



Harper St Health Newsletter

Kia ora and Welcome to our first Newsletter.

Our plan is to provide a Newsletter every 3 months, this gives us the opportunity to reflect on what has past and plan for what is yet to come.

This past year has been exceptional to say the least. One year ago Covid-19 would not have been a part of our vocabulary, and Corona....well that was a beer 😊.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for bearing with us during the past several months as we worked on alternative ways to deliver safe and effective healthcare. A lot of what was put in place has worked extremely well and this has provided us with invaluable insight into what our patients like.

Therefore, to provide flexibility, we are committed to have our phone consultations continuing where appropriate.

Nurse Practitioner

We congratulate Julie on gaining her qualification as a Nurse Practitioner. This provides our patients with the opportunity of a male or female provider. Julie is able to diagnose, treat or refer just as a General Practitioner would.

Reception

We welcome Tara back. Tara will be working in reception for a few hrs each Monday.

MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) National Campaign

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Health is currently running a campaign regarding Measles Immunisations. The target group at present are those aged between 15-29 years who may not have been vaccinated as a child, or only received 1 vaccination. We are currently working through our records to identify those people and we will be in contact with you. We would strongly encourage you to take up this free vaccination and help keep our community safe.

Childhood Vaccination Programme

October has seen the roll out of changes to the childhood vaccination programme. Children will now be offered vaccinations at 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months, 12 months, 15 months, 4 years and 11 years of age.

Our Practice Nurse Aimee has been busy contacting parents of children that are eligible for a Measles vaccination, due to these changes.

Changes to the Privacy Act

December will see changes to the Privacy Act 2020 come into effect. These changes are being made to make sure that the legislation is in line with new technology and the way that businesses now operate.

Your privacy is paramount, and to that end, we would encourage patients to register to use our patient portal. This allows you to review your results and consultation notes, make appointments (when Covid is stable) arrange for repeat prescriptions and communicate with your health professional (fee for services may apply). Ask at reception for assistance or further information.

We would ask that you refrain from sending emails into the reception email.

Bowel Screening

The National Bowel Screening Programme is now live and those eligible will have received or be receiving their kits. We would encourage you to participate in this screening programme.

Holiday Period

We are hopefully heading into a nice warm summer with evening rains (for the farmers), this is a timely reminder to be safe in the sun.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable, safe and Covid free Christmas and New Year break.

Harper St Health will be open for business as below

Date	We will be open or closed	Operating times
Thursday 24 th December 2020	Open	8.30am to 5.00pm
Friday 25 th December 2020	Closed	
Saturday 26 th December 2020	Closed	
Sunday 27 th December 2020	Closed	
Monday 28 th December 2020	Closed	
Tuesday 29 th December 2020	Open	9.00am to 5.00pm
Wednesday 30 th December 2020	Open	8.30am to 5.00pm
Thursday 31 st December 2020	Open	8.30am to 5.00pm
Friday 1 st January 2021	Closed	
Saturday 2 nd January 2021	Closed	
Sunday 3 rd January 2021	Closed	
Monday 4 th January 2021	Closed	

Returning to normal hrs 5th January 2021