

10. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT – FEBRUARY 2003- JULY 2003

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of school holiday programmes delivered in the Spreydon/Heathcote area by community groups in conjunction with Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the period from February 2003 to July 2003.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday programmes provide quality, fun and safe recreation experiences for children and youth and an opportunity to develop new skills, relax and enjoy themselves. Children who participate in recreation programmes learn and improve skills, while having fun and socialising with their friends. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families, particularly working families who require quality recreation and care for their children.

NAMES, VENUES AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES

In the April and July school holiday periods the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team funded one programme (Rowley Holiday Programme) and assisted in the delivery of three other programmes that were funded in part by Board Project Funds. All programmes included one or two outings per week to enable the children to enjoy such leisure experiences as mini golf, swimming, children's theatre, the movies and ten pin bowling. "Home based" activities included games, craft and cooking. Details of all programmes are as follows:

Rowley Holiday Programme

Programmes held April and July 2003

Based at Rowley Avenue School.

One week programme catering for 20 children per day, aged 5-12 years. (100 total spaces each programme)

Cost: \$1 per child per day

Fully funded by Christchurch City Council Leisure \$8000 for four programmes in the 2002-2003 financial year

Managed and implemented by Rowley OSCAR

All children attending came from the local community, with the majority of children coming from Rowley Avenue School. Over 75% of the children attending identified as being Maori.

SHARP' Holiday Programme

Programmes held in April and July 2003

Based at Spreydon Baptist Church

The April programme ran for four days, with 480 total spaces available and 476 total attendances. It was staffed by eight paid staff and 32 volunteers, each of whom received a koha.

The July programme ran for 10 days, catered for up to 117 children each day, and had an impressive number of 1150 total attendees. There were seven paid staff and 27 volunteer leaders.

Cost: \$11 per day for the 5-10 year olds, and \$13 per day for the 11-13 year olds

Assisted by Community Board Project funds of \$10,400 during the 2002-2003 financial year

All children attending came from the local area with the majority coming from West Spreydon School. A survey of the children showed that 70% stated they attended the programme because their parents were working.

Waltham Youth Trust Programme

Programmes held April and July 2003

Based at Waltham Youth Trust Headquarters. Cost per child per week: \$20.

April programme: Four-day programme catering for 32 children per day aged 8-12 years, with 128 attendances for 128 possible spaces.

July programme: One week programme catering for 38 children per day aged 8-12 years, with 190 attendances for 190 possible spaces.

Expenditure for April programme: \$3,128

Expenditure for July programme: \$3,216

Assisted by Community Board Project Funds of \$3,450 for the 2002-2003 year

All children attending came from the local area, with the majority coming from Waltham School.

Hoon Hay Youth Centre Holiday Programme

Programmes held April and July 2003

Based at Hoon Hay Youth Centre, this programme has shown significant increases in daily attendances.

April programme: A six-day programme for up to 44 children aged 8 –15 years with 228 attendances.

July programme: A nine-day programme for up to 52 children aged 8-15 years with a total of 375 attendances.

Cost: Gold coin donation. Programme supervisors noted that some children were attending the day without bringing any lunch or lunch money, therefore some fruit and other food was purchased for the children.

Expenditure for April activities: \$911

Expenditure for July activities: \$1,053

Assisted by Community Board Project Funds of \$3,490 for the 2002-2003 financial year.

This programme runs on an extremely tight budget with significant numbers of unpaid staff and no other funding to offset costs. The wide age range presented was handled well, with certain days planned for youth only, and on other days for children only. All those attending came from the local area, with over 70% identifying as Maori and approximately 20% identifying as Pacific Islanders. Due to concerns about children attending without having eaten breakfast, a "Breakfast Club" programme ran on several days, with sponsored products from Sanitarium and Anchor Milk.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

A request was made at the previous six month update for information regarding other programmes being held in the Spreydon/Heathcote area (see attached).

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on some of the holiday programmes, with overwhelmingly positive feedback being received. Parents were very positive regarding the programme supervisors, staff, the activities provided for their children and the excellent care which their children received.

Some examples of the many comments received are as follows:

Child: "It was all cool!"

Child: "I like how on the last day we go on a trip!"

Parent: "My son thoroughly enjoyed the activities and looked forward to coming each day".

Parent: "The children had a great time at the Holiday Programme and often did not want to come home!"

Parent: "You guys do a fantastic job – the kids love coming and feel very safe with you".

Parent: "Keep doing top work. Thanks!"

CONCLUSION

This has once again been a very busy half-year with growing patronage on all these programmes. Programme leaders are required to provide reports before being forwarded funding for the next programme. This has resulted in some good reporting and some well-organised programmes. The many community groups in the area provide a great variety of programmes available for all ages.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.