

**Youth Alive Trust**

*Annual  
Report 2008*

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## **Chairman's Report 2008**

Well what an exciting year we have had. It began with Youth Alive Trust's parent body, Seaview Christian Centre, making the decision to merge with Grace Vineyard Church. This relationship between the church and YAT is very important, as just about all of the volunteers for the Youth Alive Trust programmes are also active members of the church congregation. As the size of each of the activities we do is limited by the amount of leaders, the merger between Grace and Seaview, has already, and will continue to allow us to be more effective in the community.

Some of the highlights of the combined efforts of Seaview Christian Centre and Youth Alive Trust include;

Mission Outreach to Vanuatu: While this was basically a Church endeavour, and funded by the individuals themselves, it sprung out of Easter Camp 2007 in which the leaders of the Unity East asked the young people, "Where do you want to go to from here and how can we affect our world?" So off they went and built a water well in a village just out of Port Villa in Vanuatu! All of the young people and leaders came back changed for the better.

Family Fun Night: This year's event turned out to be even bigger than last years, with about 500 people from the community turning up with their children. It was a great safe, alternative to sending the children out on the streets 'trick or treating', and included lots of games and activities, bouncy castles, magician, lots of balloons and of course thousands of lollies.

The year was also full with YAT standard programmes and activities which include the Safer Streets Programmes: Cheeky Monkeys, Wave, Rock Solid, Unity East and Sodium. Other important activities take place in school, with youth workers at Aranui High School, Central New Brighton and North New Brighton. YAT has also run Holiday Programmes along with Camps for the youth and retreats and training events for the volunteer and staff.

All of these programmes have only run well thanks to the fantastic staff working at Youth Alive Trust. They have worked hard and tirelessly, and as often is the case with children and young people - thanklessly! Sadly next year we will see some of our exceptional people particularly; Matt Swaney and Josiah Dayo move on to new careers and training. Matt has served the Trust for 4 years and is joining the NZ Police, while Josiah has successfully completed his 2 year Praxis course and is beginning a music course. They have been a great asset and I personally thank them for the work and efforts that they have put in.

For the staff and volunteers that have committed to next year also a great big thanks, I'm sure that it will be exciting and fulfilling.

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Scott Pickering

*November 14, 2008*

# *What Do We Do?*

*Youth Alive Trust* was established in 1989 to meet the needs of children and young people in Brighton and surrounding suburbs. We aim to support young people holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually through our programmes and our dedicated staff and volunteers. This project has grown and adapted to meet changing community needs and currently we do this through 7 different areas;

**1) Safer Streets Programmes.** These are all our after school and evening programmes, ran by many volunteers and staff. Including **Cheeky Monkeys** (weekly club for Years 1 - 4), **WAVE** (weekly club for Years 5 & 6), **Rock Solid** (weekly club for Year 7 & 8), **Unity East** (weekly club for Years 9 - 13), and **Sodium Youth Café** (weekly social Café for Years 9-13 with regular Live Bands).

**2) In-School Programmes.** Supporting the students in their classrooms, at lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, one on one support, sports coaching, lunchtime activities and being positive role models. Our key schools are in North New Brighton, Central New Brighton and Aranui High Schools.

**3) Holiday Programmes.** These fun filled programmes run 4 times a year for two different age categories, 5 – 9's and 9 – 12's, for one week in every school holidays. These are CYF's approved and we are contracted to the MSD.

**4) Camps.** We also take teenagers on trips, camps and weekends away throughout the year, such as Phatcamp, Rock Solid Camp, Eastercamp and sleep-overs.

**5) Library Support.** We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth leaders in New Brighton Library on weekends and in school holidays.

**6) Community Events.** We support Christchurch City Council events such as the Beach Blasts, Skate Jam and other youth initiatives. We organise an annual Family Fun Night and also host dance groups and bands, such as Y-ONE.

