PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AS AT 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026
THE PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND TE KĀHUI MĀTAI AROTAMARIKI O AOTEAROA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

7.30am – 5.00pm	**Registration Desk opens** Massey University
CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH NATIONAL CLINICAL NETWORK **CHILD PROTECTION IN A CHANGING SYSTEM** **8.30am – 4.30pm** Great Hall, Massey University *Chairperson: Russell Wills*	
8.30am – 8.40am	Mihi Whakatau and Karakia
8.40am – 10.00am	**Session 1: Navigating Challenges in Child Protection in 2026**
10.00am – 10.20am	**Paramanawa - Morning Tea**
10.20am – 11.40am	**Session 2: Beyond Heroics: the hidden behaviours driving burnout and #coping: comedy and reflections on the demands of mid-life** ***Guest Speaker: Dr Jo Prendergast***
11.40am – 12.40pm	**Kai a te rānui – Lunch**
12.40pm – 1.50pm	**Session 3: From Passion to Practice: Growing Child Protection Leadership in Aotearoa** ***Jin Russell, Carol Chan*** *and* ***Joanne Nielsen***
1.50pm – 2.10pm	**Paramanawa - Afternoon Tea**
2.10pm – 3.30pm	**Session 4: Ministry Updates – Health NZ, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Health**
3.30pm – 4.30pm	**Panel Discussion**
4.30pm	**Closing**

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NEURODEVELOPMENT CLINICAL NETWORK 8.45am – 4.30pm Cinema, Massey University *Chairperson: Meghan Sandle*	
8.45am – 9.00am	Opening of the day and housekeeping
9.00am – 10.30am	**Session 1: Navigating complexity in developmental disability** *Chairperson: Meghan Sandle*
10.30am – 11.00am	**Paramanawa - Morning Tea**
11.00am – 12.15pm	**Session 2: The power of partnership through transition** *Chairperson: Denise Janes*
11.00am – 11.45am	Beyond the clinical – the power of relationships: Supporting whānau from hospital to home ***Adelaide Beazley*** *and* ***Jane Hamer***
11.45am – 12.15pm	Presentation
12.15pm – 1.00pm	**Kai a te rānui – Lunch**
1.00pm - 2.30pm	**Session 3: What's current in the disability sector?** *Chairpersons: Colette Muir and Jane Hamer*
1.00pm – 2.30pm	Updates from partnering organisations and panel discussion including WINZ
2.30pm - 2.50pm	**Paramanawa - Afternoon Tea**
2.50pm – 3.45pm	**Session 4: Data driven Developmental Paediatrics: How do we use data to guide clinical practice?**
3.45pm – 4.00pm	**Closing**
PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP **1.00.pm – 5.00pm** Venue: The Boardroom, Massey University	
	Programme information to come.

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TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026
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8.00am – 6.30pm	**Registration Desk opens** Massey University		
9.00am – 9.30am	**Mihi Whakatau Conference Opening** **Great Hall**		
9.30am – 10.30am	**Plenary 1: Leo Buchanan Memorial Lecture** Great Hall		
	Paula King		
10.30am – 11.00am	**Industry Exhibition Paramanawa - Morning Tea** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
11.00am – 12.30pm	**Session 1A: Māori Rōpū** **Great Hall**	**Session 1B: Free Papers** **Cinema**	**Workshop 1C: Functional Disorders** **The Boardroom**
	Whakanui, Whakawhānui, Whakawhanaunga		**11.00am – 11.30am** Dr Katharine Blackman, paediatric psychologist and Brigitte Eastwood, physiotherapist both from Tauranga Hospital, will cover the initial patient assessment and journey for patients with Functional Neurological Disorder. Including initial assessment, diagnosis and helpful language to be used in delivering the diagnosis. Time will also be spent discussing the importance of teamwork and how to build your teams across service lines. ***Brigitte Eastwood*** *and* ***Katharine Blackman***
			11.30am – 11.45am Discussion
			11.45am – 12.15pm The team from the Hutt Valley will discuss treatment of functional neurological disorder. This will include a description of the of the Triple R program (regulation, redirection and return to function), a group treatment for the parents of young people with functional somatic symptoms. ***William Taft, John Griffiths, Penny Kane, Courtney Overend,*** *and* ***Sophie Musgrave***
			12.15pm – 12.30pm Discussion

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12.30pm – 1.30pm	**Industry Exhibition Lunch** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
1.30pm – 3.00pm	**Workshop 2A: Pacific Health and Research** **Great Hall**	**Session 2B: Free Papers** **Cinema**	**Workshop 2C: ACT** **The Boardroom**
	Weaving the Mat: Connecting Child Health Experts across the Blue Pacific This session will be an interactive Talanoa Guests: ***Dame Teuila Percival, Dr Eta Raicebe***, ***Dr Kathryn Currow*** (Taking Paediatrics Abroad)		Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT): Parent-Based Techniques to Support Children ***Giselle Bahr*** *Minimum/Maximum numbers apply* *Selection needed at time of registration*
3.00pm – 3.30pm	**Industry Exhibition Paramanawa - Afternoon Tea** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
3.30pm – 4.15pm	**Plenary 2: Immunology** **Great Hall**		
	A changing landscape of food allergy management ***Kuang-Chih Hsiao***		
4.15pm – 5.00pm	**Plenary 3: Functional Disorders** **Great Hall**		
	"POTS and Other Functional Disorders in 2026: What's New? What to Do?" ***Phil Fischer, Mayo Clinic***		
5.00pm – 6.30pm	**Welcome Function** Industry Exhibition, Tea Gardens, Massey University		

