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Welcome back Plunket Nurse Kaye!

Whānau Āwhina Plunket is delighted to welcome a familiar face back into the Tairāwhiti Gisborne team.

Plunket Nurse Kaye Foreman is a familiar face to many whānau in the region as she worked for Plunket at the clinic on Ormand Road for nine years.

"It's no secret I love babies and after a two year break I am so happy to be back at Plunket. I'm especially looking forward to catching up with whānau I already know and meeting new tamariki and pēpi.

"The Tairāwhiti Gisborne community is very special – we've been through some tough times recently but Plunket is here to support whānau with the transition to parenthood and keep pēpi and tamariki healthy."

Whānau Āwhina Plunket Chief Executive Fiona Kingsford was in town to welcome Kaye and show her support for the community by catching up with the local team.

She's reassuring everyone that it's business as usual for Plunket services in the region.

"We have a wonderful team here with two kaiāwhina Mona Bradley and Jelaire Poi, community injury prevention coordinator Norma Hooks, as well as our Plunket nurses Kaye and Lilian Jackson.

"I would like to thank the Gisborne community for their patience and understanding while we've worked hard to recruit for the vacant nursing positions we had.

"Despite the national nursing shortage crisis, we look forward to having a full team soon, as well as a new nurse for Wairoa," says Mrs Kingsford.

To keep up-to-date with Whānau Āwhina Plunket, search for them on Facebook! A national page plus local pages (including Whānau Āwhina Plunket Gisborne Wairoa) are available to follow so you don't miss out on important news and parenting information.

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Photo caption:

Plunket Nurse Lilian Jackson, Whānau Āwhina Plunket Chief Executive Fiona Kingsford and returning Plunket Nurse Kaye Foreman outside the Ormand Road clinic in Gisborne.

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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 underfives. 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 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, and you can choose to view it in English or te reo Māori.