**7) Youth Leader training and Support.** Attracting and training volunteers to work in their community. Placing them on different Safer Street Projects and organising training events throughout the year. We also host Praxis students, offering them experience, support and a structure for their practical work.

## Those who made this happen...

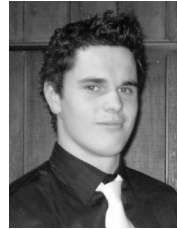
Youth Alive Trust Publishing wish to thank the following people for their input into this report. Without their hard work, faithfulness, dedication, commitment and servant heart, this report would not have been possible!



**James Ridpath**  
Team Leader



**Deborah Porter**  
Unity East Leader  
Library Worker



**Matthew Swaney**  
Holiday Programme  
Coordinator



**Josiah Dayo**  
Praxis Student  
High Schools Youthworker

### **Cheeky Monkeys**

Lorraine Harris  
Gwenda Cripps  
Todd Cameron  
Nathan Fairbrass  
Esther Pickering  
Sean Owers

### **WAVE**

Dave Crooks  
James Ridpath  
Gabrielle Hall,  
Robert Hart  
Sam Thomson  
Ngarita Harris  
Hannah Hall

### **Rock Solid**

Joshua Haythornthwaite  
James Ridpath  
Merekaraka Tawa  
Ryan Cameron  
Mandy Hart  
Claire Cripps  
Connor Watson  
Kody Gray

### **North New Brighton School**

Cameron Trow

### **Unity East**

Deborah Porter  
Josiah Dayo  
Chris Grant  
Cameron Trow  
Kimberly Grooby  
Thomas Lochrie  
Angelina McLean  
Desiree Etmuller  
Trudy Weaver  
Haley Grant  
Sophie McKenzie  
Fiona Thompson  
Rachel Palmer  
Abiel Dayo

### **Sodium Youth Café**

Josiah Dayo  
Haley Grant  
Matt Tonkin  
Trudy Weaver  
Cameron Trow  
Kalila Dayo  
Claire Cripps  
Mandy Hart  
Ryan Cameron  
Rob Hart  
+ others

### **5-9's Holiday Programmes**

James Ridpath  
Abbie Bergman  
Joshua Haythornthwaite  
Amy Ridpath  
Esther Pickering (junior leader)  
Georgia Dickson (junior leader)  
Todd Cameron (junior leader)

### **9-12's Holiday Programme**

Matthew Swaney  
Josiah Dayo  
Deborah Porter  
Trudy Weaver  
Sam Thomson (junior leader)  
Connor Watson (junior leader)  
Rachel Haythornthwaite (junior leader)

### **Library Youthworkers**

Deborah Porter  
Jared Lucas  
Gemma Creek  
Amy Sutton

### **Trustees**

Scott Pickering (Chairman)  
Andrew Hill (Treasurer)  
Linda Hampton (Secretary)  
John Grant (Business Advisor)



## **Purpose & Aims**

As stated in our trust deed dated 24th September 1989:

- 1) To provide an avenue for practical Christian service such as the provision of monetary, practical or spiritual assistance to the community and in particular to the youth.
- 2) To provide such assistance in such a manner as to carry with it a good Christian testimony so that those served in any way will experience the worth and concern of Christian love.
- 3) To provide such assistance (but not exclusively) in the geographical area served by Seaview Christian Centre.

## **Relationship with Seaview Christian Centre/Grace Vineyard**

Youth Alive Trust was originally established by the leadership of Seaview Christian Centre (formerly known as Brighton Baptist Church) to serve the young people of our community. The Trust was then used to purchase 111-113 Seaview Road, now known as Seaview Christian Centre, and a car park on Beresford Street. Since this time, Seaview Christian Centre Trust has been established, and the new trust takes responsibility for building costs, insurance, renovations and building activities. Youth Alive Trust bases most of their programmes at Seaview Christian Centre and also permanently uses some offices. The trustees of both trusts work closely together to find suitable outcomes for all involved.

