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Corporate Plan Output: Recreation Programmes and Promotions	

The purpose of this report is to inform Community Board members of school holiday programmes delivered by OSCAR Development in Christchurch Inc for the Recreation and Arts Team of the Leisure Unit in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area over the September/October 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. School holiday programmes teach children good, lifelong leisure habits and help them 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. This issue has been exacerbated by the introduction of the four term year, and by central government policies with regards to the community wage.

#### **LINWOOD MOVERS**

Linwood Movers was held at Linwood Intermediate school in the first week of the holidays (20-24 September). The programme was limited to 35 children from 9-12 years.

<b>Schools Represented</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Linwood Avenue	13
Linwood North	11
Linwood Intermediate	3
Bamford	3
Bromley	2
Redcliffs	1
Chisnalwood Intermediate	1
Richmond	1

#### **Activities**

Activities included cooking, making masks, visit dinosaurs at the museum, treasure hunts and laser strike. Activities were based on suggestions made by children on the July Holiday Programme. When based at the site a number of choices are available to cater for children's needs (eg quiet areas).

## Parent and Children's Comments

The feedback was very positive about the programme content, staff and venue. The programme was limited to 9-12 year olds. This enabled the activities to be more age specific. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and came up with suggestions for the next programme.

## LINWOOD YOUTH ADVENTURES

**Linwood Youth Adventures** was based at the Linwood Union Church in the second week of the holidays (27 September – 1st October). The programme was limited to 16 children, 11-15 years. As this programme was funded by the Community Board a budget is presented below for your information.

<b>Schools Represented</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Linwood Intermediate	4
Rudolf Steiner	3
Chisnal Intermediate	3
Bamford	2
Linwood High	2
Linwood Avenue	1
St Anne's	1

## Activities

Activities included mini golf, snooker, QEII, bivouac making, ice-skating, krypton challenge and challenge ropes course. Activities had an adventure focus and suitable for the 11-15 year olds.

## Budget

Alpine Ice Skating	\$77.00
QEII	70.00
Caddy Shack	150.00
Horizons Unlimited	320.00
Krypton Challenge	280.00
Snooker	71.00
Volunteers	140.00
Canterbury Leisure Tours	680.00
Petty Cash	29.05
Supervisor	<u>832.80</u>
	\$2,649.85

## Parents and Children's Comments

All participants appreciated the leaders. The challenge ropes course was the favourite activity and the bivouac making the least liked. A range of activities including laser strike and mountain biking were suggested for the next programme.

## **BROMLEY BOREDOM BUSTERS**

**Bromley Boredom Busters** holiday programme ran from September 27 – October 1st at the Bromley Community Centre for 5-10 year olds.

<b>Schools Represented</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Bromley	27
Linwood Avenue	10
Linwood North	5
Linwood Intermediate	1
St Martins Christian	3
Freeville	2
Bamford	1
Te Kura Whakapumau o te reo tuturu ki Waitaha	1
Geraldine Primary	1
Waltham	2

Activities included indoor bowls, QEII Pool, cooking, kite-making, ice skating, crafts. The programme finished with a Friday afternoon party.

### **Comments from Children and Parents**

QEII and ice skating were listed as the most popular activity among the children with pizza and kite making the least popular. Activities suggested for the future included crafts, a visit to the Antarctic Centre and the beach.

### **COMMENT**

The holiday programmes are very popular and continue to provide an important community service to working parents and to parents and children in need of a break. Programmes filled quickly, with the Bromley Programme completely full within three days of opening for enrolments.

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

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and that Helen Gallagher be thanked for providing this report.