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CELEBRATING SAFETY WEEK 2008

Well done to everyone in New Plymouth who provided such wonderful support for this year's national Safety Week (1-8 Sept). Here are just a few highlights from the week...we hope you enjoy reading about them.

NPiS Wins "Safety Week Award" and Stratford Project is Highly Commended

Once again Taranaki had a high profile at the NZ Community Safety & Injury Prevention Awards, with NPiS winning an award in Category 3 on behalf of the local work taking place on falls prevention with older people. A big congratulations to all who play a role in local falls prevention services – this award is for you!



Taranaki finalists with their certificates at the NZ Safety Awards

Central Taranaki Victim Support were also recognised with a Highly Commended award for the Stratford TET Home Safety Project which has seen fire alarms fitted into thousands of homes across the Stratford District.

Make Dad Safe Competition...



Billie Oriana Brown, aged 7 (pictured) was the lucky winner of our NZ Safety Week "Make Dad Safe" colouring competition which featured in local newspapers just prior to Safety Week. Billie won a range of safety gear to pass on to her Dad just in time for Fathers Day! Runners up were Carlie Hovell (11), Isabella Roebuck (4) and Graydon Sullivan (10)

Spotswood on a winning streak for HSE Centre Gateway Safety Challenge

Safety Week 2008 also saw the launch of the inaugural HSE Centre Gateway Safety Challenge with student teams from Spotswood College, New Plymouth Boys High, Stratford and Hawera High Schools taking part in a range of safety challenges at the innovative Taranaki HSE Centre. The challenges focused on chemical safety, first aid, home safety, road safety, ergonomics and hazard identification. Students were marked on their safety knowledge and skills, and Spotswood came out on top winning the trophy for 2008. The event was such a huge success we hope to host it again next year.



Chemical Safety Challenge



Virtual Driving Hazard Challenge

NPiS Home Safety Training Module launches for Safety Week 2008

NPiS took this year's Home Safety theme literally with the launch of their new home hazards training module at the Taranaki HSE Centre. The module fits in so well with the practical training philosophy of the HSE Centre that those taking part in the training module could be forgiven for thinking they had just walked in to someone's home!



Home Safety module 'kitchen' and 'lounge' complete with hazards!

The Home Safety training module uses practical scenarios to encourage participants to identify and modify a range of common home hazards. The HSE Gateway Challenge students were the first people to try the module and it was pleasing to see that they all scored really highly! For more information about the Home Safety module please email npis@tdhb.org.nz

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