Our purpose and aims clearly show the importance of “practical Christian service” and “Christian love” and this is primarily shared through our staff and volunteers. The majority of our leaders attend Seaview Christian Centre and believe that supporting their community, giving of their time and energy and living a Christian life in view of local children and young people is part of their Christian service. Most of our programme have a element of Bible teaching, which is made clear to all parents. The Christian faith is not forced or coerced upon any child or young person on a Youth Alive Trust programme and children are freely encouraged to share their own beliefs, whatever they may be.

In March 2008, Grace Vineyard began an adoption process of Seaview Christian Centre. However this does not change our values, purposes or programmes, although it will add new volunteers and a new avenue to children! This process is still continuing and eventually the buildings and land will be signed over to the new parent church. Grace Vineyard are very supportive of the Youth Alive Trust.

# What is youthwork?

Youthwork can be misunderstood by society. New Zealand Ministry of Youth Development have released a strategy encompassing all youthwork. The Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA) consists of a vision, principles, aims and goals, and also suggests actions that can be taken to support the positive development of young people.



## The Vision

A country where young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges.

## The Principles

The principles of youth development outline what the youth development approach is all about. They can be used as a checklist and a tool for developing youth policies and programmes and in working alongside young people.

The principles are as follows:

### 1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS SHAPED BY THE 'BIG PICTURE'

By the 'big picture' we mean: the values and belief systems; the social, cultural, economic contexts and trends; the Treaty of Waitangi and international obligations such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### 2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE BEING CONNECTED

Healthy development depends on young people having positive connections with others in society. This includes their family and whānau, their community, their school, training institution or workplace and their peers.

### 3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS BASED ON CONSISTENT STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACH

There are risk factors that can affect the healthy development of young people and there are also factors that are protective. 'Strengths-based' policies and programmes will build on young people's capacity to resist risk factors and enhance the protective factors in their lives.

### 4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS THROUGH QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

It is important that everyone is supported and equipped to have successful, quality relationships with young people.

### 5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS TRIGGERED WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE FULLY PARTICIPATE

Young people need to be given opportunities to have greater control over what happens to them, through seeking their advice, participation and engagement.

### 6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS GOOD INFORMATION

Effective research, evaluation, and information gathering and sharing is crucial.

Together, these six principles can help young people to gain a:

- sense of contributing something of value to society
- feeling of connectedness to others and to society
- belief that they have choices about their future
- feeling of being positive and comfortable with their own identity.

# Networks



Youth Alive Trust is a member of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective. We abide by their Code of Ethics, all our staff are individual members and we attend appropriate training throughout the year.

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## **OSCAR Network in Christchurch (Inc.)**

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Our Holiday Programmes are a part of the Oscar Network in Christchurch. We attend local support meeting, obtain advice, get ideas from newsletters and attend training when appropriate.



We send trainee youthworkers to complete the Praxis course, and team with them on the progression of the staff member. James is also on the local TAG board.



We join with and support local Christchurch City Events by sending our staff and volunteers to events such as the Beach Blasts & the Skate Jam.



We have a contract with Christchurch City Libraries to supply paid youthworkers on weekends and school holidays in New Brighton Library.

Canterbury youth  
services

We are a part of the Canterbury Youth Services network and attend training, camps and meetings with other members.



We are registered with the Charities Commission of New Zealand, as advised by the IRD, grant making bodies and the government.



# Cheeky little monkeys

## Years 1-4



Our group runs on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 4:30pm throughout the term time. Our group is about giving children fun and safe activities outside of school, and teaching them positive ways to treat one another. We have had a core group of regulars throughout the year so it enabled strong, positive relationships to build between children and leaders. The majority of children are picked up from Central New Brighton school as the bell rings, then walked across the road.

