



# TOAH-NNEST

**Te Ohaakii a Hine - National Network Ending Sexual Violence Together**

Tauwi Caucus - Imagining the Solution

Kia ora, talofa lava, gidday – We’re back from our hiatus to bring you the first newsletter for 2014! Welcome to the ninth edition of the Tauwi TOAH-NNEST newsletter “Imagining the Solution” which focuses on primary prevention strategies, activities and programmes to help build communities free of sexual violence.

Please [get in touch](#) with queries or sexual violence prevention activities to share for future newsletters.

**This newsletter features an overview of the 2013 Imagining the Solution Hui. Enjoy!**

**Te Ohaakii a Hine – National Network Ending Sexual Violence Together (TOAH-NNEST) is a nation-wide network of community organisations, whanau, hapu, iwi and individuals who are specialists in sexual violence prevention and intervention services. TOAH-NNEST is committed to ending sexual violence in our communities, and while working towards this, to minimising the occurrence and impacts of sexual violence.**

TOAH-NNEST has a Te Tiriti o Waitangi based structure with two houses: Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri (tikanga Māori) and Tauwi Caucus.

**This newsletter is from Tauwi Caucus, and includes Bicultural activities.**

The Tauwi Prevention Project is fortunate to be supported by an Advisory Group of community stakeholders:

**Aimee Stockenstrom (Auckland Sexual Abuse Help)**

**Tom Hamilton (Rainbow Youth)**

**Sonya Hogan (Ara Taiohi)**

**Ann Kent (Abuse and Rape Crisis Support Manawatu)**

**Tusha Penny (New Zealand Police)**

**Sue Paton (Health Promotion Agency)**

**Cornelia Baumgartner (Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust)**

**Georgia Knowles (National Rape Crisis)**

**Elizabeth Kerekere (Bicultural Advisor, Tiwhanawhana Trust)**

**Poto Williams (St John of God Waipuna)**

**Ken Clearwater (Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust)**

**Miriam Sessa (Rape Prevention Education)**

**Ruth Jones (Disability Representative on Taskforce for Violence within Families)**

**Sasha Ali (Shakti's Ethnic Family Services)**

**Sheryl Hann (It's Not OK, Ministry of Social Development)**

## Tauwi Prevention Project News

In October last year we fare welled Sandra Dickson from the Primary Prevention Co-ordinator role for the Tauwi Caucus. Sandra has moved to a new position within ACC as the Sexual Violence Prevention Project Manager, you can contact her at [Sandra.Dickson@acc.co.nz](mailto:Sandra.Dickson@acc.co.nz) or 021 834 881. We wish Sandra all the best in her new job and thank her for all the work she has achieved for the Primary Prevention Project. The Tauwi Caucus has yet to find a permanent replacement for the role and will be advertising for this position within the next few months. Watch this space! You will be notified of the vacancy as soon as possible.

**Imagining the Solution**, the second national sexual violence primary prevention Hui in Aotearoa New Zealand, was hosted by TOAH-NNEST in Wellington at the St John's Conference centre. In line with requests made by the 2012 Hui attendees, the 2013 Hui ran over two days and subsequently increased in attendance from 60 to 134 participants! The [full programme](#) featured streams on preventing child sexual abuse; providing schools-based prevention programmes; feminist debates around Slutwalk, victim-blaming and rape culture; a panel from Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri on bicultural, tikanga and kaupapa Māori approaches to preventing sexual violence; changing the world; and intersectionalities between power and sexual violence. The final session included an ACC workshop on funding sexual violence primary prevention, and a presentation by Green MP Jan Logie about making submissions to the [Social Services Committee inquiry into the funding of sexual violence services](#). the overall theme of Imagining the Solution 2013 is celebrating and sharing primary prevention activities and ideas that are succeeding in our diverse Tauwi and Bicultural communities and agencies.

This edition of **Imagining the Solution** will cover the Tauwi and Bicultural stream of our primary prevention hui, attended by 120 participants from sixty different agencies, both community and state sector. TOAH-NNEST Prevention Portfolio holder Kim McGregor gave the opening address and talked about the successes of the primary prevention project and noted that the hui 'is about many sectors, partners and allies, joining together and sharing our knowledge, our programmes and initiatives as well as our hopes and ideas aimed at ending sexual violence'.

