

# Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY   
dental service

## **Free Dental Care for Children** **including special information regarding Yr 8 students**

- One of our Community Dental Service mobiles will be visiting your school soon.
- We will be aiming to see that all children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental care in the dental mobile while it is there
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from Year 9 until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for Year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their Year 8 check-up.
- To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care is required.
- When you receive the "Care Plan" please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental treatment.
- As this dental unit is required at another location in approximately \_\_\_\_ weeks we would appreciate your co-operation in attending the allocated appointment time(s) with your child. Should this not be possible treatment may need to be completed at another location.
- **Please also let us know ASAP if you wish to be present at your child's check up or if you do not wish your child to have any of the proposed dental care. You can phone 0800 846 983 or talk to the staff in the mobile**
- Please contact us if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child, or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care

**To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)**