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WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2026
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6.30am – 5.30pm	**Registration Desk opens** Massey University		
	6.45am – 7.30am **Yoga Session** **The Grand Hall** *Minimum/Maximum numbers apply* *Selection needed at time of registration*	**6.30am – 7.15am** **Run the Waterfront** **Wellington** *Minimum/Maximum numbers apply* *Selection needed at time of registration*	**7.00am – 8.00am** **Neurodevelopment Clinical Network Update** **Massey University**
8.30am – 9.15am	**Plenary 4:** **Great Hall**		

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	Inflammatory Bowel Disease - An Increasingly Bigger Problem ***Ashwin Bhana***		
9.15am – 10.00am	**Plenary 5: Neurodiversity** **Great Hall**		
	Autism vs Trauma/Attachment ***Charmari Wijmanne***		
10.00am – 10.30am	**Industry Exhibition Paramanawa - Morning Tea** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
10.30am – 12.45pm	**Presentations for the Annual Meeting Awards** **Great Hall**		
	Cure Kids New Investigator Award		
	PSNZ New Investigator Allied Health/Nursing/PHD/Masters Award		
	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians Trainee Research Award for Excellence		
12.45pm – 2.15pm	**Industry Exhibition Lunch** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area	**12.45pm – 2.15pm** PSNZ Annual General Meeting **Great Hall**	
2.15pm – 3.45pm	**Workshop 3A - Immunodeficiency** **Great Hall**	**Session 3B: Free Papers – Māori** **Cinema**	**Workshop 3C:** **The Boardroom**
	Paediatric Immunodeficiency: An update on recent advances in diagnosis and management ***Kuang-Chih Hsiao***		Beyond Behaviour - Understanding dysregulation in neurodivergent children through a neuroaffirmative and neurosequential lens - with practical strategies for supporting emotional regulation for paediatric practice and families ***Annie Kenning*** *Minimum/Maximum numbers apply* *Selection needed at time of registration*
3.45pm – 4.15pm	**Industry Exhibition Paramanawa - Afternoon Tea** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
4.15pm – 5.15pm	**Plenary 6: The RACP Montgomery Spencer Memorial Lecture** **Great Hall**		
	Why Paediatricians need to be concerned about the Microbiome ***Dr Thorsten (Tosh) Stanley***		
7.00pm – late	**The Paediatric Society of New Zealand Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa Conference and Awards Dinner** The Boatshed, Taranaki Street Wharf, Wellington		

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THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026
THE PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND TE KĀHUI MĀTAI AROTAMARIKI O AOTEAROA ANNUAL MEETING

6.30am – 5.30pm	**Registration Desk opens** Massey University		
	6.45am – 7.30am **Yoga Session** **The Grand Hall** *Additional fee applies; minimum and maximum numbers apply.* *Selection required at the time of registration*	**6.30am – 7.15am** **Walk the Waterfront** **Wellington** *Additional fee applies; minimum and maximum numbers apply.* *Selection required at the time of registration*	
8.30am – 9.15am	**Plenary 7: Lived Experience** **Great Hall**		
	Chanelle's Journey ***Chanelle Moriah***		
9.15am – 10.25am	**Plenary 8 - Lived Experiences and Facilitated Panel** **Great Hall**		
9.15am – 9.35am	First, do no harm: Navigating paediatrics with an extremely complex child ***Rachel Malcom-Swindells***		
9.35am – 9.55am	Presentation ***Cyrus Dahl***		
9.55am – 10.05am	Lived Experience Navigators Rōpū (LENs) ***Megan Bryant***		
10.05am – 10.25am	Panel discussion ***Rachel Malcolm-Swindells, Megan Bryant, Cyrus Dahl, Chanelle Morriah***		
10.25am – 10.30am	Announcement PSNZ 2027		
10.30am – 11.00am	**Industry Exhibition Paramanawa - Morning Tea** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
11.00am – 12.30pm	**Workshop 4A** **Great Hall**	**Session 4B: Free Papers** **Cinema**	**Workshop 4C** **The Boardroom**
	Priorities and Pitfalls in Managing Adolescents with POTS ***Phil Fischer, Mayo Clinic***		**11.00am – 11.45am** General movement assessment and MOS-R: Beyond early CP diagnosis ***Meghan Sandle***

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			11.45am – 12.30pm Outcomes of HIE ***Krishna Raghu***
12.30pm – 1.15pm	**Industry Exhibition Lunch** Venue: Industry Exhibition Area		
1.15pm – 2.00pm	**Session 5A** **Great Hall**	**Session 5B** **Cinema**	
1.15pm – 1.35pm	He Mutunga Kore: Ka pō, Ka ao, Ka awatea. National Mortality Review ***Liza Edmonds*** *and* ***Don Matheson***	Paediatric Craniofacial Service Update ***Emily Yassaie***	
1.35pm – 1.55pm	Child Protection Update ***Russell Wills***	Down Syndrome Guidance Update ***Janine Thomson***	
1.55pm – 2.00pm	Discussion	Discussion	
2.00pm – 2.05pm	Change rooms		
2.05pm – 2.50pm	**Plenary 9:** **Great Hall**		
	Presentation ***Anna Banas***		
2.50pm – 3.00pm	**Conference Close**		

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