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Farewell dear Alan...we will miss you...



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Dr Alan Parsons who died on 9th February after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Alan's contribution and commitment to child injury prevention has spanned many decades through his involvement with NPiS and Kidsafe Taranaki, as well as his contributions to strategic policy development at a national level. Alan was often visible at national meetings, conferences and events as well as supporting local Kidsafe Taranaki and NPiS projects and activities. It is a wonder that he ever found time to carry out his 'day job' as Head of Paediatrics! Tributes to Alan have acknowledged his leadership in the field of child health and injury prevention. He will be remembered for his integrity, passion, enthusiasm and humour...and of course his trademark footwear of "socks and roman sandals"!!! Rest in Peace Alan.

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Coming Up: Suicide Prevention Seminar



Dr Paul Quinnett will be visiting New Plymouth on 16th March to present a seminar that explores the challenges and opportunities for the detection, assessment and management of suicidal patients in primary care and community settings. Dr Quinnett (pictured left) is a clinical psychologist, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of Psychiatry in Washington, and CEO of the QPR Institute. This seminar is definitely one not to be missed!

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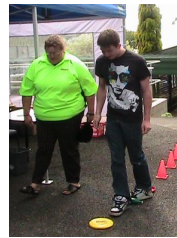
The seminar details are as follows:

Tuesday 16th March 2010, 11am - 1pm

New Plymouth District Council Chambers, Liardet St

To register please call Channa on 06 753 7777 x8792 or email npis@tdhb.org.nz.

WITT works to improve road safety!



ACC, New Plymouth Police and Roadsafes Taranaki teamed up at this year's WITT orientation day to promote road safety to new students. The fatal vision goggles were a huge success and provided Roadsafes Taranaki with an opportunity to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol and fatigue on driving.

New Plymouth Police ran a sausage sizzle alongside a crime survey, while ACC provided students with the opportunity to enter a prize draw for a \$500 Masons Appliances voucher by completing an alcohol & fatigue quiz. Jamie Roberts (pictured below with Sales Manager Colin Johnston and ACC's



Kath Forde) was the lucky winner of the voucher. 60% of those who took part (including Jamie!) answered all questions correctly. The most common misconception was that "coffee helps you to sober up".

Health Checks welcomed at Wellbeing Day



Age Concern staff, Eileen Hall and Helen Collins, were kept busy at February's Older Person's Wellbeing Day with a steady stream of people taking up the offer of a free health check. Blood pressure, blood glucose and BMI checks were on offer along with advice about general wellbeing. Other activities included Tai Chi, Keep Fit to Music and a practical mobility scooter training session. The Wellbeing Day events are held as part of our local Falls Prevention programme.



The next Wellbeing Day will be on Wednesday 31st March, 1-4pm at Life Advance Church, Ngamotu Rd, New Plymouth. All Welcome!

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