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The purpose of this report is to inform Community Board members of the school holiday programmes delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team of the Leisure Unit in the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area over the June/July school holidays.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday programmes provide quality, safe, recreation experiences for children and above all a chance to relax and enjoy themselves after the long school term. Longer term, school holiday programmes teach children good leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups in their local communities. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families, particularly working families who require care for their children. This issue has been exacerbated by the introduction of the four term school year, and by government moves to encourage single parents back into the workforce.

PROGRAMMES

Parklands Pandemonium

(28 June to 9 July)

Parklands Community Centre

Maximum of 30 children per day aged 10-12 years

Enrolments over the two week period totalled 250. This was an average of 25 children per day. Of these, 195 children who attended during the two week period were from the Burwood/Pegasus area.

Other schools represented were Shirley Intermediate (1), Linwood North (1), Birchgrove (1), Our Lady of Fatima (1), Heaton Intermediate (1).

Queenspark Nippers

(28 June to 9 July)

Queenspark School Hall

Maximum of 40 children per day aged 5-9 years

Enrolments over the two week period totalled 407. This was an average of 40.7 children each day. Of these, 374 who attended the two week period were from the Burwood/Pegasus area.

Other schools represented were Marshlands (1), Shirley Primary (2), Hammersley (2).

Wainoni/Aranui Funny Bones

(28 June to 9 July)

Wainoni School

Maximum of 30 children per day aged 5-12 years

Enrolments over the two week period totalled 327. This was an average of 32.7 children per day. Of these 240 children that attended during the two week period were from the Burwood/Pegasus area.

Other schools that were represented were, Westport (3) (children visiting with grandparents), Shirley (2).

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on the programmes, all of which resulted in positive feedback. Parents were especially positive regarding the programme staff, the activities provided for their children and the care which their children received. Some of the comments are listed below:

‘Both children really enjoyed it’

‘We are extremely grateful for the programme. Please keep them going’

‘My son absolutely loved this holiday programme, he enjoyed the supervisors, which greatly helps.....’

‘Thank you for changing the venue. It was great to have no glass in the playground. Some how it would be great if the age groups could be extended to give the 12 – 14 year olds child care.....’

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.