This will be our final newsletter as our data collection is now finished and all aspects of the study are almost completed. We are very grateful to all staff at our practices who made the survey recruitment period progress very smoothly. The study has generated a large amount of data, and there is much yet still to be done in terms of data entry and analysis before any of the results can be formally published. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all participating practices, both from the intervention and comparison groups, for their involvement over the last few years. All practices should by now have received a feedback report of the survey responses from young people. We hope this report will help your practice in addressing any areas of concern in regards to providing care for young people. Many resources are now available on the PARTY website to assist all practices in improving their youth-friendliness—we hope you find them useful! When the results are published we will send out a separate newsletter or website details.

From the PARTY team.

Thank you!

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation by Kealba Family Practice of their practice payment. These funds will be used to assist with data entry and to support students working with the PARTY data.

The final two iPod giveaways for the PARTY project have been awarded, to individuals from two separate inner urban practices. Congratulations to the lucky winners!
Since the intervention aspect of the project has been completed, our professional mentor Andrew McCoy has concluded his involvement with the PARTY project. Those of you who worked with him will understand the significance of the contribution he made. We thank Andrew for the time and effort he dedicated to the project, and wish him well for his future endeavours. Resources developed by Andrew and the PARTY team supporting youth friendly care are now available on the website (http://www.party.unimelb.edu.au)

We have recently hosted Winifred Paulis, a PhD student from Erasmus University, Rotterdam. Winifred is examining the PARTY data, looking at the prevalence of overweight and obesity in our study population in comparison to the Netherlands. Although Winifred was only here for four weeks she managed to see koalas, wallabies, fairy penguins and even whales!

As the PARTY study winds up, we would like to thank all the staff who have worked on the project over the years: Brenda Grabsch, Fan Yang, Caroline Hart, Andrew McCoy, DavidOrmiston-Smith, Janelle Seymour, VerityNewnham, Rhian Parker, GemmaCarey, JennyAnderson, DanielleNewton and Judith Evans. Thanks also to our many research assistants: Adrian Slattery, NatalieLui, Michelle Guneratne, Mim Murathodzic, Laura David, Hok Lim, EmmaBurrowes, Jennifer Grigo, RachaelSheridan, BreeBuck, Jasmine Temple-Smith, ShelleyWalker, SweeChinLing, DavidMcCarthy, MeaghanMaguire, JodieValpied, Sarah-Pia Carron, EleanorTan, RachelBamforth, AnnieGreen and ErisSmyth. Without your efforts this project would not have been possible!

The PARTY project has provided important opportunities for young researchers to investigate young people’s health in General Practice. To date we have had seven students, studying the following topics:

Sam Moran ‘Alcohol risk and associated factors in young people presenting to General Practice’ B. Sc. (Hons).

Deepthi Iyer (Academic GP Registrar) ‘ How can technology facilitate help-seeking for young people experiencing difficult dating relationships’ M. Phil.

Winifred Paulis (Erasmus MC, University Medical Centre, Rotterdam) ‘DOERAK: Childhood overweight and obesity in primary care: comparing “Dutch little rascals” to PARTY data’ Ph D.

Anne-Emanuella Ambresin ‘Clinician screening of young people’s mental health—secondary analysis of PARTY 1 data’ M. Epidemiol.

Millicent Palmer ‘Overweight and obese adolescents in general practice’, B.Bmed (Hons).

Sam Walker ‘Musculoskeletal conditions in adolescent males: an opportunity for preventive care’ B.Sc. (Hons).


We also have three students completing a Scholarly Selective on PARTY 1 topics:

Jennifer Martin ‘ Road safety in young people presenting to General Practice’.

Steven Tu ‘ Sexual health risks in young people presenting to General Practice’.

Thomas Newman ‘ Complementary medicine use in young people presenting to General Practice’.

STUDENTS
Other research initiatives involving the PARTY team:

2013 The LINK project: Connecting young people with the right information, tools and services. Kauer S, Sanci L. Young and Well Co-operative Research Centre.

2013 Interactive Online E-Tool for Assessment. Webb M, Kauer S, Sanci L. Young and Well Co-operative Research Centre (Ph.D. project).


2011- 2013 Ensuring guide-line concordant monitoring of suicidal thinking and behaviour after initiation of antidepressant treatment in 12-25 year olds with depression. Hetrick S., Gunn J., Sanci L., Rickwood D. Beyond Blue: Nationally Priority Driven Research Stream


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2009-2013 Re-orienting general practice systems toward youth friendly care: a cluster randomized controlled trial. Assoc. Prof Lena Sanci, Prof George Patton, Prof Alan Shiell, Prof Jane Pirkis, Prof Susan Sawyer, Dr Patty Chondros., Dr Dagmar Haller-Hester, Assoc. Prof Kelsey Hegarty, Assoc. Prof Elizabeth Patterson, Dr Tim Majoribanks, Assoc. Prof Elizabeth Ozer, Assoc. Prof Helen Cahill. National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Other sources of support for PARTY projects:


Recent PARTY publications:

Kang M, Skinner SR, Sanci LA, Sawyer SM (Eds.). *Youth Health and Adolescent Medicine*. Melbourne: IP Communications, April 2013


CONFERENCES:

**Psychosocial risk screening and counselling for young people attending primary care: a cluster randomised trial**

International Association for Adolescent Health Meeting, Istanbul June 2013

Lena Amanda Sanci, Patty Chondros, Anne Emmanuelle Ambresin, Brenda Grabsch, Susan Mary Sawyer, Jane Pirkis, Kelsey Hegarty, Alan Shiell, Elizabeth Ozer, Fan Yang, Helen Cahill, George Christopher Patton

CONGRATULATIONS

2012 Honours student Millicent Palmer recently received a Deans’ Honours List award for her thesis ‘Overweight and obese adolescents in general practice’, B.Bmed (Hons). Congratulations Milly!

FINALLY...

We would like to take one last opportunity to thank all practices who have participated in the PARTY project. Together we have made progress in improving the health and well-being of young people attending General Practice. Stay tuned for final results.....