

NEW EXHIBITION: It's Baby Season – Kelly Tarlton's Nov 13th – Dec 13th



Baby Season transforms Kelly Tarlton's into temporary nursery

It's baby season at Kelly Tarlton's so get down there quick to meet the darling new arrivals and expectant mums and dads. For one month only (November 13th to December 13th) the spotlight is on Kelly Tarlton's youngest residents, including adorable baby School shark and Eagle Ray pups and newly hatched baby Gentoo penguin chicks.

The baby School sharks were born prematurely and are being nursed by Kelly Tarlton's until they're strong enough to make it on their own. In the meantime, visitors get an amazingly rare opportunity to see the babies up close and watch their three-times-daily feedings in Stingray Bay.

Joining them in their "nursery tank" are Kelly Tarlton's Eagle Ray babies – born just days before the exhibition is set to open.

Over in the penguin enclosure, eggs are hatching, chicks are feeding and soon the first born of the season will be old enough to venture out on the ice into the penguin crèche.

The cuteness doesn't stop there though, with other new arrivals to meet and more expected during the month. You can marvel at the soon to hatch Carpet Shark moving around its semi-transparent egg case and meet its baby relatives born earlier in the year. Baby Hapuku – some of the first to be breed in captivity anywhere in the world (by NIWA) – are exploring the Reef Tank. Meanwhile upstairs in Fish Alley the seahorses are preparing to have their babies – however you won't find any expectant mums here since it's the fathers than give birth and raise the babies!

Throughout the month special areas are being set up around Kelly Tarlton's to get you as close as possible to the babies as soon as they're old enough. The team will be giving three talks a day, introducing visitors to the babies, answering questions and feeding the School shark pups. Hurry down to Kelly Tarlton's because all the new arrivals grow up quick!

NAME: It's Baby Season at Kelly Tarlton's

DATE: Friday November 13th to Sunday December 13th

TIMES: Open 7 days, 9.30am – 5.30pm (last admission 4.30pm)
Curatorial talks and Q&A sessions daily at 10.45am, 12.45pm and 2.45pm
Baby School shark feeding daily during the talks

PRICE: Normal admission prices apply: Adults NZ\$31.90, Children 4-14 years NZ\$15.80, Children 3 and under FREE. Family passes from NZ\$53.60 for one adult and two children. Auckland residents – bring along proof of residency to receive a special locals rate.

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LOCATION: Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter & Underwater World, 23 Tamaki Drive, Orakei, Auckland.

PARKING: There is plenty of free car parking in the Kelly Tarlton's car park.

For more information or to book tickets, visit www.kellytarltons.co.nz or call toll-free on 0800 80 50 50