

ACTIVITY CENTRE NEWS

Ranfurly News and Info

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Dear Family, Friends and Students,

Greetings from the Activity Centre! Welcome back to Level 1 and how great that feels. All the residents and community students have been overjoyed to be able to join bubbles and hang out together again. The Activity Centre timetable is back up and running again and everyone is happy to get back into “nearly normal” groups and routines.

A bit of important housekeeping for us at the Activity Centre. Visitors, families and taxi drivers will still need to sign in or use the QR code and sanitise their hands before entry. We intend to resume all our community groups where possible and restart the use of public transport when appropriate.

Lockdown restrictions have had an impact on all of us. Some students have started recording their feelings and thoughts about their experiences and these are part of our new youtube series called – Lockdown Experiences -new episodes will be coming regularly. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDOLACdh2MI&list=PLC5UgYh9E6FAQP_FB1gIp9YU5ko9RT-9

It's been a challenging time with lockdown and the Auckland Harbour Bridge repairs causing havoc with some of our booked shows and planned trips. This week we were happy to finally be able to take some students to the much loved and awaited “Greedy Cat” show. We are also pleased to confirm that those booked on the Papamoa Holiday now have confirmed dates (hopefully!) and will be going on 30th November till the 3rd of December. More info will be coming nearer the time.

During lockdown we sadly said farewell to Murray Nash. This passing was unable to be suitably marked by Ranfurly and so we intend celebrating Murray's contribution to Ranfurly on the 20th October at 1pm with a showing of “Cinderella” (Murray in his heyday as an ugly sister) and this will be followed by Murray favourites – sausage rolls and cream donuts. All are welcome to join us. Please let us know if you are coming so we can stock up on sausie rolls – Murray would have been very unimpressed if we ran out! 😊

Thanks to the many people who have purchased our masks. We will continue to make these if requested, but will now be focussing more on our wheatbags and our new venture into beeswax wraps. We would like to take this opportunity to also thank our “elves” who have been so busy making masks. You may be interested to know that some of our profits from the mask production will be heading to our “elves” wee pockets.

You will have received our yearly feedback and satisfaction survey to complete. We would be interested to hear your feedback on what we offered during lockdown. Please let us know which things you found useful and any ideas you have for things we could have done within the restrictions which we did not think of.

Take care and keep safe.

From the Activity Centre Staff 😊



Some of our Escape from Lockdown Mural



A fun trip to see the show Greedy Cat



Check out our Lockdown Experiences Episodes 1 and 2

