



**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e leilei, Kia orāna, Bula, Fakaalofa lahi atu – warm greetings to our community for 2024.**

The Auckland Regional Dental Service would like to thank our communities for their support and understanding whilst we continue to work through a catch-up recovery programme following significant service disruption during the COVID-19 period.

Our aim as part of this recovery programme is to deliver equitable service access for our tamariki/children. To do this, we will be increasing the frequency of our mobile dental facilities into and out of schools and focusing on examining and treating tamariki that we have identified as having higher dental needs and are most overdue. This means that not all tamariki will be seen on the mobile unit at the time of each planned visit.

Wainui School

The Dental Van is open 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday contact phone Number 021 908 458 or phoning outside of clinic hours please phone the Silverdale Children's Community Dental Clinic 170 Millwater park way on 09 426-8470 8am to 4:30pm

Nation-wide number: 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)

**After-Hours Emergency Dental Access:**

For urgent dental treatment needs outside of our normal operating hours, please contact your nearest dentist and ask if they are contracted to offer free emergency after-hours care for children.

Alternatively, medical care in relation to an urgent dental condition can be accessed through your GP/family doctor or an emergency medical practice. Free 24-hour advice on what to do in a dental emergency is also accessible through Healthline on 0800 611 116.

**Free Dental Services for Children Living in Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland):**

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is funded to provide free dental care to children from birth through to the end of school year 8. Following this, tamariki from school year 9 are transferred to the Adolescent services to continue free dental care up until their 18th birthday.