



## THE PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

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### President's Post ANZAC Greetings to All

I trust many of you had last weekend off and could reflect on the legacy our ancestors have given us. My grandad survived Paschendale and visiting Flanders and ANZAC cove are enduring memories I have had along with many Kiwi's. Thanks to all those that worked in our health system - one we can be very proud of.

We now enter level 3 of the COVID journey.

There are many positives for children given the lack of serious illness from COVID-19. But that does not diminish our need to maintain business as usual to ensure our tamariki get the best start in life.

Read this international referenced summary of what we know so far:

<https://dontforgetthebubbles.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-data-top-10.pdf>

WCTO guidance came out last week for level 3.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-resources-health-professionals/covid-19-well-child-tamariki-ora>

I encourage our members / child health workers to request face to face review if you feel this is required. The community COVID-19 levels are very low and this means safe assessment in the homes of pepi is possible.

NZCOM have written guidance including a schedule of visits.

<https://www.midwife.org.nz/midwives/covid-19/guidance-for-community-midwifery-care-during-the-Covid-19-pandemic/>

Early discharge from birthing facilities is putting pressure on LMC's. I am aware of several admissions locally with weight loss over 12.5% and hypernatraemic dehydration - use the practice recommendation developed by the Newborn Network in 2019, and get cases reviewed so improvements in service delivery can be made.

<https://www.starship.org.nz/guidelines/practice-recommendations-for-weight-loss-dehydration-and-hypernatraemic>

Kidshealth have engaged with the others to develop a range of COVID-19 information for families accessed at and spread the word.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/search/node/covid-19>

Contact Katherine Lissienko [KatherineL@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:KatherineL@adhb.govt.nz) if you think anything else would be helpful.

The Paediatric Society Council meet every 6-8 weeks and last met on the 14th April. There we considered the 2020 Annual scientific meeting which was planned for Rotorua in November. The decision was made to postpone that meeting until 2021, given the many unknowns we face.

We will be holding an Annual General Meeting likely by zoom in November as this is a requirement of our constitution. We will be working on ways to make this a memorable event!

The Paediatric Society Council has engaged Danny De Lore to help us find a name for the Society in Te reo. He has done research and taken cultural advice. The favoured option is a literal translation.

Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa.

This will be ratified at the AGM. We will be exploring ways to incorporate it into our Comms and Graphics etc.

Keep reading Denise's posts done on members behalf. The work to enhance the website is ongoing and should be completed by July when we will share the improvements.

Kia Kaha  
Nicola Austin  
President  
1st May 2020