

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

Central School re-claims their street!

Central School and NPiS Trust partners literally took to the streets to deliver a road safety message aimed at commuters who drive past the school every day. A Street Re-claiming Party, based on the ideas of David Engwicht (keynote speaker at last year's IPNANZ conference), was held on the morning of 7th November and invitations were extended to all school children, parents and staff as well as local community residents, businesses and road safety representatives.



The roadside BBQ breakfast attracted hundreds of people!

The party, supported with funding from the CAN/Living Streets Micro-fund and Roadsafes Taranaki, was based on a circus theme complete with unicyclists, clowns, face painting, juggling and lots of noise! Every driver passing through the party was given a free bottle of water, a road safety leaflet designed by the school children and a friendly invite to the party. Over the following weeks children from the school will measure vehicle speeds to see if their party has made a difference. We will keep you posted on their findings!



Juggling unicyclists and stilt walkers kept partygoers entertained

Falls Strategy partners share in NZ Safety Award Celebration



Partners involved in developing the Taranaki Falls Strategy were acknowledged for their contribution to the project with a morning tea and certificate presentation on 21st November. NPiS won an award at this year's NZ Safety Awards for their use of national strategy in guiding the development of a local Falls Prevention Strategy. Work on the Strategy has been a real joint effort and we wanted to thank the group for their support

Taranaki Falls Prevention Strategy – Update

On the subject of falls....this is a good time to provide an update on our progress against the objectives of our local **Older Persons Falls Prevention Strategy**:

- ACC have sponsored a page for NPiS on the *At Home Care* website advertising falls services
- Older Persons' Wellbeing Day held in June attracted over 200 people. Two more smaller events will be held in the summer to raise awareness of falls and how to prevent them
- Presentations on falls prevention have been delivered to a number of community groups
- A funding application has been submitted for an Older Persons Falls Prevention Coordinator to develop an integrated approach to falls prevention across the region
- A Falls Prevention newsletter is being created to share information across the sector
- NPiS are developing a Falls Information Pack including a falls prevention service directory
- NPiS are exploring the possibility of running a local Falls Awareness course for older people

Would you like to find out more about what is happening locally to prevent falls or would you like to join our Strategy Group? **Call Channa on 06 753 7777 ext 8792**

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Road Safety Trust award comes home!

Organisations and individuals involved in the KIDDS (Kids Involved in Driving Down Speed) project were acknowledged at a local ceremony in the District Council Chambers on 7th November. The event was held to present project partners with individual certificates collected at the national Road Safety Awards during September. Despite the ceremony being held just the day before the general election, local MP Harry Duynhoven found time to join in with the celebrations and present certificates.



Ex-Central KIDDS take a day out from Highlands to collect award



Central School students take up the offer of a photo with Harry!

The local presentation was a great opportunity to officially present the award to those individuals who could not attend the national ceremony in Wellington. Central School deserve a special mention for sending along ALL of their senior students to collect the award!

Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment – Update on Progress

Following the NPIS Suicide Prevention Seminar held in September, a Summary Report of the needs assessment findings is being finalised. It is hoped that this document will go to print in December and be distributed during January. A multi-agency group meeting to allow the report findings to be explored in greater detail will also be held early next year and an invitation will be sent out to all who were involved in the needs assessment process. If you would like more information on the needs assessment, or would like to be involved in this meeting, please contact **Channa on 06 753 7777 ext 8792 or email npis@tdhb.org.nz**

White Ribbon – speaking out against violence to women

This year's White Ribbon Day campaign was supported by dozens of government agencies and community organisations with a number of local activities to highlight the issue of violence against women. In New Zealand most violence against women takes place in the home with one woman killed every 28 days by their partner or ex-partners. White Ribbon Day, held on 25th November, is the international day when people wear a white ribbon to show that they do not condone violence against women.



Taranaki Safe Families members at Centre City display stand



Momentoes & Kingsway Menswear "Black to Whiteout" window display

Activities included an interactive information stall that ran from 10am-3pm at Centre City on White Ribbon Day. A number of shops in the CBD also took part in a "Black to Whiteout" window campaign while volunteers distributed white ribbons around the city centre.

"SEASONS GREETINGS FROM NPIS"

New Plymouth injury Safe Trust would like to wish you and your family/whanau a Safe and Happy Christmas.

NPIS Update will be back in 2009...



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