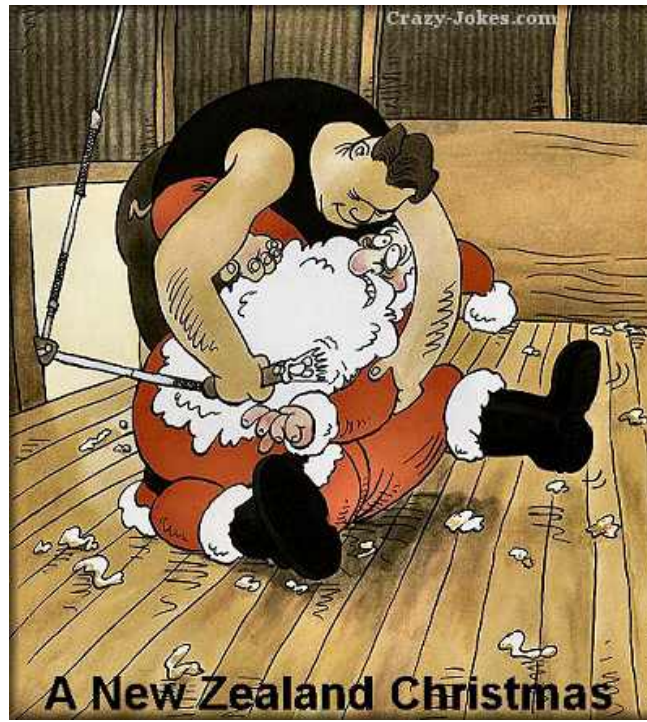


GENERAL PRACTICE LINK - December 2008

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER GENERAL PRACTICE LINK



A BRIEF CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Wishing you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and happy New Year from the team at IPAC!

We hope you travel safe during the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year

Best wishes,
The IPAC Team

XMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE HOURS

The IPAC office will be closed from Wednesday 24 December 2008, and re-open again on Monday 5 January, 2009.

Returning Monday, 5 January 2009:

Fiona Thomson (IPAC Project Manager)
Dominique Sutherland (Communications Advisor)
Linda Button (Office Administrator)

Returning Thursday, 8 January 2009:
Jennie Mills (Executive Assistant to the CEO)

Returning Tuesday, 20 January 2009:
Victor Klap will (CEO)

Victor Klap will be IPACs emergency contact when the office is closed. His mobile is: 021 512 634

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Bev O'Keefe spends a lot of time on planes between Rotorua and Wellington, between being a now part time GP and chair of IPAC.

"Much of my spare time is spent with family and friends, keeping my large garden in hand, walking, and very occasionally stopping for a breath."

1. What is the best piece of advice your parents ever gave you? Whatever you do, make sure you do it well. I try!
2. What is your most embarrassing moment? I'll stick to work embarrassments. The worst moment was as a young GP locum, completely disappearing under the desk when my chair shot out from under me as I leaned forward to say something deep and meaningful to a distressed patient on the other side of the desk.
3. What is your favourite movie/tv series? "Shawshank Redemption" a long time favourite. I rarely watch TV and don't have SKY.
4. What is the best dining experience you've ever had? It was three years ago, sitting by oru pup tent watching the sunset on an isolated east coast beach eating fresh paua, fresh snapper, fresh mushrooms and fresh blackberries, all harvested from a single snorkelling trip. Washed down with good Hunters Sauvignon Blanc of course.
5. What is the most expensive item of clothing you've ever bought? A lovely "label" good winter coat which cost me the earth 15 yrs ago, and now refuses to wear out when I would rather like a change.
6. Where is your favourite place in the world? There are so many. In NZ – a toss up between Lake Angelus, Nelson Lake National Park, and Siberia Valley, Mt Aspiring National Park. Overseas – the light in Venice mesmerises me.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

College of GPs Quality Symposium

13 & 14 February 2009, Wellington

Quality and Information

Ministry of Health Primary Focus 3 Conference

24 – 26 February 2009, Wellington

New Zealand Made Primary Health Care

Rural General Practice Network

27-29 March, Wellington

“Rural Health, rural Life – look what we’ve got!”

pamm@rgpn.org.nz

NZMA GP CME Conference

11-14 June, Rotorua

General Practice Conference & Medical Exhibition

www.gpcme.co.nz

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