



**Supportive family:** Brave little cancer battler Rory Gardiner, 7, flanked by his dad Sean, left, and brother Sam, 9.

# Family grateful for support

Cancer sufferer Rory Gardiner has returned home to the Kaipara but it's for the last time because his family is moving to Auckland while he continues his treatment.

The Dargaville Primary School student

was diagnosed with two brain tumours in March and has since endured six lots of surgery, 31 radiotherapy sessions and up to four cycles of high dose chemotherapy.

This is necessary in his battle against the disease.

"It has been a tough couple of months for Rory," say his mum Leigh Honor and dad Sean Gardiner.

They say that during the first cycle of chemotherapy Rory developed a blood infection.

The chemotherapy drugs destroyed his immune system and he requires a stem cell transplant and daily hormone injections to rebuild it.

They say Rory has spent much of the past two months in Starship children's hospital in Auckland.

There has been an extra complication for the family this month.

They've sold their house and packed to move south.

Sean, Leigh, Sam and Rory will be living at Ronald McDonald House in Auckland for the remainder of Rory's treatment.

The couple says local people will still be able to follow Rory's journey and offer their support on his website [www.rorygardiner.co.nz](http://www.rorygardiner.co.nz).

"We would like to thank the following people and apologise if we have missed anyone out: Mr Russek, Whaea Danielle, and all the wonderful staff at Dar-

gaville Primary School, the Johnston family - Trudi, Brian, Kody, Ben and Stella - Nana and Poppa Seymour, the Newman-Horne family, the Morrison family, Brenda Crawford, the best neighbours we could have had Clive and Iris Fremlin and Sean Passle, Waihue family the Nichols, the staff at Hunting and Fishing, the Wily family, all those involved in the Kina Cut for Rory - including mayor Neil Tiller, Tahlia Rogers Brown, the lads at Carters, Lucy Heller, Dave and Gay Duder, hairdressers Nicky, Kim and Dianne - the Jeffrie family, the Dargaville & Districts News, school bus driver Ross Gillespie, his wife Carline and the Rural Women of New Zealand, the Tregidga family, Circus Kumarani, Greenways Trust and Jacoba and Julie at Dargaville Hospital."

Sean, Leigh, Sam and Rory would like to invite their friends and families up to their current home at Waihue on Friday from 4pm onwards to say goodbye.

People are asked to bring a plate and something to drink.

## Beach (Baylys)

Sunday Sep 27			Monday Sep 28			Tuesday Sep 29		
6	9	12	6	9	12	6	9	12
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o Point	8:55am	11:55pm	Whakapono	8:55am	11:55pm	Whakapono	8:56am	11:55pm
opara	8:42am	7:49pm	De Kopuru	8:54am	4:24pm	De Kopuru	8:55am	4:30pm
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pai	8:54am	4:24pm	Tioapai	8:52am	7:44pm	Tioapai	8:53am	4:49pm
pirau	8:55am	4:35pm	Whakapirau	8:55am	1:10pm	Whakapirau	8:57am	4:58pm
7:05 am	11:53 am		7:04 am	11:53 am		7:02 am	11:53 am	
7:23 pm	12:11 pm		7:23 pm	11:37 pm		7:24 pm	11:37 pm	

## Whai Heads

Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
6	9	12	6	9	12	6	9	12
Whai Heads	8:18am	12:00pm	Mangawhai Heads	8:18am	4:57pm	Mangawhai Heads	8:40am	4:57pm
den Point	8:28am	12:00pm	Marsden Point	8:18am	4:57pm	Marsden Point	8:18am	12:00pm
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