The next few pages will take you through the day, with links to presentations and film footage of all keynote speakers.

# Stream 1: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

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## *Keynote: Preventing Sexual Abuse of all Children, Ken Clearwater Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust (MSSAT), (Tauwi Advisory Group)*

In the first keynote speech, Ken Clearwater spoke about his work supporting male victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse with the [Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust](#) which he established in 1996. Ken talked about battling for male victim/survivors and how important it is that we acknowledge the sexual abuse of boys. He asked the audience to consider these boys who are sexually abused and then grow into men, what happens to them? He argued that there is still a lack of awareness about the child sexual abuse of boys, and in order to prevent child sexual abuse we first need to increase awareness, educate children, parents and the public and create access to specialist services. Ken also talked about his travels overseas to speak about the work MSSAT are doing, which he has been told is some of the most progressive work with male victim/survivors in the world. MSSAT are currently working with the University of Otago to produce the first piece of research on male victim/survivors in Aotearoa New Zealand. You can access Ken's presentation [here](#) and watch the full video of his key note [here](#).



*Participants said that they valued hearing about: 'The challenges faced by male survivors of sexual violence' and that 'Ken Clearwater made it clear that we need more men in on this!'*

We are grateful to the following academics for their support with the Tauwi Prevention Project:

**Dr Nicola Atwool, University of Otago**

**Professor Victoria Banyard, University of New Hampshire, USA**

**Professor Moira Carmody, University of Western Sydney, Australia**

**Dr Pauline Dickinson, Massey University**

**Dr Janet Fanslow, University of Auckland**

**Associate Professor Nicola Gavey, University of Auckland**

**Associate Professor Jan Jordan, Victoria University of Wellington**

**David Lee, Director of Prevention Services, PreventConnect, Calcasa**

**Dr Teuila Percival, University of Auckland**

**Dr Neville Robertson, University of Waikato**

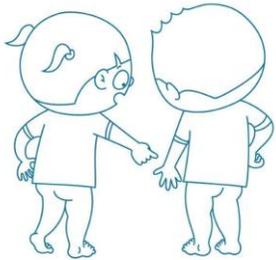
## Session 1: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshops

There were four workshops in this session after the key note presentation.

### *Helping the Community to Keep Young Ones Safe- START'S Approach. Maggy Tai Rakena (Tauwi Advisory Group) and Catherine Gallagher, START*

[START](#) has been providing sexual abuse prevention education in the general and professional communities for all of its 26 year history. This workshop focused on the work that START do in their community to deal with, and prevent, child sexual abuse. Participants were invited to take part in some of the activities done in workshops. Access the presentation [here](#).

### *What can adults do? Strategies for preventing child sexual abuse. Mel Calvesbert (Wellington HELP) and Sarah Scott (MSD)*



In this presentation, Mel from [Wellington HELP](#) and Sarah from MSD explored ways that we can all contribute to child sexual abuse prevention, as individuals who stand up to problematic behaviour, as caregivers by promoting respectful interactions, as whānau and communities by creating open and loving lines of communication that allow children to disclose abuse and adults to talk about it. Get the slideshow [here](#).

### *We Can Keep Safe - Primary Sexual Violence Prevention Programme. Aimee Stockenstrom, Auckland Sexual Abuse Help Foundation (Tauwi Advisory Group)*

This workshop talked about the We Can Keep Safe, child personal safety programme. The programme was developed by [Auckland Sexual Abuse Help Foundation \(HELP\)](#) in 1995 and the programme was evaluated by Point Research in 2011. The results from the evaluation suggest that the We Can Keep Safe programme has been effective in increasing knowledge for both parents and children and at teaching children strategies for keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse. Find the presentation [here](#).

### *The 'Right2BSafe' Campaign 2012-2013 Jo Taylor, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) Hauraki*

In this presentation Jo outlined the second year of the [CAPS Hauraki](#) 'Right2BSafe' campaign where they deepened the campaign by inviting local people to front the child sexual abuse prevention techniques. Some of their campaign resources included tip sheets, a website, poster images, magnets, bill boards and a Facebook page. You can find the presentation [here](#).

