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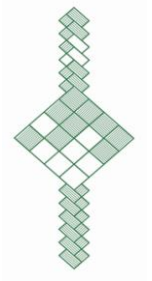
Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand

The Early Childhood Service of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu: The Correspondence School

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News Update

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REPORTS/RESEARCH/ARTICLES:

Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand – 53rd Annual Conference/AGM Hamilton Fri 15 - Sat 16 July 2016

Invitation to come present a workshop at this conference!

THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS - FRIDAY 18 MARCH.

The theme of the 53rd Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand conference is:
Te tamaiti – Whakaterehia te waka hei kohinga whetu - *Child navigating the future*

The conference will be held in at the Claudelands Conference and Exhibition Centre, Hamilton. [To find out more about the conference click here.](#)

The five workshop themes are:

- Leading teams for a sustainable future.
- Identity and culture alive! Now and in the future.
- iChild navigating the future.
- Reflecting community values in practice.
- Teaching - what matters here?

[To view the abstract details on our website click here.](#)

Submitting your abstract

Please submit your abstract by **Friday 18 March 2016** through the abstract portal.

There are significantly reduced registration fees for workshop presenters. Association members also receive a large discount on registration. [To become a member now click here!](#)

Domestic Violence: Children need to know it's not about them

From UNICEF NZ

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/77940232/domestic-violence-children-need-to-know-it-isnt-about-them>

Relationship between Poverty and Child Abuse and Neglect

From Child Wellbeing Network

A report on the *Relationship between Poverty and Child Abuse and Neglect* is now available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation website at:

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/relationship-between-poverty-child-abuse-and-neglect-evidence-review>

Poverty and child health in the UK: using evidence for action

From Child Wellbeing Network

<http://adc.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/08/archdischild-2014-306746.short?eaf>

UNICEF Submission on Parent Leave

From UNICEF NZ

Deborah Morris – UNICEF NZ says:

“While supportive of extending PPL we have also highlighted the need for a universal approach to provision in the first 6 months of life and the fact that some families are ineligible for support.”

You can access a short video on UNICEF’s submission on Paid Parental Leave here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFaC0AVzxGI>

EVENTS/MEETINGS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES:

Evidence to Action Conference 2016 – Evidence: It’s how you use it that matters

5th April 2016 - Te Papa, Wellington

From Child Wellbeing Network http://www.superu.govt.nz/evidence_to_action_2016

This full day event aims to deliver rich insights from international and local thought leaders on evidence-based decision making.

International keynote - Ron Haskins, who will be speaking on evidence-based social policy under the Obama Administration.

Other local and international speakers include: Professor Kristy Muir, Parekawhia Mclean and Laura Black. Plus a full programme of interactive sessions.

The conference will bring together social sector policy-makers, programme funders, programme developers, programme providers, researchers and evaluators and best practice developers and advocates in the field of evidence-based decision making to debate, discuss and share information and experiences.

Tick for Kids Campaign

From Every Child Counts NZ

The next Tick for Kids meeting is on the 4th April at 12.30, in Wellington (video conference is available in Auckland, and teleconference for those outside of Wellington and Auckland).

The meeting will discuss a local body election campaign plan and Tick for Kids position statements.

All are welcome, if you would like to come along please get in touch (Lisa - 021 1228 273)

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Bulk discounts are being offered for registrations made from the same centre/organisation. These discounts are available at either early bird or regular rates.

Register four people and get the fifth at half price OR register six or more people and get one full registration free.

Hui E! - Events

National Umbrellas/ Networking meeting - Wellington

Wednesday April 6 at St Johns in the City.

This will be the third meeting of national umbrella or networking groups across the Sector. We're looking at issues around contracting, and our priorities as a sector, looking ahead to the next General Election.

Ethnic Migrant and Refugee Communities Engagement Summit - Auckland

Theme: *"I know what the Media tells you, but do you know Who I Am?"*

Saturday April 30, 2016 9am to 4pm

Venue: WG308 Sir Paul Reeves Building, AUT – 2 Governor Fitzroy Place, Auckland

The purpose of the summit is: To create a platform for better understanding and engagement, and celebrate the role of the many cultural groupings within New Zealand society. To build a sense of unity among other peoples, to explore how they can contribute and add value to the community and to the nation. Keynote Speech – Dame Susan Devoy

The day will have three main sessions:

1. Cultural and Ethnic communities and their engagement with Maori and the Treaty of Waitangi
2. Cultural and Ethnic communities' perceptions and understandings of themselves and of each other
3. Cultural and Ethnic communities and the media. There will be performances from members of the community, and an opportunity to network.

For catering purposes please register at: www.ethniccommunitiesforum.org.nz by the 15th of April.

JOBS:

Early Childhood Education Adviser

Are you a committed professional, passionate about making a lasting difference for children? The New Zealand Aid Programme and UNICEF are looking for an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Adviser to support their ECE Programme in Eastern Indonesia. The Adviser will provide fly-in/fly-out and remote support to UNICEF as they deliver the programme. Interested? Sign up to: <https://www.gets.govt.nz/NZAID/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=17265975> for more information on the role and to apply. **Deadline 5pm, 5 April 2016.**

NEWSLETTERS

Child Wellbeing Network Bulletin-Feb/March 2016

<http://www.pha.org.nz/cwn-bulletin/cwn-18.html>

A Better Start – National Science Challenge to reduce obesity and improve learning and mental health in children - Update

<http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7f4a59911f15478b5208c2238&id=94fd139d0f&e=d3bab5507d>

LEGISLATION

Child protection policies requirement

From Kathryn Norris, Service Design Programme Director, Children's Action Plan Directorate

"I am pleased to let you know the Minister for Social Development Anne Tolley has announced an extension of the child protection policies requirement in the Vulnerable Children Act 2014. [You can find her media statement here.](#)

As you know, under the Act 2014, state-funded organisations that deal directly with children are already required to have child protection policies.

From 18 April 2016, organisations that deliver family violence, victims of crime, addiction and mental health services to adults living in households with children, and which receive government funding, will also be required to have policies in place.

This is great news because these services have significant contact with families and children and regularly work in situations where child vulnerability is present.

It will make more children safe.

Organisations are required to have child protection policies in place as soon as practicable after 18 April. State services and district health boards will require these service types to have child protection policies in place as part of their contractual or funding arrangements with the providers.

Here's a link to our website: www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz “

The Education Legislation Bill

From Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/legislation/education-legislation-bill/>

The Education Legislation Bill was introduced on 26 November 2015. Go to the [Education Legislation Bill](#).

The Bill amends several Acts, including some parts of the Education Act 1989. **These changes are different to the proposals currently being consulted on to update the Education Act 1989.** No decisions on the update will be made until after the consultation closes on 14 December. No legislation to update the Act on the matters being consulted on in the update will be introduced until 2016.

Amendments covered in the Education Legislation Bill

- Enabling a principal to manage more than one school;
- Varying school opening hours;
- Enabling the use of national student numbers in online learning;
- Enabling the Secretary of Education to approve terms and conditions of employment additional to those in applicable collective agreements (concurrence);
- Managing school Boards of Trustees' payrolls
- Allowing Tertiary Education Institutions to sponsor partnership schools/kura hourua;
- Enabling home-based early childhood education services to offer out of school care at the same time;
- Strengthening and modernising the framework for Tertiary Education Institutions' investment in related entities;
- Streamlining the process for setting conditions on fees charged to domestic tertiary students;
- Updating the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Maori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Act 1945;
- Updating the Pacific Islands Polynesian Education Foundation Act 1972