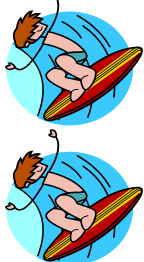
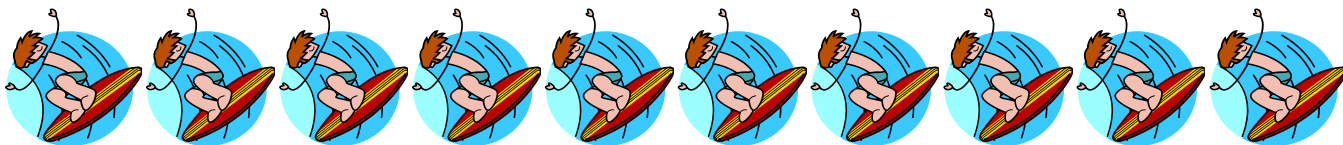
Our programme starts with afternoon tea – much needed after a long day at school! This varies from all kinds of fruit, biscuits, crackers and even making our own sandwiches with hundreds of thousands! The session usually has a physical activity slot, an arts and crafts slot and a spiritual input slot. Our favourite games include Duck Duck Goose, In the River on the Bank and also Parachute Games.



The group has a strong art and craft streak, with activities such as soap carving, salt dough modelling, veggie creatures and possum fur hangers. Other activities have included baking, feeding the ducks and trips to QE2, Chipmunks and The Museum. Throughout the year, our numbers have fluctuated and we have ended the year as an all girls group with around 10 girls and 5 leaders.

Getting to know these children by having a positive input into their young lives is an awesome privilege. As they grow older, we will encourage them to attend other Youth Alive Trust Programmes suitable to their age and some will eventually become youth leaders themselves! Huge thanks to Gwenda, Esther, Todd, Nathan and Sean for all their hard work and dedication! Looking forward to 2009!





# WAVE

Years 5-6



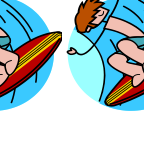
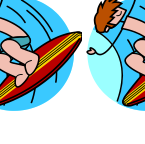
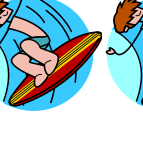
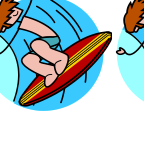
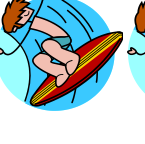
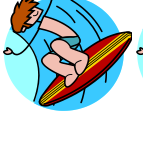
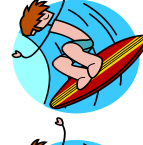
Due to a lack of leaders at the beginning of the year, we were only able to launch WAVE in Term 3. We quickly filled our numbers and have ran 2 terms of awesome activities! Our club runs on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm to 6pm (unless we finish late) and caters for children from at least 4 different local schools. We launched the club with a lollie night - filled with activities and of course - lots of lollies!



Other activities have included Pizza making, Mini Olympics, Quiz Night, Party Night, Life Tag and Go Cart Making. We have also made special trips to local attractions such as Laser Strike, Clip & Climb, QE2 and 10 Pin Bowling. These activities are providing new experiences for many of the children and also building good social skills.



As with all Youth Alive Trust programmes, part of our night is dedicated towards some Christian Content. Much of this year has revolved around looking after others/your neighbour, as much as you look after yourselves. We're wanting to build young people who are giving and not always taking, offering others the last lollie and giving other people the chance to go before you. The group has developed some of these great characteristics and we hope to see these young people affect their peers in the same positive way. Huge thanks to all the leaders involved; Dave, James, Gabrielle, Sam, Rob & Hannah - without your hard work non of this would happen!





# Rock Solid

Years 7-8

2008 has been an amazing year for Rock Solid! A completely different dynamic was apparent from the very beginning, the energy and enthusiasm of the kids and leaders became very contagious. The weekly numbers of kids coming on a Friday from 4:30pm - 6pm to have a fun time remained strong, most nights averaging about 20 kids in attendance from around 4 local schools.



