



PRACTICE NEWSLETTER NO.5

Xmas Reminder:

Although Xmas is still some time away it pays to plan ahead if you take medication or need regular medical attention. Remember to stock up on your medication so you don't run out over the holidays. We already have notices in the waiting room about when we will open over the holiday period. As usual the Medical and Injury Centre 98 Waimea Rd (the orange building next to A&E) will be providing urgent care if we are closed.

Practice Nurse Update:

Jodie Humphries is on maternity leave until March enjoying her new baby boy, Sonny. Raewyn Frenguelli has been our locum for the past four months. We thank her for the fantastic job she has done. Bridget James, who joined us late last year, picks up an extra day and Anna Taylor is joining us for the other three days a week. You may have met Anna while she has been getting practice nurse experience here. She has previously worked in rest homes and as a Plunket nurse. Anna has four children of her own, so her experience is invaluable to our young families.

Progress on Toyroom:

We didn't receive a lot of feedback about infection control and toys. Thank you to those who did offer opinions and suggestions. I am sorry to say that other priorities also took our focus. So while we have some ideas, we have made little progress. I am aiming for a big reveal next newsletter.



Progress on Patient Portal:

We have made much more progress here. We are evaluating a new portal product. It appears to have much higher user satisfaction and uptake than the product we had originally selected. If we can be assured it meets our very high privacy and IT security standards we will be purchasing this and making it available before the end of the year. In the next few weeks I will be emailing the 130 patients who have already let us know they want to access the portal. Health Resources at Tasman District Libraries: The Tasman District Library is offering free book hire on a range of health related titles. You must present a "Bewell Books Voucher" which is available from the surgery. Email sharon@nelsonfamilymedicine.co.nz if you would like one.

Water cooler cups:

The paper cups for the water fountain have been moved to the reception desk out of the way of small children. There will be less wastage and less risk of infection that way. We have already had one mother say she finds the waiting room more relaxing now. We will try and keep a good supply on the desk but if you don't see one just ask the receptionist for more.