## Stream Two: School Based Programmes

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### ***Healthy Relationships - Interactive Sexual Violence Prevention Programme for People with Learning Disabilities, Cornelia Baumgartner, Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust (Tauwi Advisory Group)***

This presentation focused on the programme delivered by [Kidpower](#) to prevent the sexual abuse of people with learning disabilities, 90% of whom will experience some form of sexual abuse in their lives. This workshop explained parts of the content of the programme including what are healthy relationships? Saying stop and stopping, and where and how to get help. Check it out [here](#).



### ***Rape Prevention Education's Bodysafe, Ratika Rai***

Rape Prevention Education has been delivering the programme Bodysafe for over a decade and it currently runs in about 21 different schools in Auckland. This discussion based [workshop](#) covered how the Bodysafe programme fits into the schools' processes, what works in marketing the programme, how RPE work to maintain relationships with school personnel and areas that need improvement when working with mainstream schools.

### ***National Collective of Rape Crisis' Sexual Abuse Violence Education (SAVE) Programme, Georgia Knowles (Tauwi Advisory Group)***

This interactive workshop provided an overview of some of the exercises delivered in the SAVE programme, which is facilitated by [Rape Crisis](#) centres around the country. The facilitator presented exercises on rape myth, gender norms and gender socialisation and explained some of the underlying theory which makes these discussions important for rape prevention. Access the slide show [here](#).

### ***New Zealand Police's Keeping Ourselves Safe, Roland Hermans***

KOS is a comprehensive child abuse programme that was introduced in 1986. It uses a whole school approach and teaches children to recognise, avoid and report abuse. It runs through years 1-13 and covers sections on 'Knowing what to do', 'Getting Help', 'Standing up for myself' and 'Building Resiliency'. You can find the presentation [here](#).

# The Great Slutwalk Feminist Debate

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The SlutWalk debate was introduced by National Rape Crisis who spoke about the herstory of Rape Crisis feminism in Aotearoa New Zealand. First, Racheal Wright from the Wellington Feminist Young Collective and Pollyanne Pena, a volunteer for Wellington Women's Refuge and the Wellington Young Feminist Collective, argued for the SlutWalk movement. Rachel talked about language, identity and reclamation. She argues that the word slut goes to the heart of the virgin/whore dichotomy that is applied to women and has a huge amount of potential for reclamation. Pollyanne believes that SlutWalk (although it has limitations) is the future of feminism as it energised young men and young women to take to the streets. She argued that SlutWalk gives people a place to share their stories and to argue for their right to lead sexual lives without being judged or persecuted.

Helen Sullivan from Wellington Sexual Abuse Help argued that the key slogan of SlutWalk is ambiguous and that the movement failed to deliver its core messages and is not well understood. She also spoke of how, much like the Take Back the Night Marches, SlutWalk is at risk of reinforcing problematic rape myths which suggest women are raped *because* they dress like 'sluts'. Finally, Sandz Peipi (Tūhoe) is involved in leadership within Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri, the Māori caucus of TOAH-NNEST. Sandz speaks as a Māori woman who has grown up under colonial rule and her experience of the word 'slut' being linked to the colour of her skin. She believes that SlutWalk works from a place of deficit, of problems, rather than from the affirmative model of Te Ao Māori which works towards the solutions. You can watch a film of the entire debate [here](#).

