

7. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REPORT – JANUARY-JUNE 2002

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of school holiday programmes delivered in the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board by community groups in conjunction with Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts team over the period January – July 2002.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday programmes provide quality, fun and safe recreation experiences for children and youth and an opportunity to develop new skills, relax and enjoy themselves. Children who participate in recreation programmes learn and improve skills, while having fun and socialising with their friends. Holiday programmes are also an important community service to Christchurch families, particularly working families who require quality recreation and care for their children. Some of the benefits to participating are increased physical health, learning something new, being creative and meeting new people.

NAMES, VENUES AND DATES OF PROGRAMMES

In January, April and July the Christchurch City Council Leisure Recreation and Arts Team funded and managed one programme (Rowley Holiday Programme) and assisted in the delivery of up to seven other programmes that were funded in part by Board Project Funds. All programmes included several outings per week to enable the children to enjoy such leisure experiences as Science Alive, the indoor pools, the movies and ice skating. "Home base" activities included games, craft, cooking and videos.

Details of all programmes are as follows:

Rowley Holiday Programme

Programmes held January, April and July 2002

Based at Rowley Avenue School.

One week programme catering for 20 children per day, aged 5-12 years. (100 total spaces each programme)

Cost: \$1 per child per day

Fully funded by CCC Leisure \$8000 for 4 programmes in the 2001-2002 financial year.

Contracted to OSCAR Development Christchurch in January and April. The July programme was managed and implemented by CCC Leisure.

All children attending came from the local community, with the majority of children coming from Rowley Avenue School. Over 90% of the children attending identify as being Maori.

'SHARP' Holiday Programme

Programmes held January, April and July 2002

Based at Spreydon Baptist Church

Programme length varied between 4 days and 10 days, catering for up to 90 children per day, aged 4-13 years. July programme had 900 total spaces available and a total budget of \$16,000

Cost: \$11 per day

Assisted by Board Project funds \$5632 for 4 programmes in the 2001-2002 financial year

All children attending came from the local area with the majority coming from West Spreydon School

Waltham Cottage Holiday Programme

Programmes held January, April and July 2002

Based at Waltham Cottage

One week programme catering for up to 12 children per day, aged 5-8 years (60 spaces available)

Cost: gold coin donation

Budget for each programme approximately \$1400

Assisted by Board Project funds \$2230 for three programmes in the 2001-2002 financial year

All children attending came from the local area.

Waltham Youth Trust Programme

Programmes held April and July 2002.

Based at Waltham Youth Trust Headquarters

One week programme catering for up to 40 children per day, aged 8-12 years (200 spaces available)

Free programme

Budget for each programme approximately \$1700 plus volunteer koha

Assisted by Board Project Funds \$2250 for three programmes in the 2001-2002 year

All children attending came from the local area, with the majority coming from Waltham School

Hoon Hay Youth Centre Holiday Programme

Programmes held April and July 2002. April programme was a 'drop-in' programme.

Based at Hoon Hay Youth Centre

A two week programme for up to 20 children aged 10-14 years. (200 spaces available)

Free programme

Budget for July programme \$900 plus volunteer koha

Assisted by Board Project funds, \$1400 for two programmes in the 2001-2002 financial year

All children attending came from the local area, with 88% identifying as Maori

Pioneer Holiday Programme

Programmes held January and April 2002.

Based at Pioneer Stadium, planned and managed by Pioneer Leisure Centre staff

A two week programme in January and a one week programme in April catering for up to 25 children aged 10-14 years.

Cost: \$15 per day

Assisted by Board Project Funds \$2,450 for 7 programmes in the 2001-2002 financial year

The vast majority of the children came from the local area

PAAS Holiday Programme

The "PAAS" organisation ceased to operate in March 2002 when funds already provided (\$3920) were re-allocated to "RASCALS". Advice was received on 19/8/02 that this organisation has now disbanded. An accountability report is pending, and funding will be returned.

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Evaluation forms were distributed to parents and children on some of the holiday programmes, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Parents were very positive regarding the programme supervisors, staff, the activities provided for their children and the excellent care which their children received.

Some examples of the many comments received are as follows:

"My children are always happy and contented when arriving home."

"Well done, another great holiday programme. See you all next time."

"Wicked! Awesome week!"

COMMENTS

This has been an excellent half-year with good patronage on these programmes. The many community groups in the area provide a great variety of programmes available for all ages.

Recommendation: That the information be received.