

We had a couple of thank you letters this week: RYDA Programme sent a note to say thanks and that 104 young people attended from Roncalli and Mountainview on our day. We also had a thank you from Altrusa for supplying a Dessert Platter for their District Conference (made by Cheryl) they raised \$2778.20 for Days for Girls, a great effort!

This week we had Ron Lindsay from The NZ Raptor Trust along as our guest speaker. Ron surprised us all and brought along a couple of feathered friends - Tom Thumb the NZ Falcon and Dylan the German Owl or Little Owl as they are also known. Although the birds TOTALLY freaked me out it was a great opportunity for us all to see just how beautiful the birds are up close. It was a fascinating talk and was great to hear about all the care work the Trust does for sick and injured birds around our region. I didn't know that there are five types of Native Raptors in NZ or that the talons on a hawk are in a relaxed state when they are shut, like our clenched fist would be, and those talons could crush a skull of a rabbit!





Don't forget to order your Rotary Centeneray Book - Mana Tangata, we still have some copies available for \$40 each - see Lionel if you would like to get one.

Stephen is taking orders for the Rotary number plate surrounds if you would like to order a set email him @ [srdon000@outlook.com](mailto:srdon000@outlook.com) by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Thought of the week: They say we learn from our mistakes. That's why I'm making as many as possible, I'll soon be a genius.

Have a great weekend  
Jess