

## A Happy Big Brother

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Ian had a great sleep overnight and though her sleep was intermittent and short, at least Karley had some, so both parents were feeling a little better today and closer to normal. This morning Ian accompanied Makai and Rick to the Mission Leisure Centre for Makai's swimming lessons to get acquainted with the routine. That way Ian can be Makai's swim instructor for his final three lessons, giving Rick a break and Ian a chance to spend some time with his son and do some daddy-son bonding.

Today Monet and her mom had a doctor's appointment mostly because Karley had had a c-section and was released from hospital the very next day. Also Monet had to be weighed and have the clip removed from her drying umbilical cord. I accompanied the "girls" to carry Monet in and out of the office and help look after her while her mom had her checkup. Monet has lost some weight, a normal occurrence, and today she weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. In just over 48 hours she is starting to grow into her features, looking more like her parents; Ian's hair and complexion and Karley nose and mouth (at least for now!).

Makai is quite fascinated by his sister and shows no sign of jealousy at all, only acceptance and even the desire to share things with her. This evening Jay came out to meet his new niece and play with Makai, his favourite (and only) nephew. Makai was thrilled to see him and after showing him most of his toys, insisted on Jay being the one to read him his story and tuck him into bed. Their first full day as a family of four has been a good one; made even better by the presence of a beloved brother/uncle and two doting grandparents.