Participants said the SlutWalk debate was a *'reminder that there is more than one way to create social change and prevent sexual violence'* and *'I liked the SlutWalk debate for the range of ideas, some of which hadn't occurred to me.'*



# Stream Three: Changing the World

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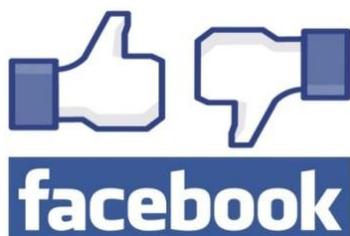
*Key note: Using Media to Change the World  
Sandra Dickson Tauwi Primary Prevention  
Project, TOAH-NNEST*



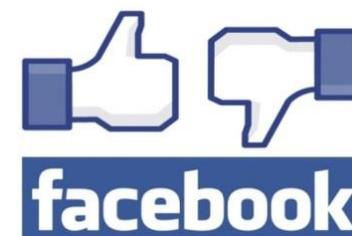
This [keynote presentation](#) talked about the work of the Tauwi Primary Prevention Project's media audit and what they are doing with the results. The audit looked at 6 months' worth of news media reporting on sexual violence and who was being quoted in relation to sexual violence. Sandra argued that most members of the general public come to understand what sexual violence is; by the way it is presented in the media. This keynote argues that we can gain exponential reach and use the media to change the story of sexual violence that the public receive.

Sandra shared that 70% of sexual violence stories are reported on a nationwide level and that 96% of the articles were responding to a specific event of sexual violence, that is, only 4% of articles explored sexual violence as a social issue. The audit found that court proceedings were the main focus of 70% of the stories, including trials, appeals and sentencing. Just two strategies of intervention and prevention were covered in the articles. 161 people were quoted in the 102 articles. Most frequently quoted were those working in the justice sector, including Judges, defence lawyers and Crown prosecutors. The media audit is being used to attempt to change the guidelines of how journalists report on sexual violence and to create key media messages for the police to assist them in giving media commentary on sexual violence cases. Get the report [here](#).

Participants said that *'Sandra's keynote speech on the media and how they present sexual violence was interesting, engaging, and Sandra was clearly very passionate.'*



Imagining the Solution" is on [Facebook](#). "Like" us and help spread primary prevention of sexual violence messages through your social and professional networks. We share images and links which promote respect, equality, consent and social norm which support communities free of sexual violence



### **Session three: Changing the world**

#### ***Developing key messages and engaging with the news media on preventing sexual violence, Trish Green and Rosemarie North, It's not OK Campaign***

This workshop aimed to give participants skills and tools to engage with the news media and challenge the problematic reporting of sexual violence. Trish and Rosemarie, from the [It's not Ok Campaign](#) helped attendees gain an understanding of how news works and how to influence news stories, develop key messages to use with media about preventing sexual violence and learn basic interview techniques. Access the PowerPoint [here](#).

#### ***'Who are You?' And 'It's Our Business' - preventing alcohol-facilitated sexual abuse Josh Briggs and Fiona McNamara, Sexual Abuse Prevention Network (formerly WSA)***

In this [presentation](#), Josh and Fiona spoke to participants about the bystander intervention programmes delivered by the Wellington Sexual Abuse Network. ['Who are you?'](#) is a workshop for young people that addresses the role that alcohol plays in sexual abuse. It's Our Business is a workshop for hospitality staff that is focused on sexual violence and ethical bystander behaviour. It is a practical skills-based workshop that focuses on helping staff to recognise unsafe situations and know how to take action safely in these situations.

#### ***Supporting Educators - based on training developed at Rape Prevention Education Miriam Sessa, Kidsline (Tauwi Advisory Group)***

In this interactive workshop, Miriam (formerly Rape Prevention Education) presented on material that is used to train Rape Prevention Education facilitators. The training for educators is comprehensive and includes knowledge about effects, dynamics and prevention of sexual violence, principles of critical analysis and anti-oppression work, trauma informed practice and facilitation skills. You can get the presentation [here](#).



#### ***Motivating men to prevent sexual violence Garth Baker, Gray Matter Research Ltd***

Garth wrote an [issues paper](#) for the NZ Family Violence Clearinghouse about involving men in preventing family and sexual violence. Over the last four years he has designed a range of individual and group 'living without violence' programmes for men. This workshop looked at men's motivation for living without violence and for intervening with other men. He talked about how we can harness this motivation to provide opportunities that genuinely involve men in preventing sexual violence. Get it [here](#).

