

New Plymouth iS an International Safe Community working towards being injury free

Drinking Problem?

NPiS are pleased to invite you to an **Alcohol & Community Safety Forum** hosted by SCFNZ (Safe Communities Foundation NZ) and the Alcohol Advisory Council. The seminar will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and community members to come together and explore ways that we can reduce alcohol related harm in our district.

Thursday 12th February 2009
10.45am – 2.30pm

New Plymouth District Council Chambers

For catering purposes, please register with
Craig Campbell-Smart on 06 759 6060
or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

Seat Belt Simulator takes centre stage at School Fun Day



A St Joseph's student prepares for a ride on the seatbelt simulator

Students who took part in a recent community Fun Day at St Joseph's School in Waitara found out what a car crash at 12km/h felt like thanks to Roadsafes Taranaki's seatbelt simulator. The simulator proved popular with no shortage of students volunteering to have a go. Students were strapped into the simulator which consists of a car seat that slides down an incline and stops abruptly, simulating the effect of a sudden crash. The experience highlights the valuable role that seatbelts play in preventing injury and death.

To find out more about the simulator or to arrange for it to be available at one of your own events please contact **Marion Webby on 0800 111 323**.

Keep Up with "Keeping Up"

A quarterly falls prevention network newsletter – called "Keeping Up" – is the latest initiative to come out of the local Falls Strategy Group. The newsletter, put together by NPiS, aims to share information, ideas and good practice in falls prevention across the older persons sector. The newsletter name (*Keeping Up*) was suggested by Tim Connole, a physiotherapist at Base Hospital. Tim won morning tea for his work team along with the Hawera ED team who suggested the name "Up and About" for a regular feature page in the newsletter focusing on falls prevention activities across Taranaki.



TDHB Physio & Hawera ED team enjoy a winning morning tea!

Fun Day Promotes Violence Free Message

Hundreds of families turned out to enjoy the sunshine at a recent *Family Challenge Fun Day*. The day set out to encourage families to have fun together while promoting the violence free message. Attractions included team games, bouncy castles, free ice-creams, tractor rides and a sausage sizzle. The event was organised by Taranaki Safe Families Trust, an amalgamation of the New Plymouth District Family Violence Focus Group, the Te Rito group and the South Taranaki Family Violence Network. The groups have been working in partnership for many years on initiatives to prevent family violence.



Children enjoy free rides at the Family Challenge Fun Day

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