

29. HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES – JULY, 1999

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The following reports are before the Community Board for information.

Holiday programmes provide children with positive recreation experiences, and enable parents to continue employment during the holidays or have time out. Holiday programmes contribute to reducing family stress and foster a sense of community.

Programmes run in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area over the July school holidays were :

LINWOOD MOVERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – 28 JUNE-2 JULY 1999

Linwood Movers was held at the Linwood Union Church in the first week of the July holidays. It catered for children from 9-12 years. The programme was limited to 35 children and involved outings and sports activities, due to the needs of this age group. The programme was contracted to the OSCAR Development Corporation, the programme delivery arm of the OSCAR network.

The programme was subsidised by the Leisure Unit Operational Budget.

School Numbers

Linwood Avenue	16	Bromley	2
Linwood North	8	St Martins	1
Linwood Intermediate	2	Woolston	2
Rudolf Steiner	4	Dunedin	2
Somerfield	1	Bamford	3

Attendance

Monday	26
Tuesday	32
Wednesday	24
Thursday	28
Friday	30

Cancellations

Monday	4
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	6
Thursday	7
Friday	5

Parents' Response

Children really enjoyed the programme as it was suited more to their age group (9-12 years). They particularly enjoyed activities they could participate in (eg QEII, board games) rather than educational activities or activities they could only look at (Antarctic Centre).

Summary

It worked well having the age limit from 9-12 years instead of 5-12 years, making it easier to manage the programme. The older children generally got on well together, and activities could be planned to suit their needs. The staff did an excellent job on this programme. Overall, the children's behaviour was excellent and only one warning was given to a child.

LINWOOD YOUTH ADVENTURES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – 5-9 JULY 1999

Linwood Youth Adventures was based at the Linwood Service Centre with outings planned each day. It catered for children 11-15 years. The programme was limited to 16 children and involved adventure activities suited to the needs of this age group. The programme was from 9.00am-3.00pm daily.

Budget

Income:	Enrolments –		
	5 days at \$5 a day x 16 youth	\$400.00	\$400.00
Expenditure:	QE II	\$97.00.00	
	Hoyts Movies	\$85.00	
	Antarctic Centre	\$75.00	
	Horse riding	\$240.00	
	Skating	\$80.00	
	Bowling	\$32.50	
	Transport	\$550.00	
			\$1,289.50
Subsidy			\$889.50

Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Project Funds subsidised this programme.

School Numbers

Linwood Intermediate	8
Linwood High	3
Bamford	2
Rudolf Steiner	2
Chisnallwood	2

Attendance

		<i>Cancellations</i>	
Monday	QE II/Kayaking	12	4
Tuesday	Rock Climbing	15	1
Wednesday	Skatezone/Bowling	16	0
Thursday	Antarctic Centre/Movies	14	2
Friday	Horseriding	17	0

Young People's Response

The majority of responses were “brilliant” and “awesome”, with kayaking and rock climbing counting as the most popular activities. Activities the young people said they would like in the future included ice skating, Science Alive and the Krypton Challenge.

Parents' Response

Parents appreciated the range of activities offered. One parent commented – “.... Good to know that a portion of my rates are being put back into events for the future of Christchurch children”. Some parents requested that the programme commence at 8.30am.

Summary

The activities planned were well received. Increasing the hours of this programme from an afternoon or morning activity to a full day (9.00-3.00) of activities resulted in the programme being full within a week of the programme opening for bookings. This showed a huge need for childcare for working parents rather than just time-out during the day.

The Supervisor, Taila Donald, and assistant, Catherine Bloomfield (Youth Worker from Linwood Union Church) did an excellent job and we were very impressed with their abilities and enthusiasm.

Future Planning Recommendations:

- Issue of children bringing pocket money to the programme needs to be addressed.
- More emphasis needs to be placed on children bringing enough food, drink and warm clothes.
- A Somali family placed one of their children on the programme and the parents require a translator so they understand what is required of them, and to address any needs they may have on the programme.

BROMLEY BOREDOM BUSTERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 28 JUNE – 2 JULY 1999

Location: Bromley Community Centre

Attendance: There were 40 places per day for children aged between 5 and ten years old. The cost was \$5 per day.

Monday	28 June	41 children
Tuesday	29 June	41
Wednesday	30 June	41
Thursday	1 July	39
Friday	2 July	41

203 children attended over the five days at an average of 41 children per day.

SCHOOLS The children came from a variety of schools:

Bromley	27 children
Woolston	7
Linwood	3
St Martins Christian	3
Richmond	2
Somerfield	2
Redcliffs	2
Linwood North	2
Freeville	1
Sumner	1
Phillipstown	1
Spreydon	1

SUMMARY

The feedback from parents and children was very positive. All parents stated that their children enjoyed the programme. They appreciated the fact that the cost is lower than other programmes and many would like to see the programme operating for the full two weeks of the holidays. Other activities kids wanted to see included are outings to ice skating and 10 Pin Bowling.

Recommendation: For information.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Community Recreation Adviser be commended for the success of this programme.