

# ORANGE LEVEL LOWDOWN

21 APRIL 2022



Rachel celebrated her birthday this week surrounded by her friends



Michael, supported by Andrea, went to his Mum's service.



Dear Families, Friends, Students and Caregivers,

We hope you all had a relaxing and wonderful Easter break. We are happy to be back and everyone is enjoying settling into a more normal routine as we begin to operate with a timetable again. We can guarantee there will be changes and variations on this as we go through the year but we know we have all learnt to be flexible!

We said a sad farewell to Margaret Van Veen who passed away recently. Margaret was a stalwart supporter of Ranfurly from it's inception. She made all of Ranfurly's curtains and battled through our many garage sales. Linda remembers with a smile Margaret joining the evening yoga class as everyone tied themselves in knots. May you rest in peace.

After an unsettled few years it will be good to again renew a Ranfurly Tradition with our ANZAC service followed by the placing of our homemade Poppies at the Marivare Memorial Arch. We have been doing this for many years and have developed a special relationships remembering the 28 young chaps from this area who never returned. Sadly, this years service in the park is cancelled but please read the enclosed poem written by Mavis Lenelon. Mavis and Louis have worked so hard to keep the memories alive of these young men and others who have not returned from war.

Our Ranfurly service will start at around 1.15pm and we will be sending out zoom invites. If you would like to attend in person or on zoom, you are most welcome. We will be having a sausage sizzle before the service at around 12pm.

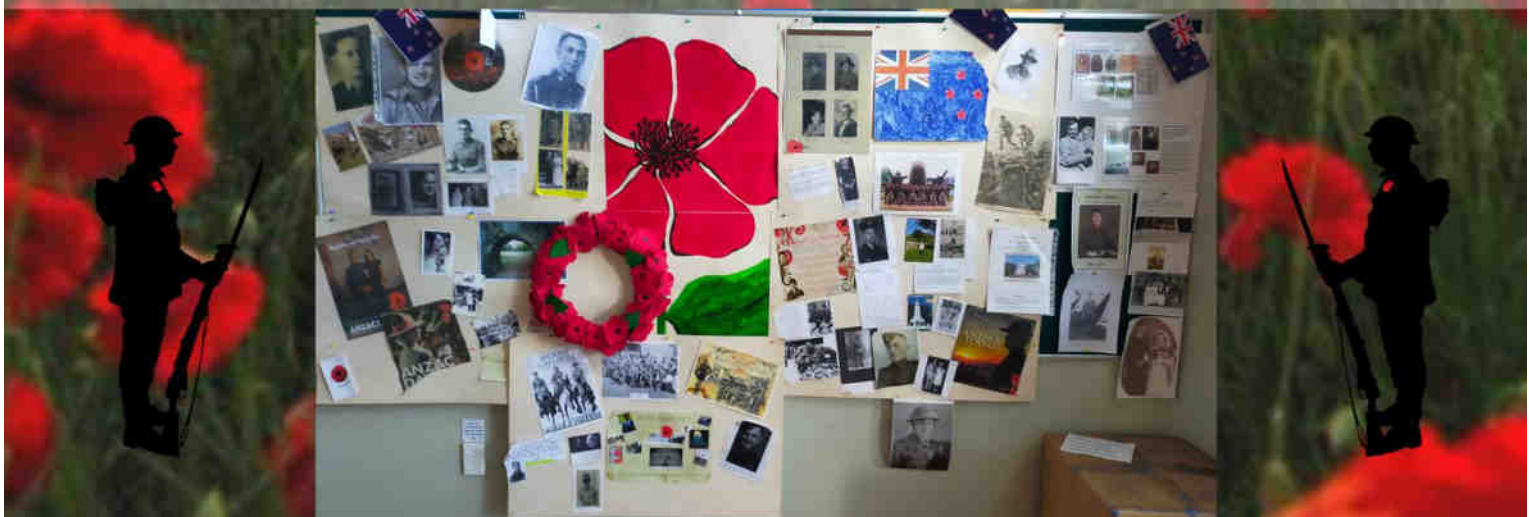
From the Activity Centre Crew



## **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

**Wherever they fought New Zealanders died  
Field Nurses wept and families cried  
But still in mud and trenches long  
Our brave young ancestors defended strong  
Their visions of peace for all to share  
Often terminated in a Chaplain's prayer  
And graves in which they now lie deep  
In great respect the village people keep**

**But here at home we think of those boys  
Their short youthful life with its New Zealand Joys  
'Uncles' or now more 'Uncles Great-Great'  
On our Epsom Memorial, number twenty eight  
To help bring them back within the fold  
Their family connections should be told  
So join with the Priestleys  
Sweets and Coopers on the list  
To bring 28 Epsom boys out of the mist  
Fenelon 2020**



Lest We Forget

