

## 13. HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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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, during the April and July 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. In the long 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 Funnybones***

This programme was run from the 9-29 April and 2-13 July 2000 for children from 5 to 12 years of age. The venue (Wainoni School) proved to be ideal with very few problems occurring. Total number of attendances over the April holiday period was 353 children, average attendance per day was 39.2 children.

During the July holiday period total attendances were 374, with an average attendance per day of 37.4 children.

#### **Schools Represented and Numbers:**

Wainoni	13	Windsor	1
Parkview	2	Central New Brighton	2
South New Brighton	7	St James	12
Aranui	8	St Martins	1
Banks Avenue	4	Chisnallwood	4
Linwood North	4	Linwood	1
Avondale	20	Burwood	1
Queenspark	2	Catholic Cathedral	1
North New Brighton	1		

## ***Parklands Pandemonium***

These programmes ran from the 9-29 April and 2-13 July 2000 for children ranging in age from 5 to 12 years. Total attendances over the April holiday period were 332, with an average attendance of 36.8 children.

During the July holiday period total attendances were 381, with an average attendance per day of 38.1.

### **Schools Represented and Numbers:**

Windsor	6	St Andrews College	1
Parkview	1	Chisnallwood	9
South New Brighton	5	Ohoka	1
Aranui	6	Belfast	11
Freeville	2	Hammersley	2
Marshlands	5	Banks Avenue	7
Avondale	1	Linwood North	1
Burwood	2	St Josephs	4
Linwood Intermediate	1	Queenspark	27
Northcote	2	St Pauls	2 (both children live in Burwood Ward)
Van Asch Deaf Ed Cnt	1	Shirley Intermediate	1

A total of 179 children attending resided within the Burwood/Pegasus wards, with 12 children attending from outside the area.

### **ACTIVITIES**

Activities in the programmes included the usual craft activities such as painting mosaic tiles, origami, junk art (which proves very popular) painting terracotta pots, etc. Once again Science Alive visited the children at the programmes and put on an exciting programme of “crazy chemistry”. Visits to QEII, Skatezone and to the movies at Sumner also proved to be extremely popular.

### **COMMENTS FROM PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

The following quotes from parents and children on the evaluation forms again speak to the quality of the programme.

#### ***Parents indicated***

- Great programme, keep up the good work.
- My children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thank you.
- A reasonably priced well run programme.

#### ***Children indicated***

- It's awesome.
- Can we go ice skating again.
- It's fun and we meet friends.

## **PROCESSES/PROCEDURES**

Christchurch City Council Leisure endeavours to meet the needs of the community by maintaining a high standard of delivery at our holiday programmes. This is achieved by continual monitoring of programmes by Community Recreation Advisers and the Holiday Programme Manager.

During the past four months the Holiday Programme Manager has also been working with CYPFA to ensure that our programmes obtain approval to offer parents access to the OSCAR WINZ subsidy. This will benefit the community by providing options for parents on benefits who are working or training to pay for programme activities. It will also enable the Recreation and Arts Team to reduce subsidies for this group of parents.

It has been commented and noted by CYPFA field workers that a high standard of programme delivery has been achieved by Christchurch City Council Leisure. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff on our holiday programmes for their diligence and commitment.

### **Chairperson's**

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