

**19. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMME**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to consider an application for funding by Friends and Family of Richmond Primary School from the 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Friends and Family of Richmond Primary School aims to enhance the students learning experiences through fundraising for activities considered important for the well-being and development of each child. Richmond Primary is a Decile 2 school with 75 students of over 20 different ethnicities. A high proportion of the students are Maori.
3. The project that Friends and Family of Richmond Primary School is applying for aims to provide all students with learn to swim lessons in Term 3 2010. The desired outcome is for students to learn water safety and swimming skills that will contribute to the children's physical health, develop a recreation skill and may help reduce the rate of death by drowning. The drowning incidence rate is particularly high for Maori and Pacifica due to low swimming ability.
4. Richmond Primary School struggles to provide anything beyond the most essential programmes for the children due to extreme financial constraints. There are multiple learning priorities but limited fund raising opportunities and the majority of parents are on very low incomes. It is the aim of Friends and Family of Richmond Primary School to provide the swimming lessons free of charge.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. Aqua Gym or Centennial Recreation and Sport Centre are able to provide the swimming lessons. The cost of Aqua Gym providing 10 swimming lessons for 85 children is \$4,675 and the cost of Centennial providing 10 lessons for 85 children is \$2,125. The cost of transport is \$1,600 and will be covered by the Sport Canterbury transport fund.
6. This is the third time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support within the last three years. In 2007, \$2,252 was granted for the 'Books in Homes' project and in 2009 \$3,500 was granted for a learn to swim programme. All funding has been accounted for as required.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

7. This application seeks funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Funding Scheme. There is a balance of \$44,326 remaining for distribution.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

8. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

9. Aligns with Council Activities and Services, Community Support, Community Grants and Grants, pages 176 and 184, in the 2009 -19 LTCCP.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

10. Yes. As above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

11. Application aligns with the Council's Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy, the Aquatic Facilities Plan, the Strengthening Communities Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

12. Yes. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

13. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board does not fund the Friends and Family of Richmond Primary School learn to swim lessons, as the funding is to deliver an aquatics programme that the school has decided to include in their Physical Education programme and is therefore "curriculum".

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.