This year our nights have revolved around a



number of activities, both "In House" and Outings. Fun van trips, car rides and not knowing what was going to happen next made the nights very interesting, however varied from the script they became. We had a sweet time at Laser Strike, Aim Tru Archery and Ten Pin Bowling. Food made a regular central theme of many nights, in various forms.

The annual Rock Solid Regional Camp was a real highlight of the year. This year the camp was held at Waipara Boys Brigade camp, and this was loved by all who attended, and some really awesome relationships were created. Fun activi-

ties such as Fire Ball Soccer and Four Wheel Driving made this camp memorable for all.

The team of leaders who make Rock Solid happen have been excellent, even though it has been challenging. Some of our leaders are only 1 or 2 years older than the young people attending, therefore it's been great to see the example and role models the leaders have been. We look forward to seeing some of our current Rock Solid youth become Rock Solid leaders in the future!



Rock Solid 2008 has really stretched me as a coordinator, as I've been balancing Uni life alongside my voluntary commitments. At times it has been difficult and I need extra patience, but in reflection on every night, being in a position to input into their lives of these young people makes it all worthwhile.

*Joshua Haythornthwaite (Leader)*

# UNITY EAST 2008

Years 9-13

## Wednesday Nights

Every Wednesday night of the term time Unity East gathers together young people from the eastern suburbs of Christchurch, who attend many different High Schools. This year we spent approximately half of each term with the youth divided into two groups; Year 9 & 10s and Years 11 - 13. This allowed for better integration for the new year 9s as they moved up into an energetic social-based programme while the older year 11-13s programme developed into home group times with lots of shared suppers and more room for discussions. The other half of each term was packed in with "combined" nights. Times for big events, team challenges, social outings and youth services, chances for the "youth band" to play and for the young people to hear guest speakers.



Some highlights from the Wednesday nights of 2008 would include our Movie Making Night where the young people created their own short films, and spent the following Wednesday at their own 'Premier' voting for the best film. Another highlight would be the "boy and girl" night. The boys spent the night playing games at Seaview while the girls booked out a Café in Ferrymead to drink hot chocolates.

This year Unity East has grown into a tight group who have enjoyed each others company. Feedback has consistently been about the closeness of the group, the lack of cliques and the good atmosphere amongst the young people. We are so grateful for our strong, faithful team of staff and volunteers who offer support and advice through some of the most difficult stages in a persons life. This year our youth leaders have walked with young people through pregnancies, parent problems, boyfriend issues, self harm and eating disorders, just to name a few. Having the consistency of a regular club and supportive peers and leaders helps bring these young people through these difficult times and onto brighter futures!



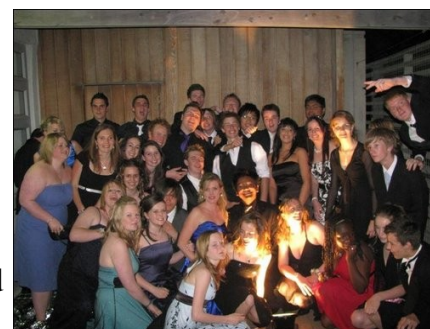
## Social Events



Unity East also runs social events throughout the year. Social times are more than just an excuse to have fun, they create memories and give the young people a chance to have experiences they might never have otherwise. Some of our social events this year have been our scavenger hunt car rally during our 40 Hour Famine Sleepover, the hunt took the young people from New Brighton, to Rangiora, to the

Airport, to Sumner in search of the clues and treasure. It was a successful way to take people's minds off their hunger! We have also made trips to Laser Strike, the Corn Maze and Ice Skating.

Weekend socials throughout the year have included a Sunday afternoon trip out to the snow, with toboggans and rubbish bags to slide down the slopes, and at the end of Term 3 we joined with youth groups from all over the east side of Christchurch for the annual Youth Formal at North Beach Memorial Hall. It was a spectacular night as the young people dressed up beautifully and pampered one another with compliments. It was a night our youth leaders look proudly upon the young people and have a glimpse into the adult world the teens are about to enter!





