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Baby boom at Whānau Āwhina Plunket

It's no secret that we love babies at Whānau Āwhina Plunket, but the number of staff pregnancies in the Canterbury region recently has left some people wondering if there is something in the water!

Southern regional operations manager, Maria van der Plas, says there have been eight staff pregnancies so far this year, with the babies due between July and December.

As well as that, two staff have become grandmothers.

"One of our cultural kaimahi told me that lots of babies means a happy workplace – I'd like to think this is true!" laughs Mrs van der Plas.

"If there's one thing we do well at Whānau Āwhina Plunket, it's caring for pēpē.

"Our Plunket nurses are looking forward to visiting their colleagues who will be on the other side of the coin this time – asking for advice on caring for a newborn and all that goes with it like feeding and sleeping," she says.

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