



13. 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 January 2000 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.

1. Holiday Programmes

Wainoni/Aranui Funnybones

This programme was run from 17-21 January 2000 for children from 5-12 years of age. The programme did not fill up as fast as usual as there are other activities available to young ones during this time of the year. The venue proves to be ideal with very few problems occurring. Total number of attendances over the one week period was 179.

Parklands Pandemonium/Queenspark Nippers

These programmes ran from 17-21 January 2000 for children ranging in age from 5-10 years. In total attendances over the one week period was approximately 165.

Schools Represented and Numbers

Wainoni	3	Windsor	2
Parkview	2	Central New Brighton	1
South New Brighton	5	St James	8
Aranui	6	St Annes	1
Freeville	2	Banks Avenue	13
Marshlands	4	Linwood North	1
Avondale	2	St Josephs	2
Burwood	4	Queenspark	13
Linwood Int.	1	Unknown	10

A total of 68 of the 82 attending from within the two wards.

Total of 3 from outside the ward, with ten unknown.

2. Activities

Over the one week period activities were predominantly out doors and involved different aspects of our community. For example, each programme participated in a Head for the Hills activity, which incorporated Victoria Park as a venue. The Park Ranger was called in to give an educational talk and advice on safety in the Park. Fire fighting skills were also demonstrated. This proved immensely popular with participants. Other activities included a Beach Day, Ice Cream Olympics with support from Tip Top, treasure hunts and orienteering.

3. Comments from Parents and Children

Comments from parents were unanimously favourable, the following are quotes from evaluations received:

Wainoni:

- My children will not attend any other programme.
- Great variety of activities.
- My son enjoys them immensely.
- An excellent service.

Children indicated:

- It was awesome.

Parklands/Queenspark:

- Parents indicated it should run through the holidays.
- Overall the programme is very good.
- Good variety of things for the children to do.

4. Observations

More and more parents/caregivers are wanting help with placing their children on programmes during the school holidays, so the need for more programmes will always be an issue.

The Leisure Unit needs to maintain the high standard of delivery that is being achieved at programmes, by the continual monitoring of programmes by Recreation Advisors and the Holiday Programme Manager.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.