# UNITY EAST CAMPS

## Easter Camp 2008



This year we took a group of 51 young people and leaders to Easter Camp at Spencer Park. The camp draws together youth groups from all over the south island. 4000 young people spend five days camping together and enjoying a range of fair-ground type activities such as the horizontal bungee, climbing wall, water slide and onsite cafes. Twice a day the entire camp of 4000 gather together for a meeting in the Big Top where the young people hear excellent speakers to challenge, encourage and inspire them.

For Unity East, it is an opportunity to integrate the new Year 9s who have moved up from Rock Solid into our group. As it's near the beginning of the year it's a great chance for people to get to know each other well and is usually the highlight of the year for the young people.



## 40 Hour Famine Sleepover 2008

We continued our tradition of pulling all those doing the Famine together for morale support and to help us focus on why we're putting ourselves through such pain! We used the New Brighton Scout Hut as home base and ran an array of active and reflective activities, including a city wide treasure hunt. Sleepovers rarely involve much sleep and this one lived up to its reputation of all nighter for most of the teens (and leaders!) Yet the sacrifices we made were all worth it for the money raised for those around the world who need basic resources we take for granted.

## PHAT Camp 2008



PHAT Camp is a Unity East exclusive annual camp. This year we took a group of 31 young people and leaders to the Arthur's Pass Outdoor Education Centre for two nights. The young people enjoyed a walk up to the devil's Punchbowl and some late night movies on the big screen. On the Saturday afternoon we took them over to Greymouth and for many it was their first time on the West Coast. After accepting their challenge to perform a "random act of kindness" they split into groups and began, of their own volition, to clean strangers' cars, put away supermarket trolleys, offer to pay for petrol and give out free hugs.

Amy Ridpath was our guest speaker for the weekend and over three sessions she brought challenging messages to the young people about an "Extreme Makeover - Life Edition". Josiah Dayo ran a poverty simulation exercise which stimulated a fascinating discussion on the rich and poor of our own society and what our own reaction is when faced with poverty. Leaders and young people commented on the close, relaxed atmosphere in the group we took away. The weekend was a great success!





# Sodium Youth Cafe 2008



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## What is Sodium and its purpose?

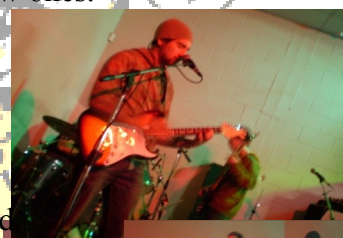
Sodium is a Youth Café we run, located in Seaview Christian Centres lounge on Friday nights from 7pm-10pm for young people between the ages of 13 and 18.

There are three main points we aim to achieve at Sodium Youth Café:

- 1) To provide numerous activities for young people in the local communities of New Brighton, Bexley, Aranui and neighboring suburbs, a safe, fun and enjoyable venue with positive influences.
- 2) Help prevent negative influences of smoking, bullying, alcohol, drugs or any other element that would cause harm mentally, emotional or physically to a young person's wellbeing.
- 3) Create an environment that promotes positive influences and allows a comfortable atmosphere for young people to socialise, meet up with their friends and make new ones.

## What is involved?

This year in 2008 Sodium ran events such as "Drop In Nights" where youth would casually hang out, meet up with their friends and have fun, and other nights where we have had live bands come in and perform for us. These live bands were mostly in their teens and each band came from different areas of Christchurch. Sodium used these "Band Nights" to allow upcoming new artists and performers a chance to experience real life gigging and get paid a Koha for it! Other nights this year we have had a "Mystery Movie Night" where we set up a projector watch movies and also "Dance Parties." Occasionally we give our youth the opportunity to DJ for some of our parties (with training). We see this as a way to empower young people to use their talents in music and build up self esteem amongst their peers. One of our all-time favourite events for this year was "The Pink Party." An awesome pink themed event with elements involving decorating the venue in pink and allow youth to dress up in pink. The youth that attended this event said they really enjoyed it and would like to see more theme nights such as Retro, Fluro and other colour themes.



