

Family unites to support Rory

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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Rory Gardiner was an active and trouble-free young boy a matter of weeks ago.

Without warning he suddenly started suffering headaches, some so severe he vomited.

After several visits to his GP and Whangarei Hospital, doctors diagnosed Rory with a brain tumour.

His mother, former New Plymouth woman Leigh Honnor, said the tumour, which was finally detected after a CT scan, would have been fatal in another fortnight had her son not been rushed to Starship Hospital.

Rory's first operation, which removed a large malignant tumour, took place within three days of his hospital admission.

Surgeons were forced to perform a second operation last week in an attempt to remove another tumour.

Mrs Honnor, whose grandfather was former New Plymouth mayor Alf Honnor, said her family, including her father, prominent Surf Life Saving Taranaki life member John Honnor, was receiving a large amount of support from friends and relatives in both Taranaki and Northland.

A website has been set up where



people can leave messages of support or make donations.

The website address is www.rorygardiner.co.nz.

Mrs Honnor said the second operation had been tough on Rory, who was battling a fluctuating temperature.

She has been forced to give up work to be with her son, who faces months of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Sick boy: Rory Gardiner has been recovering in Auckland's Starship Hospital after a second operation to remove brain tumours.

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