



## CAMPBELLS BAY SCHOOL

Not self, but service.  
*Ko te ratonga te tuatahi, ko koe te tuarua*  
Est. 1925

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Colour Your Day

Further to my communication with you at the weekend, we are now in the position to offer a way we can all help following the events of last Friday in Christchurch.

One of the questions so many have asked is: **what can we do?** In collaboration with the Christchurch City Council, the 24-7 Youth Network has planned a response - a way of demonstrating our love and support for all that have been impacted by Friday's events. **Colour Our Day**, on Friday 22 March, will provide an opportunity for anybody who wishes to wear bright, happy colours to school to support the Christchurch Mayoral Fund called '*Our People, Our City.*' All donations contributed on this day at school will go to this fund.

In keeping with the sentiment that talking to children about the events of last Friday is very much a role for parents and caregivers, we will be promoting the day as being an opportunity to share our love of life with others by wearing bright and happy colours. (Please note - the Canterbury Primary Principals' Association has been in contact with Muslim advisers through the Ministry of Education. They have advised that the wearing of red is the *least* culturally appropriate colour from the perspective of the Muslim community. By wearing bright, happy colours, we will be showing our support for our Muslim communities and the people of Christchurch). In the context we know some children will know nothing of the events of last Friday and some will know a lot, we will continue to take a low key approach turning any questions and comments from children back to parents to respond to. Nigel Latta, New Zealand psychologist and author, has these wise words should your child ask questions about last Friday: *"I think the message should be 'there are people in the world who do really terrible things, but most people in the world are actually really good. Some people get frightened, or upset, or angry about things in their own lives and they try and blame other people. But most people aren't like that, most people are good people, are helpful and kind'."*

The organizers of **Colour Our Day** also suggest a minute of silence at 1.40pm on Friday. We will have a minute of silence at this time to provide an opportunity for all us to reflect on our core school values of: respect, kindness and resilience and how we can use these values in our daily actions. These are values that have universal applicability.

I believe that by taking these actions with the focus being very much on the universal values of respect, kindness and resilience, we are respecting the primary role of parents and caregivers re the tragedy of last Friday, while celebrating life and the importance of 'getting on with our fellow citizens.' I hope so.

I know there has already been an opportunity to contribute Victim Support as part of our Wacky Wednesday promotion. Please understand there is no compulsion to make a monetary donation although, I am quite sure, all money donated will be warmly welcomed.

Best wishes

John McGowan

**Friday 22nd March**

**Colour  
Your  
Day**

On Friday 22nd March wear something colourful in your school, business and community. Observe 1 minute silence at 1:40pm and donate.

Money raised will support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

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Reference: Our People Our City  
(Christchurch Foundation)

[#colouryourdaynz](https://twitter.com/colouryourdaynz)

24-7 YouthWork in collaboration with Christchurch City Council. Raising money for the Mayoral Fund called "Our People, Our City".

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