## Who is it run by?

Youth Alive Trust provides youth workers to oversee Sodium but it is primarily run and orchestrated by our volunteer leaders aged 18-35 and our junior staff aged 15-17. Our junior staff's jobs consist of operating and monitoring the youth café. This allows the youth to get a basic taste for work experience and use as a reference point for when they later in life, seek out a part time or full time job. Some of their basic duties include: serving food and non-alcoholic drinks, maintaining the audio and visual feeds to game consoles, keeping the venue tidy and most importantly to build relationships with other youth. Our youth workers and volunteer leaders who are aged 18-35 are responsible for building deeper relationships with young people to help support them and be a positive role model through their adolescent years.



# School's Work '08

## Aranui High School

### Mentoring & Drop-In Centre

We continued our long term presence in Aranui High School - our closest High School and the key school many of the young people on our programmes attend. On Thursday lunchtimes in the Dance Room, we continued our weekly drop-in centre. Any young people from the school are welcome into this safe environment to hang out, play games on the Playstations or Xbox, Table Tennis, Pool, board games and talk to the youth workers. This was an excellent platform to inviting young people along to our Friday Night Sodium Youth Café.



## Central New Brighton School

We are always keen to continue our strong bond with the school 'across the road', as many of the young people on our programmes attend this school. At the beginning of Term 2, we were asked if we could run a boys group for some of the more 'challenging' boys of the school. We set up a weekly group with 4 of the boys and worked our way through a life skills programme. This was highly valued by the school and the boys who attended. We ended the year spending 1-on-1 time with those same boys and inputting into them on a personal level. One of our staff was generally in the playground once a week and becoming known to many children and staff playing games and having fun!



## North New Brighton School

Cameron Trow continued what he started at the end of 2007 supporting the school as their youth-worker. This partnership with his employer, QEII and the school, saw Cameron work up to 8 hours a week supporting the more challenging students of the school on their lunchtime and in class. Cameron was also able to bring QEII's Fear Factor programme to the school over 2 terms of 2008. This was an opportunity to teach life-skills through sports and challenges based off site.



# Holiday ProgrammeS

## 5-9's & 9-12's

Our vision for running Holiday Programmes at Youth Alive Trust is to give the children of the New Brighton community a fun safe holiday option and allowing parents who work or study an affordable childcare option. It also gives us a chance to introduce families to other programmes we offer and also train and build up junior leaders for the future.

2008 saw another 8 successful Holiday Programmes (*January, April, July, September*). Both of our programmes the 5-9's and 9-12's which cater for up to 24 children each were completely booked up in every holiday - with a waiting list which stretched back over 1 year!

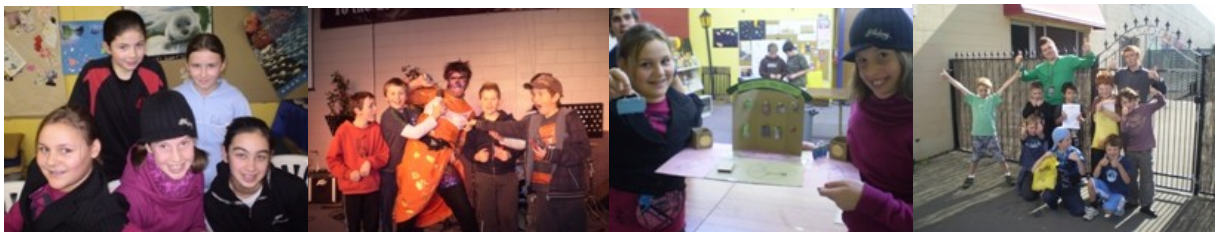
All our staff come from other area's of Youth Alive Trust, and we also use some of our up and coming high school aged leaders in junior roles. This gives us a great chance to develop leadership in our young people who get to work alside some of the best holiday programme leaders in the city! Thanks to our MSD Contract and Christchurch City Council grants all our staff are now paid a wage and we can offer quality activities at affordable prices!



