

### **New Hastings Plunket clinic a welcoming environment for whānau**

The Whānau Āwhina Plunket team in Hastings is welcoming whānau through the doors of new premises on Saint Aubyn Street after it officially opened to the community this week.

With external works now complete, the clinic replaces the old location on Avenue Road East.

The local Plunket team gathered at the clinic recently for a special dawn blessing performed by Pou Ahurea, Tiwana Aranui from Te Whatu Ora Hawke's Bay.

Whānau Āwhina Plunket Property Manager, Lindsay Seddon is thrilled to see the clinic somewhere more accessible for families while still remaining in a central location.

“Previously, we were tucked away behind other shops. Now we are easier to find and right next to Totara Health, Hastings Health Centre and a pharmacy, which will be especially convenient for whānau.

“The local primary care facilities are excited to have us there and this will be an opportunity to build stronger relationships with them.”

Hawke's Bay Clinical Services Manager, Debs Higgins says the new location is user-friendly for both families and staff.

“There are four large, bright clinic areas for whānau with dedicated parking at the front of the building. Te Whatu Ora run a weekly immunisation clinic in collaboration with us, so it will be great having a bigger space to accommodate whānau groups attending.

“We are delighted to support whānau and tamariki in such a homely and welcoming environment.”

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**Photo caption:** From left to right - Wendy Allen (Clinical Leader), laesha Puata (Health Worker), Vicki Lidington (Clinical Leader), Carla Pegg (Health Worker), Tiwana Aranui (Pou Ahurea, Te Whatu Ora Hawke's Bay), Vicky Van der Meulen (Plunket Nurse), Debs Higgins (Clinical Services Manager) and Chivon Pohe (Kaiāwhina)

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### **About Whānau Āwhina Plunket**

Pēpi, tamariki and whānau are at the heart of Whānau Āwhina Plunket. The charity is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest health and wellbeing support service for tamariki – seeing 290,000 under-fives. About 80% of newborns are enrolled with Whānau Āwhina Plunket each year. Our nurses provide clinical assessments, and along with Kaiāwhina and Community Karitāne, support whānau and families, through home and clinic visits. PlunketLine 0800 933 922 is a free 24/7 telephone advice service for parents and whānau, where callers can speak to a registered nurse for advice, or call the Admin Line on 0800 184 803 to make an appointment in your area. Our website [plunket.org.nz](http://plunket.org.nz) is one of the country's most widely read digital child health resources, with 1.8 million visits each year. It is available data-free through the Zero Data portal at [zero.govt.nz](http://zero.govt.nz), and you can choose to view it in English or te reo Māori.