

## 10. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to inform Community Board members of school holiday programmes delivered by the Recreation and Arts Team of the Leisure Unit in the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area over the September/October 1999 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, lifelong leisure habits and help them to learn about the activities and groups in their local communities. Holiday programmes are also an important community service for Christchurch families, particularly working parents who require care for their children.

### **Holiday Programmes Delivered:**

#### *Wainoni/Aranui Funny Bones*

This programme was run from 20 September to 1 October 1999 for children 5 – 12 years of age. The programme was heavily booked from the day enrolments opened. The venue proved to be ideal with very few problems occurring. Total number of attendances over the two week period was 410.

#### *Parklands Pandemonium/Queenspark Nippers*

These programmes ran from 20 September to 1 October 1999 for children ranging in age from 5 – 13 years. Due to construction occurring at Queenspark School it was necessary to merge both programmes together at the one venue, Parklands Community Centre. This proved successful with good communication set up between staff and parent/caregivers. Total attendances over the two week period were approximately 592.

## **Schools Represented on all of the above Holiday Programmes**

Aranui Primary	9	North New Brighton	4
Avondale	7	Parkview	5
Banks Avenue	14	Queenspark	27
Burwood	8	South New Brighton	11
Freeville	5	St James	3
Marshlands	4	St Pauls	2
New Brighton	1	Wainoni	9
New Brighton Catholic	1	Windsor	10

A total of 120 attending from within the two wards.

Harewood	1	Redwood Primary	3
Kura Kaupapa Opawa	1	Shirley	4
Linwood Ave	1	Shirley Intermediate	1
Linwood Intermediate	1	Spreydon	1
Linwood North	1	St Andrews	1
Mairehau	1	Sumner	1
Paparoa	3		

Total of 20 from outside the ward.

## **Programme Activities**

Over the two week period the children were able to enjoy a great day of kite making and flying with the expert help of Julie Adams from the Arts Centre. Lots of fun and frolics on the sports fields! The making of yummy tasting pizzas and cookies, which always proves popular. The South Brighton Croquet Club provided demonstrations and games.

Older children were able to visit interesting places including Air World Museum at Wigram.

## **Comments from Parents and Children**

The following comments from parents are representative:

### *Wainoni*

- Both children really enjoyed it.
- We are extremely grateful for the programme. Please keep it going.
- My son enjoys them immensely.
- An excellent service.

### *Parklands/Queenspark*

- Overall the programme and staff are great and do a really good job. As my kids attend most school holidays, we would like new crafts and games as much as possible.
- It was a good programme and my daughter enjoyed it. She was very tired by the end of each day.
- I wish there was more access to holiday programmes, ie my daughters school does not advertise it and if you are late finding out about it you can miss out.

## **Observations**

Across the city more and more parents/caregivers are wanting to place their children on programmes during the school holidays. The need for holiday care for children has been exacerbated by the trend to both parents working, central government requirements that beneficiaries work and a decrease in family support structures (eg available grandparents) due to the high mobility of New Zealanders.

## **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.