# Mahi whānau Māori – Working with Māori

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Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri is the Te Whare Tangata Whenua of TOAH-NNEST, in relationship with Tauwi Caucus. The goals of Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri are to assist movement towards implementation and development of kaupapa and tikanga Māori approaches towards the elimination of sexual violence and the fulfilment of whānau ora. This panel featured Māori practitioners who discussed what is required to prevent sexual violence from a Māori worldview. Stella Gukibau from Tu Wahine Trust, which is a service for Māori women and children living in West Auckland who have been affected by violence and abuse, spoke about the heart of primary prevention strategies for Tangata whenua needing to be whānau and whānau ora. She discussed the challenges of how to take the skill base of Māori Practitioners and translate it in the community which is a key practice of Tu Wahine.

Tania Mataka is the Kaiwhakahaere of Te Puna Oranga, a service that works with whānau, hapu, iwi and marae highlighting a Māori world view that does not condone and support sexual abuse. Tania looks at the important traditions of nurturing and preventing within whānau and some of the whānau based programmes that they provide for children and parents.

Joy te Wiata and Russell Smith are the Co-Directors and clinicians of Korowai Tumanako. Korowai Tumanako offers sexual violence prevention education and support to whānau, provides therapeutic supervision and training to professionals and support workers and provides clinical treatment for young people and adults who have participated in harmful sexual behaviour. They believe that the answer for Māori is to look back in order to go forward. They work from the understanding that if you get the community right then the young people will be right. Sandz Peipi is Tūhoe and involved in leadership within Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri, the Māori caucus of TOAH-NNEST. She spoke about the importance of tikanga and creating connections as part of prevention.



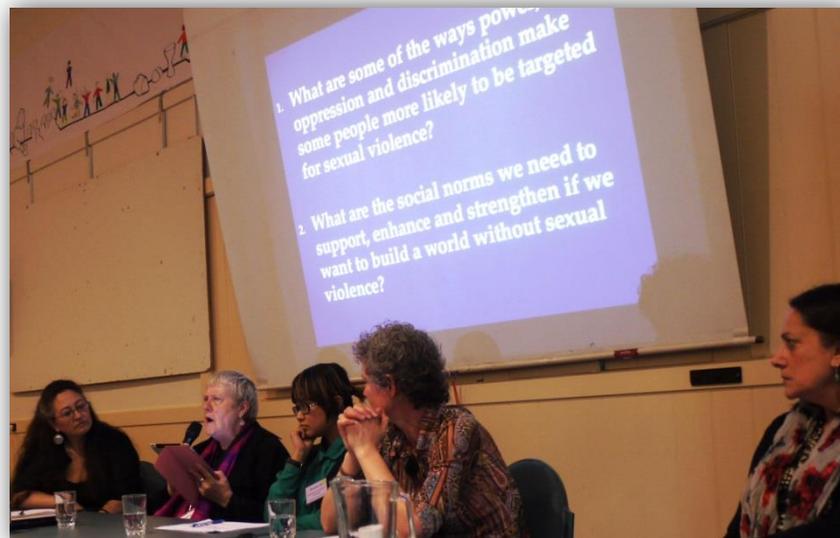
Access the full panel discussion [here](#).

Participants said that their highlight was *'the mana of Ngā Kaitiaki Mauri'* and the importance of *'Māori perspectives and the work being done using these perspectives'*

## *Intersectionalities Panel*

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Being Māori, a child, female, intersex or non-gender conforming, queer, a refugee or having any kind of impairment all make you more likely to be targeted for sexual violence – and that’s just for starters. In the field of primary prevention, meeting diverse needs is a must. We cannot afford to work one at a time on social norms which allow and support sexual violence if we want to build communities based on respect. To build healthy social norms which prevent sexual violence – to do the work of primary prevention – we need an understanding of how different forms of oppression create vulnerabilities to sexual violence for groups which experience discrimination. We need to understand the social structures of oppression in practice.



