



## **A/Prof Cindy Kiro**

*Kia pūawai ngā tamariki – The blossoming of our children*

Many whakatāuki speak about the importance of our tamariki, yet what is the reality for Māori children growing up in New Zealand today? Dr Kiro will review the evidence around what is happening for our tamariki and how we can improve what is happening for them. Also what implications exist for Māori in high profile positions that raise important issues around Māori in mainstream society?

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