain City - Locomotive Train Toy](#)

This toy has small parts that can easily break away. Safety issues associated with this toy that could create a choking risk for children aged 36 months and under.

[Bargain City - Musical Bumblebee toy](#)

This toy has small parts that can easily break away. Safety issues associated with this toy that could create a choking risk for children aged 36 months and under.



News from across the whenua

[Dosed to near death: New study into paracetamol poisoning in NZ children](#)

A common painkiller is sending a steady stream of New Zealand children to the liver transplant waiting list and now a new study is hoped to stem the tide.

[Underfunding Māori healthcare costs Māori and the economy \\$5 billion a year](#)

A new report has found Māori healthcare is massively underfunded and \$1 billion in extra investment a year would save the country \$5 billion a year in health-related costs.

[Collaboration the key to change for Pacific Health](#)

Collaboration will be the key to change New Zealand's Pacific health inequities, according to the country's largest network of healthcare professionals.

[Well Child Tamariki Ora programme redesign to better meet needs of Māori children](#)

Well Child Tamariki Ora will be redesigned to better meet the needs of Māori children after a review found the Ministry of Health was inconsistently meeting its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

[Iwi research centre awarded \\$5m to support better Māori health](#)

An iwi-owned research institute in Whanganui has received \$5 million in health research funding for a five-year programme to drive better health outcomes for Māori.

[Plunket admits it has been failing Māori and Pacific babies, including high needs children](#)

Whānau Āwhina Plunket is the largest provider of Well Child Tamariki Ora health services nationally, covering about 85 per cent of the population.

But a review of the programme for under-fives has found it has been falling short for Māori, Pacific, disabled and high needs children and whānau.

[Māmā Aroha offers help for new mums](#)

Gisborne mums are portrayed as role models in the world's first indigenous breastfeeding app, Mama Aroha, for breastfeeding mothers. The app is a digital version of Amy Wray's "Breastfeeding Talk Cards" which have been helping midwives and mothers across New Zealand for over 10 years

['Heartbreaking': Two-thirds of Pacific kids have tooth decay by age 5](#)

Pacific kids are twice as likely to have tooth decay at age 5 than non-Māori, non-Pacific kids, a figure a dentist says is "heartbreaking".

[Child poverty rises since lockdown: report](#)

An estimated 18,000 children have been pushed into poverty since the first lockdown, Maori and Pasifika bearing the brunt. That is according to modelling in a report from Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG).

[Communities of practice for supporting rangatahi](#)

Oranga Tamariki had regional hui hosted with partner organisations that have provided an opportunity to share ways of working and whanaungatanga between kaimahi in each rohe, and fostered a community of practice to impact rangatahi.