This panel included five speakers; Poto Williams, St John of God Waipuna; Robyn Hunt, AccEase, The Disability Clothesline and Disability Coalition Against Violence (DCAV); Shasha Ali, Shakti; Elizabeth Kerekere, Tiwhanawhana Trust; Mani Bruce Mitchell, Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand. Elizabeth talked about the importance of needing to work together but to respect the needs of each group to have its own place and space. Robyn spoke about the principles of equality and human rights and how she believes they are critical to social change. Shasha discussed how to incorporate intersectionality into our work and how to refine the way we talk about power, binaries and hierarchies. Poto expressed her concerns about what she calls the ‘hidden secret’ in the Pacific community and provided her perspective on oppression and vulnerability to sexual violence. Finally, Mani talked about speaking out against the silence that perpetuates sexual violence. She argues that to truly address the problem of sexual abuse we need to go back to the ancient knowledge which reminds us we are taonga, we are precious. Watch the whole discussion [here](#).

Participants said they enjoyed the importance placed on *‘Intersectionality and appropriate responses to different challenges’* and they valued *‘hearing from a diverse group of people, listening to their views and hearing the often common ground they have and where their views different’*.

#### **Stream 4: Intersectionalities- Power and Sexual Violence**

##### ***Sexuality and Gender Diversity – You, Me, Us Thomas Hamilton (Tauwi Advisory Group) and Sarah Murphy, Rainbow Youth***

This [discussion](#) group, hosted by [Rainbow Youth](#), introduced the basic concepts of sexuality and gender diversity and related the concepts to participant’s current sexual violence primary prevention work. There was also discussion of the learnings of Rainbow Youth’s strength-based healthy relationship resource for queer/trans\* young people, You Me Us.

##### ***Empowerment Through Self Defence Ana Pereira, Women’s Self Defence Network Wahine Toa***

This workshop provided an overview of the results of WSDN-WT’s work through the [Girls’ Self Defence](#) project and through a recent project targeting women whose vulnerability is magnified by cultural and/ or geographic isolation. It involved participants in some of the self-defence exercises taught to women in the programme. [Read more.](#)



##### ***“Culture? No Excuse for Abuse!” - Shakti’s Work in Ethnic Communities Sara Daneshvar, Shakti Ethnic Family Services***

This workshop by [Shakti](#) featured a presentation on the on-going struggles faced by sections of migrant and refugee women and children speaking out on family violence, and to an extent sexual violence in our communities. Participants got an introduction to concepts such as forced marriage, dowry abuse and honour based violence. It aimed to allow participant’s to understand the severity of risk and the need to apply an intersectional analysis of power in order to effectively address abuse cloaked in cultural difference. Access it

[here.](#)

##### ***People First in Partnership - Keeping Safe Feeling Safe Project, Raymond Thourmine and Kaeti Rigarlsford, People First About the People First In Partnership ‘Keeping Safe Feeling Safe’***

This workshop by People First provided an overview of the People First in Partnership-Keeping Safe Feeling Safe Project, which aims to give disabled people a voice, record accurate data on people with disabilities and the experiences of bullying, harassment and abuse, as well as creating procedures to safe guard adult from abuse. Check it out [here.](#)





## Prevention to Sexual Violence through Partnerships to Practice

ACC is committed to reducing the incidence and harm of sexual violence in our communities and is targeting the primary prevention of sexual violence in a 3 year action plan. The plan centres on a partnerships approach both with government agencies and the provider sector to agree evidenced based actions.

This presentation by Emma Powell outlined ACC's strategic direction for primary prevention of sexual violence.

Finally, due to the Select Committee Inquiry we rescheduled our workshop on National Prevention Priorities to hear from MP Jan Logie about making submissions. Opportunities to have input to the Taiwi Prevention Project will happen in consultation with the sector and the new co-ordinator.

Imagining the Solution was an extraordinary event, and a great chance to keep building momentum in our communities and agencies to prevent sexual violence and create social norms which support consent, respect and equality by sharing stories of prevention in action from around the country. Feel free to check out our [Facebook page](#) for more photos – and we look forward to seeing all those who attended and more at next year's hui. A special thanks go out to everyone who participated; all of the wonderful speakers and presenters; the Taiwi Advisory Group who helped structure the day, the volunteers and Trina King, administrator extraordinaire.

**We hope you've enjoyed the ninth edition of "Imagining the Solution." As always, if you have ideas to share or issues you would like to see us cover in the future, [get in touch](#). We look forward to working with you all in 2014.**

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