

DENTISTRY ON PARKSIDE NEWS BITES

Experience empathy with expertise

Welcome to our Dentistry on Parkside

July 2020 newsletter

Staff news

Amanda Sia

I joined the team at Dentistry on Parkside in May this year. Born in Wellington, I was raised in Singapore but returned to New Zealand for my tertiary education. There, I graduated with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from the University of Otago. Before moving to Ashburton, I was working as a dentist in Balclutha. I am excited to meet you, build a relationship and serve your dental needs. I am known as being kind and patient with a cheerful disposition, and I believe that sincerity and honesty go a long way. With

gentle hands, I want to provide a comfortable experience with a standard of excellence and have you leaving with a smile. Dentistry is an ever-evolving profession and I am passionate about learning from others, attending courses and studying to deepen my knowledge and further my skill set in order to benefit my patients. Outside of dentistry, I enjoy baking and particularly like making specialty cakes for friends' birthdays. I love travelling and nature, seeking out activities that allow me to appreciate NZ's beauty.



Amanda

Michael Holdaway

Michael is with our practice 2 and half days a week, whilst also continuing as a Member of the New Zealand Dental Council and his role as Minister in a local Anglican Church.



Michael

Baby news

Phodiso Magbagbeola

(Dentist). She is currently on maternity leave. Phodiso and her husband welcomed their new baby boy in May this year.

Arun and Alar also welcomed a new baby boy to their family in December last year.

Oral Health Therapists

Joanne Lee is currently on long term medical leave, **Gery Zhang**, Oral Health Therapist, will be seeing Joanne's patients. We sincerely appreciate your understanding in having your Oral Health Therapist appointments moved.

Providing dental care in a safe environment

Covid 19 level 1, When you arrive at the clinic we do ask that you please hand sanitise before entering the building. Our reception staff will be asking you questions when you book your appointment regarding your current health and if you have travelled recently. Also at this time we do ask if you are at all unwell that you call to reschedule your dental appointment.

Our priority is to be able to continue to provide dental care for the Ashburton Community in a safe environment.

During Covid 19 Level 3 & 4 we remained open to help our community with a small bubble of staff.

At that time we did a large number of phone consultations, prescriptions and treated emergency patients which met the criteria under the New Zealand Dental Council standard.

Rebooking appointments, we have endeavoured to contact patients that had appointments cancelled during Level 4 & 3. If we have not been able to contact you please call the practice to reschedule your dental treatment.

At level 1 we are back to our regular PPE (personal protective equipment). We would like to assure that all our staff are fully trained with up to date infection control policies put out by the New Zealand Dental Association and the New Zealand Dental Council.

We are happy to answer any questions you have about our equipment processing and infection control procedures. We have instrument tracking in place to ensure that all our critical items have been processed to the standard.

Locum Oral Health Therapist

Thank you to **Alex Donaldson** who was able to help us out recently during the school holidays.



Alex Donaldson

Supporting our Community

Sponsoring local rugby

We are proud to have sponsored the Mid Canterbury Combined 1st XV, team with custom-made mouthguards and would like to wish the team well for the season.

Arun, our Principal Dentist organised the impressions for the team with the assistance of Laboratory Technician **Marcos** who then made the mouthguards on site.



Smile NZ Free Dental Day

Once again, we are participating in the Smile NZ Free Dental Day campaign. This is for current adult Community Service card holders. To book your appointment, please call 0800 373 376. Please note: bookings open from 3rd August.

We have now increased our weekly hours by adding another late night.
Our hours are Monday to Thursday 8 am to 7pm, Friday 8am to 5pm, Saturday 8.30 am to 1.00pm.
New patients welcome



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