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Kia ora FANNZ

Counting down shopping days means one thing – it’s summer and time for a break!  Before you sign off though, spare a thought for our kids with FASD and their families and caregivers at this time.  There is no break from FASD and this time of year can be challenging; changes in routines; difficulty finding carers to help; attending functions where people ‘don’t get FASD’ etc.  For a family living with FASD, such things can turn calm into calamity in a flash.  Lets reflect what they might need from us in the coming year!

Some of these issues will be the focus of the first important FASD workshop announcement attached this coming **Feb 2016** - **FASD: Moving Forward** **Workshops** with International Guests speakers from Canada, Dr Jaqueline Pei, Associate Professor of Psychology and Ms Tracy Mastrangelo Coordinator of the ‘WRaP’ project in Alberta.  There will be four workshops, Whangarei on 16th, Rotorua on 18th, Nelson on 23rd and Christchurch on 25tt Feb.  At such a minimal cost to attend!

Also attached is an opportunity to attend the **3rd Positive Path International Conference** in January which includes Professor Elizabeth Elliott from Australia speaking on FASD.  Earlybird registration rates for this conference end on 12 Dec.

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**Australian 4 Corners Documentary on FASD**

<http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2015/11/02/4341366.htm>

The Australian documentary TV show “Four Corners” aired an in-depth program on families living with FASD titled “Hidden Harm.” The show description reads: “In this confronting story, we take you into the lives of three everyday Australian families grappling with the consequences of drinking in pregnancy.  The children face a devastating range of problems, from behavioral issues to learning difficulties… Best projections indicate it could affect more than half a million Australians.”
- ABC TV, Australia.

**Beer industry adverts to target women**

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11548578>

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Ngā mihi nui

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