

11. 2003 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of school holiday programmes delivered by the Council's Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the Hagley and Ferrymead wards over the period from January to June 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. Some of the benefits of participating are increased physical health, learning something new, being creative and meeting new people.

NAMES, VENUES AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES

The Council's Leisure Recreation and Arts Team delivered programmes in the December/January and April school holidays. Some of the programmes were funded by Board project funds with the remaining programmes funded by the Recreation and Arts team.

(Note: Attendance at all programmes is the number of children in total who attended. A full programme catering for 20 children over five days would show an attendance of 100 for the week.)

Linwood Youth Adventures

- Programme held during April 2003.
- Based at the Linwood Avenue Union Church.
- A four day programme over one week (due to Easter) in April catering for 20 children aged 11 - 14 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- Funded by Board project funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local community with the majority of children coming from Linwood Intermediate School.

The programme was planned and managed by the Recreation and Arts Team's Holiday Programme Manager, Matalega Lolotai in consultation with the Community Recreation Adviser, Linwood Avenue Community Corner Trust members and community worker.

Total attendance: 76

Linwood Movers

- Programme held during January and April 2003.
- Based at the Linwood Avenue Primary school.
- A one week programme in January and a seven day programme over two weeks in April (due to Easter) catering for 40 children aged 5 – 12 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- Funded by Board project funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local community with the majority of children coming from Linwood Avenue Primary School.

The programmes were planned and managed by the Recreation and Arts Team's Holiday Programme Manager, Matalega Lolotai in consultation with the Community Recreation Adviser.

Total attendance: 316

Bromley Boredom Busters

- Programme held during April 2003.
- Based at the Bromley Community Centre.
- A three day programme over one week (due to Easter) in April catering for 40 children aged 5 – 12 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- Funded by Board project funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local community with the majority of children coming from Bromley Primary School.

The programme was planned and managed by the Recreation and Arts Team's Holiday Programme Manager, Matalega Lolotai in consultation with the Community Recreation Adviser.

Total attendance: 80

Phillipstown Pulsators

- Programme held during January and April 2003.
- Based at the Phillipstown Community Centre.
- A one week programme in January and a four day programme (due to Easter) in April catering for 25 children aged 5 – 12 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- Funded by Board project funds.

All children attending came from the local community with the majority of children coming from Phillipstown Primary School.

The Phillipstown Pulsators Holiday Programmes are contracted to the Phillipstown Community Centre. The Phillipstown Community Centre has full responsibility for the planning and management of the programme. The Community Recreation Adviser is available for advisory assistance as required and is responsible for monitoring the contract.

Total Attendance: 215

R.O.O.S.T Holiday Programme

- Programme held during December/January and April 2003.
- Based at Richmond Primary School.
- An eight day programme over December/January and a seven day programme over two weeks (due to Easter) in April catering for 20 children aged 5 – 12 years.
- Cost: \$10 per day or \$5 with Community Services Card.
- Funded by Board project funds.

Almost all children attending came from the local community with the majority of children coming from Richmond and Christchurch East Primary schools.

The R.O.O.S.T. Holiday Programmes are contracted to the Richmond Out Of School Trust. R.O.O.S.T. has full responsibility for the planning and management of the programmes. The Community Recreation Adviser is available for advisory assistance as required and is responsible for monitoring the contract.

Total Attendance: 300

COMMENTS

Numbers attending the programmes were down on other holiday periods city wide. This may have been due to Easter coinciding with April school holidays. Overall, parents and children were satisfied with the programmes they attended and ideas for future programmes were discussed. Close networking with community agencies and parents had positive results for children with more challenging behaviours. Over 80% of families utilising the programmes were Community Services Card holders and/or were accessing WINZ child care subsidies. Whilst a large proportion of families utilised the programmes in order to meet childcare needs brought about by the demands of work, they were also being utilised by families wanting to offer their children enriching recreational activities at an affordable cost.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

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