

Play

Quarterly Update 1 July - 30 September 2023

Healthy Families NZ develops quarterly updates for each key focus area, providing a snapshot of mahi being carried out across our location teams.

Mariana Vercoe, Systems Innovator for **Healthy Families Rotorua**, was asked by Sport Bay of Plenty to be part of the Māori Advisory Group to review the SportBOP Spaces & Places Strategy. The strategy focuses on facilities and spaces for Sport, Active Recreation, and this year a bit of Play. It continues to evolve each year and is slowly understanding landscape outside of hard sporting infrastructure, like indoor courts and grass fields. This strategy is led by Sport BOP but collaboratively owned by each council in the BOP.

Hiwa I Te Rangi, named after the star connected to aspirations and goals, brought together eight teams from schools across Ōtautahi to compete in the traditional Māori ball game on a stunning day in Ōtautahi Christchurch. The tournament was facilitated by Kī O Rahi kī Waitaha, which Lawrence Tau, Systems Innovator for **Healthy Families Ōtautahi**, is a member of.

Conducted by Sport NZ Hawaiki Hou, **Healthy Families Hutt Valley** has joined in fortnightly meetings to discuss the Sport Recreation and Play environment for Māori at a national level.

Healthy Families Invercargill supported an event where Harko Brown, Māori games and takaro expert, made a well-received visit to Southland to share his skills and knowledge with community stakeholders. Workshops emphasised how traditional Māori games and sports are excellent tools for teaching skills like teamwork, resilience, problem-solving while also having a whole lot of fun.

“Taurikura” is a kaupapa that teaches māmā and pēpi the basics of water play and water safety from a mātauranga Māori perspective. **Healthy Families East Cape** has partnered with Comet Swimming Club to deliver swimming lessons in Te Reo Māori and is fully-funded by the swimming club. The prototype is with ten māmā and their pēpi and has been running since the start of September.

“Ola Malosi” is an initiative to create a toolbox for Aoga Amata to use with aiga (child) to improve access to culturally appropriate resources and equipment. **Healthy Families Waitākere** is using a co-design approach to the development of the toolbox, incorporating being active, healthy eating and language development.

“A Playful Partnership”, a co-funding/ co-partnership approach to Regional Play Systems Lead with Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti (SGT) is in development. **Healthy Families East Cape** and SGT are working collaboratively to craft a different approach to the traditional written case study.