



Inaugural 2013 International Angelman Day celebrations around NZ

WELLINGTON: The Lighthouse Petone

Team Kaya organised a movie viewing at the Lighthouse Petone, which helped to spread Angelman Syndrome awareness as well as raise funds for The Angelman Network.

- Movie– Mt Zion
- Where– The Lighthouse Petone, 52 Beach St, Petone
- Price– \$20 per ticket

There were also raffles as well as a chance to purchase some homemade snacks for the movies. A great fundraiser! Awesome work Nadine and Team Kaya.



ROTORUA: Te Puna o Ngati Whakaue (pre-school)

Team Jhyoti held a 'yellow' dress-up day at Te Puna o Ngati Whakaue (pre-school) to raise awareness and share all about Angelman Syndrome in a fun way. Angel-mum, Courtney, chose yellow as a colour of happiness! The awareness event was on the front page of their local newspaper. Well done Courtney and Team Jhyoti!



PUKEKOHE: Pukekohe intermediate school

Team Jordan's 12 year old cousin Kayla, organised a Mufti day at her Pukekohe Intermediate school to help raise awareness about Angelman Syndrome. The whole school dressed up in blue or white and wore angel wings. Jordan – who has Angelman Syndrome – visited the school and met all the lovely kids. Kayla gave a PowerPoint presentation at assembly, educating the students and staff about Angelman Syndrome



and there was a fantastic response. Over \$600 was raised! A big shout out to all of Pukekohe intermediate students and staff, and a tremendous THANK YOU to the amazing Kayla for making it happen! Thank you Sivao, and well done, Team Jordan.

PALMERSTON NORTH: St James Catholic School

St James Catholic School acknowledged International Angelman Day in honour of Olivia, and held an Angel mufti day which raised funds and spread awareness. Kerryn did a presentation and organised a World Record Ice-cream Scooper chap to come in and scoop ice-creams for all the kids. It was an awesome success. Well done Team Olivia



NORTHLAND:

A WEAR WINGS TO WORK awareness & fundraiser event was kicked off by TEAM CALEB (Gemma and Bevan Bradburn) in Northland, and spread like wildfire. On Friday 15th February, wings were seen in numerous unexpected workplaces around Whangarei: Pure Essence clinic, a St John's course, Toll NZ, One Tree Point School, and a delivery truck run! It spread across the country to Whitianga's Warehouse and even a 20/20 cricket game in Wellington – and then went international to the UK! A great effort by Team Caleb!! Also, thanks to the Ruakaka Community Market for hosting the Team Caleb/Angelman stall at the market on Sunday; to Elaine Goldthorpe, Chris Jackson and Sandra Currie for supplying baking of Angel cupcakes and biscuits, and to Pam Weir, for supplying and organising Angel cookies for the kids to construct at the market.



Team Caleb International Angelman Day collection - thanks go to

- Maiya & Kylee Jhaveri,
- kindy fundraiser, TM auctions
- Whitianga Club
- Whitianga Warehouse
- Toll Whangarei
- Gunson Mclean Accounting – workplace collection
- Quilt raffle & OTP School, Carter Holt LVL
- Tim and Lisa Angel badges
- Ruakaka Market, cupcakes cookies and donations
- Chris and Jock

TRADE ME AUCTION: ANGEL FOR A DAY

4 yr old Maiya ran a cookie sale at her Kindy and a Trademe Auction; and raised \$151.00

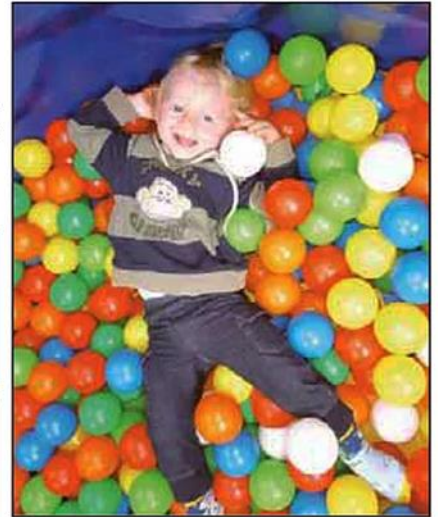
“Our friend Caleb is 2 years old and has a rare condition called Angelman’s Syndrome which affects his learning and development. He suffers seizures, and carries out daily and weekly therapies, and hospital visits to support him. This can be extremely challenging for him, his family and others with this rare condition. On February 15th it is the first ever International Angelman’s Day where we can raise awareness of this rare condition, promote research, educational resources and to encourage fundraising for The Angelman Network in NZ.

Maiya, (my 4-year-old) thought about how we could support Caleb and his friends with Angelman’s Syndrome for Angelman’s day. She wanted to ‘sell some of her toys to raise money to support Caleb and his friends’. Upon discussing this further Maiya thought some Angel dress-ups would be suitable so that someone can be an Angel for a day. Using some money from her piggy bank Maiya chose some fairy/angel wings and an angel halo to auction for this great cause – hence this ANGEL FOR A DAY auction takes place – inspired by a 4-year-old wanting to make a difference.

Maiya also listed BEADS of LOVE – a necklace she made to raise money for this awesome cause. 100% of the auction was donated to The Angelman Network NZ to support this cause.”



Wearing wings to raise awareness of Angelman Syndrome



Two - year - old Caleb Brandburn. He has Angelman Syndrome. His happy smile masks the daily challenges he faces.

Two - year - old Caleb Brandburn of One Tree Point is an extraordinarily happy child with sparkly blue eyes, a big smile and an infectious laugh. His dad, Bevan often jokes that when they are out Caleb seems to know more people than he does.

This happy personality, however, masks the daily challenges and obstacles that Caleb has to overcome. He suffers from *Angelman Syndrome*, a rare neuro-genetic condition, which is characterised by profound developmental delays, difficulties with motor skills and balance and with language. Many individuals also have epilepsy.

There is currently no cure for *Angelman Syndrome* and people with this condition require life long care and therapies to help them develop functional skills and improve their quality of life.

Along with other people around the world who are affected by this condition, Caleb’s family is gearing up for the first ever *International Angelman Day*, which will be held on Friday February 15th.

One Tree Point Primary School has got in on the act and on Friday 15 children are asked to come to school dressed up in a costume with wings.

Caleb along with his mum Gemma and his dad will be at the Marsden Cove Community Market on Sunday 17 February selling angel cupcakes and cookies to raise money for the *Angelman Network*, a New Zealand organisation that supports people with *Angelman*