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If you have any news or would like to place a message in future newsletters, please call Carol on 323 7770. We are also happy to advertise any items you wish to sell.

Welcome to our very first Mamaternity Newsletter.

The season has now changed officially to Spring. The lambs are bleating, the daffodils are blooming and we have had some beautiful, sunny, mild days recently.

With two locations, one in Palmerston North and one in Feilding, Mamaternity are delighted to be able to bring to the Manawatu and its districts, what we believe to be a quality maternity information and an advisory service.

This service is free to all eligible women and families.

Us in a nutshell.....

Mamaternity is run by a charitable trust, currently consisting of 7 Board members.

We are contracted to MidCentral DHB to run the services we provide, although as this only partially funds what we do, we also rely on grants, donations, hiring of breast pumps, and the sale of products including new, pure wool hand knitted garments for income.

These are available at both Resource Centres and the Feilding centre has a selection of second hand clothing for babies and toddlers available.

Mamaternity have a great website to access information and check the availability of midwives. This can be found at www.mamaternity.org.nz.

The Feilding Maternity Resource Centre is open between 9am and 3pm Monday to Fridays for pregnancy tests, antenatal clinics with your midwife or to use our spotless bathroom and kitchen facilities if required on route from further afield in the district or just to have break out of the house. There is also a small collection of books available to borrow.

Upcoming Events

**** Mums & mums to be coffee group—10-12**
*** 0-9months Friday**
*** 9-18 months Thursday**
**** Calendar photo shoot—28 October**
**** Craft for Mums—starting Monday 2nd November 10.30—12.30. Please contact Carol on 323 7770 if you are interested in joining us.**



**Feilding Maternity Resource
Centre
111 Derby Street
Feilding**

(If any one would like to donate suitable books or even baby clothing to our Resource Centre, we would be very grateful.)

The Palmerston North Maternity Resource Centre is located at 568 Ferguson Street, opposite PN Leisure Centre and Recycling Centre. They offer the full range of services as well. The centre operates between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please contact us if you are interested in finding out how you can help Mamaternity, through joining the Board or volunteering.



**Palmerston North Maternity
Resource Centre
568 Ferguson Street
Palmerston North**

Centre News

It is with sadness and regret that we say goodbye to midwife Bridie Thomas.

Bridie has been a midwife for 13 years. She started working in the Fielding district in 2002 at Clevely Maternity Hospital. It was in 2007 that she started case loading as an independent midwife out of FMRC. Bridie has been holding antenatal clinics twice weekly ever since and has had many new mothers use her services. Not to forget the mums doing the rounds a second time (or more!)

Bridie is herself a mum of 4 children aged 5 to 19 years and

it is at this time that she is looking at other options to optimize her family time. She has told us here and I quote "I am very sad to be leaving but also very grateful to all the families that have shared their times and lives with me. Hopefully their babies are very blessed."

We here at Mamaternity wish her all the very best for the future.

I do hope you find something of interest in this issue and remember if you have any questions, etc. I am only a phone call away.

Happy parenting.... Carol

