

## 26. 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 Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team in the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area during the July and Sept/Oct 2001 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 2-13 July and 25 September to 5 October 2001 for children from 5-12 years of age. The programme offered some great activities for young ones. Total number of attendances over the July holiday period were 363 children, with an average attendance per day of 36 children.

During the September/October holiday period total attendances were 367, with an average attendance per day of 37 children.

At present the venue for this programme is the Wainoni School hall. While this allows ease of access for parents in the Wainoni area it is recommended that the programme also be offered in Aranui on alternate weeks of the school holidays for a trial period to enable better access for Aranui children.

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

Wainoni	7	Windsor	1
Central New Brighton	1	St James	3
South New Brighton	13	Freeville	2
Aranui	5	North New Brighton	1
Banks Avenue	4	Chisnallwood	1
Avondale	14		
Catholic Cathedral	1 (lives in Aranui)		
Our Lady of Fatima	1 (lives in North Beach)		
Nova Montessori	2 (lives in New Brighton)		
Linwood Primary	1 (lives in New Brighton)		
Paparoa	3	Shirley Intermediate	1
Cobham Intermediate	1	Bamford	1
Shirley Primary	2	Fendalton Open Air	1

##### **Parklands Pandemonium**

These programmes ran from the 2-13 July and 24-28 September to 1-5 October 2001 for children ranging in age from 5-12 years. Total attendances over the July holiday period were 383, with an average attendance per day of 38 children.

During the September/October holiday period total attendances were 384, with an average attendance per day of 38.

*Schools Represented and numbers:*

Windsor	5	Chisnallwood	7
Parkview	4	St Pauls	2
Banks Avenue	2	Marshlands	2
Avondale	2	St Josephs	4
Burwood		Queenspark	42
Cathedral Grammer	2	(live in Parklands)	
Nova Montessori	1	(live in New Brighton)	
St Josephs	1		
Northcote	1		
Mairehau	3		

**Please note:**

During the eight weeks of programmes staged at Wainoni and Parklands a total of 374 children that attended resided within the *Burwood/Pegasus* wards.

A total of 30 attendees resided outside the two wards.

3. **Activities**

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

4. **Comments from Parents and Children**

*Parents*

- My son came home very cheerfully each day full of tales of fun and excitement and challenge and looking forward to the next day.
- Would you kindly convey our very grateful thanks to all those who are involved in planning, providing and running this fantastic programme.

*Children*

- Huhu grubs are yummy.
- Awesome fun.
- I like the swimming best.
- Bottle Lake Forest is big and great fun.

5. **Processes/Procedures**

Christchurch City Council Leisure maintains a high standard of delivery on holiday programmes. This is achieved by rigorous health and safety standards and continual monitoring of programmes by Recreation Advisers and the Holiday Programme Manager.

During the past few months the Recreation and Arts Team have undergone two separate reviews of its health and safety processes. These were undertaken by Child, Youth and Family (for holiday programmes) and by the Council's Internal Auditor. The Team "passed" both audits successfully.

6. **Staff**

A large proportion of the staff on the holiday programmes are volunteer leaders. These young people work on the programmes to gain the following:

- On site work experience.
- Training in Health and Safety, Disability Awareness etc.
- Opportunities to meet other young people.
- Working in a team environment.
- Experiencing a community environment.
- Knowledge of the leisure industry.
- Assistance in deciding on the choices they wish to make with regards to future career options.
- Fun experiences.

Over the two-term period (eight weeks programming) we have had the privilege of working with 457 volunteers who have given their valuable time and energy to the Burwood/Pegasus community.

To recognise and thank these volunteers the Recreation and Arts Team provided an opportunity for our volunteers to attend a special function (themed as a 60's Beach Party). This was in conjunction with the 'International Year of the Volunteer' and was held on 10 November 2001. The event was for all volunteers in Christchurch who have spent time on Recreation and Arts Team programmes. The Deputy Mayor delivered a thank you speech and presented certificates of acknowledgment to all volunteers.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board support the trialling of the Wainoni/Aranui Funnybones programme between the two areas, with the programme being staged on alternate weeks at Wainoni/Aranui Schools.