

Wishing us all a happy festive season and a prosperous New Year. Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me Te Tau Hou kia tatou katoa, na CPAG Aotearoa.

Celebrate childhood with CPAG this festive season

CPAG celebrates the great things being done at a grassroots level to help children succeed. Our 2008 Grassroots Calendar will make a beautiful gift this Christmas. It is also a great way to support CPAG's continuing work to eliminate child poverty.

The calendar features a range of stunning artworks by students of Wesley College in South Auckland. The vibrant paintings explore themes of culture and identity, and also reflect the beauty and diversity of the natural world. They come to life in our large format calendar printed on quality stock paper.

Proceeds from the calendar will also provide scholarships for Wesley students. Wesley College is a fantastic example of the kind of support kids need to grow into successful adults. It has a wonderful track record of turning around 'at-risk' kids by supporting their learning and social environment.

Order a Grassroots calendar now and be inspired by the potential of our children and young people every day next year.

View the calendar in lower resolution format [here](#) (file size 1.34Mb) It is printed on high quality paper and pages are 30cm x 60cm.

The calendars are available from admin@cpag.org.nz for \$20 each, \$30 for two + \$5 postage and packaging.

News

All titles are links as underlined in red:

Minto: Caring for all our children

10 Dec 2007

Most of us do care about children in need, writes John Minto in the Press, but not yet enough to demand the changes needed to give all kids a fair go.

New mothers need support not coercion, say child advocates

29 Nov 2007

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) has expressed relief today at the cancellation of plans to give \$100 vouchers to new mothers who leave hospital early. CPAG spokesperson Dr Susan St John agrees with criticism that use of the voucher would have been coercion of those with the greatest need.

Poor health trends reversible, say child advocates

26 Nov 2007

Paediatric Society's latest report shows alarming child health trends due to poverty, but says they can be fixed with the right policies.

Manukau City Gaming Venue Review

15 Nov 2007

CPAG made a submission to this review in support of the introduction of a sinking lid policy on pokie machines, not simply a cap.

Room to move on poverty, say child advocates

17 Oct 2007

On Anti-Poverty Day 2007 CPAG asks the government to remember its promise to eliminate child poverty in NZ, calling for action to boost support for the poorest.

Caritas: Working children need the same protection as adults

"We want to see a code of best practice for the employment of children in delivery work," says Lisa Beech of Caritas. The organisation's latest report finds that children who are employees, rather than contractors, are much more likely to get good working conditions including holiday and sick pay, age-appropriate relief workers, clothing and bike allowances, the most effective information and oversight of health and safety conditions, and the most direct contact with employers.

From the UK:

Polly Toynbee - Balls's bold plan to end child poverty could revive Labour
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/story/0,,2225566,00.html>

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