



Kids With Arthritis New Zealand NEWSLETTER September 2019

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KWANZ RECENT EVENTS

FUNDRAISING FOR KIDS WITH ARTHRITIS NZ

A great way to spread the word around New Zealand about Juvenile Arthritis and other auto immune conditions is to support Kids With Arthritis NZ and run an awareness fundraising activity.

Giving your time and energy to fundraise can be rewarding and fun, especially if you get your family, friends, child's school, sport club or work colleagues involved.

Please also contact KWANZ if you know of a company that would like to sponsor a KWANZ project.

100% of all money raised will go back to the KWANZ children.

There are many exciting ways you can fundraise. You can run a coin trail, mufti day, car wash, sausage sizzle, busking, quiz night, GO BLUE at work, BLUE high tea, BLUE cupcake stall – the ideas are endless.

Together we make a difference for our CHILDREN WITH ARTHRITIS and OTHER AUTO IMMUNE CONDITIONS.

KWANZ'S RECENTLY RUN EVENT



Contact Robyn:-
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YOU MAY LIKE TO INSPIRE OTHERS AND POST YOUR KWANZ FUNDRAISER PHOTO ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

INSTAGRAM @kids_with_arthritis_nz

FACEBOOK kidswitharthritis kwanz



Teens, come sail away on Spirit of Adventure

This special 5 Day voyage provides an opportunity for physically challenged young New Zealanders to take part in an adventure of a lifetime. Thirty young people from around New Zealand, that are aged 16-20 years, come together to face challenges outside of their usual boundaries, gaining confidence and achieving tasks that previously might have looked impossible.

The annual Inspiration voyage is sponsored by the combined Lions Clubs of New Zealand, led by the Karori Lions Club.

The cost per person for the year 2020 is \$615.00. Funding may be available through the 'Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Fund'. Visit www.halberg.co.nz for more information.

VOYAGE DEPARTS 23rd Feb 2020
Wellington
VOYAGE RETURNS 28th Feb 2020
Wellington

Inspiration voyage participants are partnered with a support person (usually one to three ratio). Support personnel are recruited from experienced Spirit volunteers who have



participated in 10 Day voyages. They offer support and personal assistance to the participants as required.

Unique voyage focuses on the following life skills activities

- building self-confidence - climbing the mast, swimming alongside
- developing leadership skills - putting up the sails
- communicating with new people
- learning to be resilient - helping clean the ship
- working in teams - rafting ashore
- dealing with close confines - sleeping in bunks

- learning new skills - sailing the small boats

To find out more out more and register your interest visit:-
www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/voyage/inspiration

PLEASE NOTE

Kids With Arthritis NZ will assist you in preparing your application. KWANZ will be your Nominating Organization

For assistance contact:- Phil Donnelly

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Many of our KWANZ children have experienced this wonderful trip with Koru Care NZ

Koru Care NZ - California Adventure

The FREE trip is 2 weeks in duration in October and the group consists of 26 children and 15 caregivers with each caregiver assigned 2 children. The Annual Koru Care California trip is for 7-14 year olds. Applications to Koru Care will be accepted at any time during the year.

Parents cannot attend.

The Koru Care application form is found on the Koru Care NZ website. On your application form please add "Referred by KWANZ" www.korucare.co.nz/california-adventure/

The group has a 3 day pass at the "Happiest Place on Earth" – Disneyland and California Adventure.

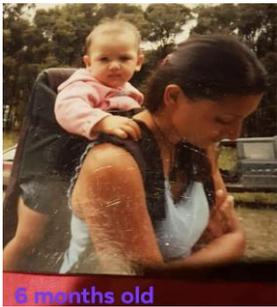
Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld in San Diego and the San Diego Zoo are also on the itinerary.

The California Highway Patrol in San Diego and the LA Coast Guard Air Station are more fun places they visit.

With all this activity the kids have a chance to relax. They can spend the afternoon relaxing by the hotel pool or head down to Venice or Huntington Beach, they can also go shopping, Target, Walmart and Toys 'R' Us are not far away.

KWANZ's Young Achiever - STORM

By DANA (MOTHER)



Storm at 6mths old, we had just been in hospital for 4 days with spiking temperatures with no reason why.



Storms 6th birthday. She had been a sickly child, always sore, which was frustrating, not even the professionals could explain her pain.



Storm 3 months later after being diagnosed with SYSTEMIC ONSET JIA, and after her 3 day encounter with 1000mg steroids...



Storm, 8 months later at the KWANZ Christmas party at Rainbows End. By this stage Storm had experienced several stays in hospital and steroid treatments. Hospital was like a second home and I (MUM) had to give up my job to be by Storms side through it all. The KWANZ Christmas party is something our family has looked forward to every year since this first one.



Our family had a lovely weeks break at the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat Home in Rotorua. Storm was quite sick at this stage, she was taking 27 pills a day plus the Biologic injection 'Embrele' twice a week. Her immune system was not only attacking her joints – leaving her on crutches, at this point she also had a wheelchair, but her organs were struggling as her immune system tried to shut them down. Storm had inflammation on her lungs, around her heart and in just about every joint in her body.



Storm joined a soccer team and the local colour fun run. She raised over \$300.00



Storm walked the 4km PINK APPEAL for cancer, she dragged all the family along with her.



Storm wrote a CV why she should be one of the 25 children chosen from 860 at her school to go on a trip to Vanuatu. Storm was chosen as long as I (MUM) went with her to administer medication and for her safety.



Storm plays in the Northlands under 13s & under 15s girls League teams



Storm coached the under 7s Marist mixed League team. They also opened for the Tigers v Warriors this year.



Storm trained from dusk to dawn to be ready for this years' season, after dislocating and breaking her patella last season in the final. The Rangatahi League tournament June 1st 2019. Storm not only made the Nga Puhī Ahi Northland team but she made the Mahurehure Hokianga Storm team, which took the championship third year running for 2019.



Storm with her horse Jessi. Through rain, hail, and shine Storm is out with Jessi. Storm has so much passion, dedication and determination. She gives her best in everything she pursues. She knows her body now, and pushes herself to her limits every day. She says nothing will ever stop her from doing what she loves. She does it to prove to herself she can, she also does it because she was told she couldn't.

KWANZ's Noticeboard

Juvenile Arthritis Presentation for Schools

Kids With Arthritis NZ commissioned a video to educate teachers about the challenges that children with arthritis have when attending school.

The presentation pack that you would leave with your child's school includes a DVD and flash drive of the video, more information about arthritis in children, and details of the support that KWANZ provides.

This is an excellent resource that we would like to present to as many schools as possible. KWANZ offer support and suggestions on how to present this fantastic resource.

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Kids With Arthritis NZ Wristbands

KWANZ silicone wristbands are a great way to let people know that, 'EVEN KIDS GET ARTHRITIS'.

DESCRIPTION

The KWANZ purple wristbands are silicone with the words 'EVEN KIDS GET ARTHRITIS' and have the KWANZ website www.kidswitharthritis.org.nz

ADULT

The adult sized silicone wristbands have a circumference that measures 20cm and is 1.2cm wide. **Cost \$2.00 each.**

CHILD

The child sized silicone wristbands have a circumference that measures 17cm and is 1.2cm wide. These would be suitable for children 4 to 10 years approx. **Cost \$2.00 each.**

Place your order with Robyn:-
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Kids With Arthritis NZ Up-coming events

KWANZ's upper North Island CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE:- 9th November 2019

WHERE: Rainbows End, Auckland

An invitation with further details will be emailed to you in October.

KWANZ's OTHER REGIONS CHRISTMAS PARTIES WILL BE ADVERTISED SOON.

