

2nd April 2011

A World Autism Awareness Day Activity

*Raising awareness and funds for children
and families affected by autism spectrum disorders*

multicoloured
mayhem day

People dress in order to blend in with the crowd.

WHY NOT DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

Autism New Zealand invites you to make the **1st of April** a day
when you wear whatever colours you like.



Please give us a hand!

Autism NZ invites your school to participate in a fundraiser on 1st April 2011 called

multicoloured mayhem day

On December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 62/139, tabled by the State of Qatar, which declares April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) in perpetuity. The resolution gained consensus support from all United Nations Member States. This UN resolution is one of only three official disease-specific United Nations Days and will bring the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions. The World Autism Awareness Day resolution encourages all Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to encourage early diagnosis and early intervention. It further expresses deep concern at the prevalence and high rate of autism in children in all regions of the world and the consequent developmental challenges.

World Autism Awareness Day shines a bright light on autism as a growing global health crisis. WAAD activities help to increase and develop world knowledge of the autism epidemic and impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, WAAD celebrates the unique talents and skills of persons with autism and is a day when individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe. By bringing together autism organizations all around the world, we will give a voice to the millions of individuals worldwide who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help. Please join us in our effort to inspire compassion, inclusion and hope.

As 2 April falls on a Saturday in 2011 we invite you to celebrate on Friday, 1 April.

Did you know that...?

**1 in every 100 New Zealand children
has an autism spectrum disorder**

It is Autism NZ's dream to have at least **100** schools participating on the same day. *Not sure what activity you would like to do ... here are some ideas to get you started.*

Dress in Multicolour	Every bit of your clothing is a different colour.
Dress like a Rainbow	Assign each class a different colour of the rainbow and get them to dress in that colour.
Multicoloured Manicure	Give each other manicures with each nail painted a different colour. For the next 5 days whenever someone asks about the manicure tell them you're raising money for Autism NZ and ask them for a donation.

Fill out the following 'Intention to Raise Funds' form and return it to us and we will then send you posters and information to help make your day a success.



Intention to Raise Funds

Let us know if you are going to participate by filling out this form and returning it to
**Autism NZ Inc. PO Box 12599, Thorndon, Wellington 6144 or Fax (04) 470 7616 or scan and
email to jon.boyer@autismnz.org.nz**

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School Name		
Postal Address		

Street/PO Box		

Suburb	City/Town	Postcode
Contact Person		

Title	First Name	Surname
Position _____		
Phone _____	Mobile _____	
Email _____		
Please send me	<input type="checkbox"/> A4 posters to promote Multicoloured Mayhem day No of posters required _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Disorder fact sheets	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Autism NZ information posters	
Please briefly detail the fundraising activity you intend to carry out	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	



Thank you
for supporting
Autism NZ Inc.

Your participation will help make a difference to the lives of many children and families affected by autism spectrum disorders, helping to create the opportunity for a better future.

For further information

If you have any queries, please contact

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