### Junior Programme: 5-9's

The 5-9's programme welcomed a few new young ones into the group in 2008 while welcoming back a lot of the children from last years programme. Some of the highlights in 2008 for the younger group were -

*A trip to Godley Head, Clip and Climb, Quail Island, Botanical Gardens, The Court Theatre, Aquarium & Kiwi House, Fudge Cottage, Circo Arts, Arts and Crafts, and lots of Baking.*



### 9-12's

The 9-12's programme enjoyed having some of the younger group come through and join us. Only one of our group is too old to attend next year, so we hope to build on our great team dynamics and leader relationships. Some of the highlights in the older group year were - *Ten Pin Bowling, Orana Park, Mini Golf, Corn Maze, Movies, Science Alive, Hanmer Springs, Fudge Cottage, Court Theatre, Adrenalin Forest and some Crazy Games.*



# Library Support



In 2008 we continued our relationship with the New Brighton Library and had a variety of workers. Deborah and Jared continued their weekend work and deserved their pay rise having worked there for over 4 years!



In the school holidays, a number of youthworkers have served the library including Gemma, Amy & Matt. It is always good to serve our community, and although this is on someone else's territory, our workers come with the same values. Their work is very positively received by Library staff as they interact with the young people, defuse conflict situations amongst young people, organise and distribute the games in the Pipeline, monitor the computer room and even take time to play games with kids who have been 'dropped off' by parents.



The normal weekly hours were Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm and School Holidays 12-4pm, although this could vary. This is also good pocket money for some of our leaders who usually spend much of their time as volunteers! We will continue this valued service into 2009 and look to see how this role could expand and diversify.



# Community events

## Beach Blasts

We began the year by sending our leaders to help two Beach Blasts ran by the Christchurch City Council in North and South Brighton. We sent 6-8 leaders each weekend to help run the events. This involved helping to set-up, pack down, run games such as touch rugby and pentanque, sand model competitions, Frisbee targets, completing participants surveys and the face painting. A great start to the year and a great chance to support our community.



## Skate Jam

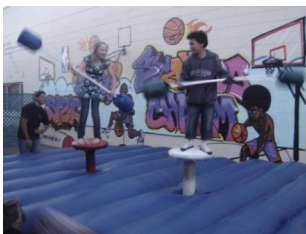
In March we joined with the Christchurch City Council again to run the annual Skate Jam in Thomson Park, North New Brighton. It was a scorching day and hundreds of youth and families joined in the skating, watched demo's, dance groups and ate free sausages. Our key responsibilities were hiring the skates, crowd control, survey completions and the clean-up.

## Family Fun Night



Between 400 and 500 people attended our third annual Family Fun Night on the night of Halloween and were treated to a huge variety of games, activities and treats! For only a Gold Coin Door entry, all the activities were free with opportunities to win heaps of prizes, such as the Stringy Apple Game, The M & M Challenge, the Basketball shoot-out and Play Your Cards

Right. Aside from the games, there were also bouncy castles, a gladiator challenge, an arcade room, jewellery and bead making, face painting, café, BBQ and well known Christchurch magician and entertainer, Shad Rutherford. Over 40 volunteers helped staff the event and with a



grant from Christchurch City Council we just about broke even! Many commented how awesome the event was and how pleased they were to bring their children to a safe, fun alternative, when many children are out trick or treating. "it just seems to get better every year" commented one Mum and "my kids just love this event" commented another.



## New Brighton Christmas Parade

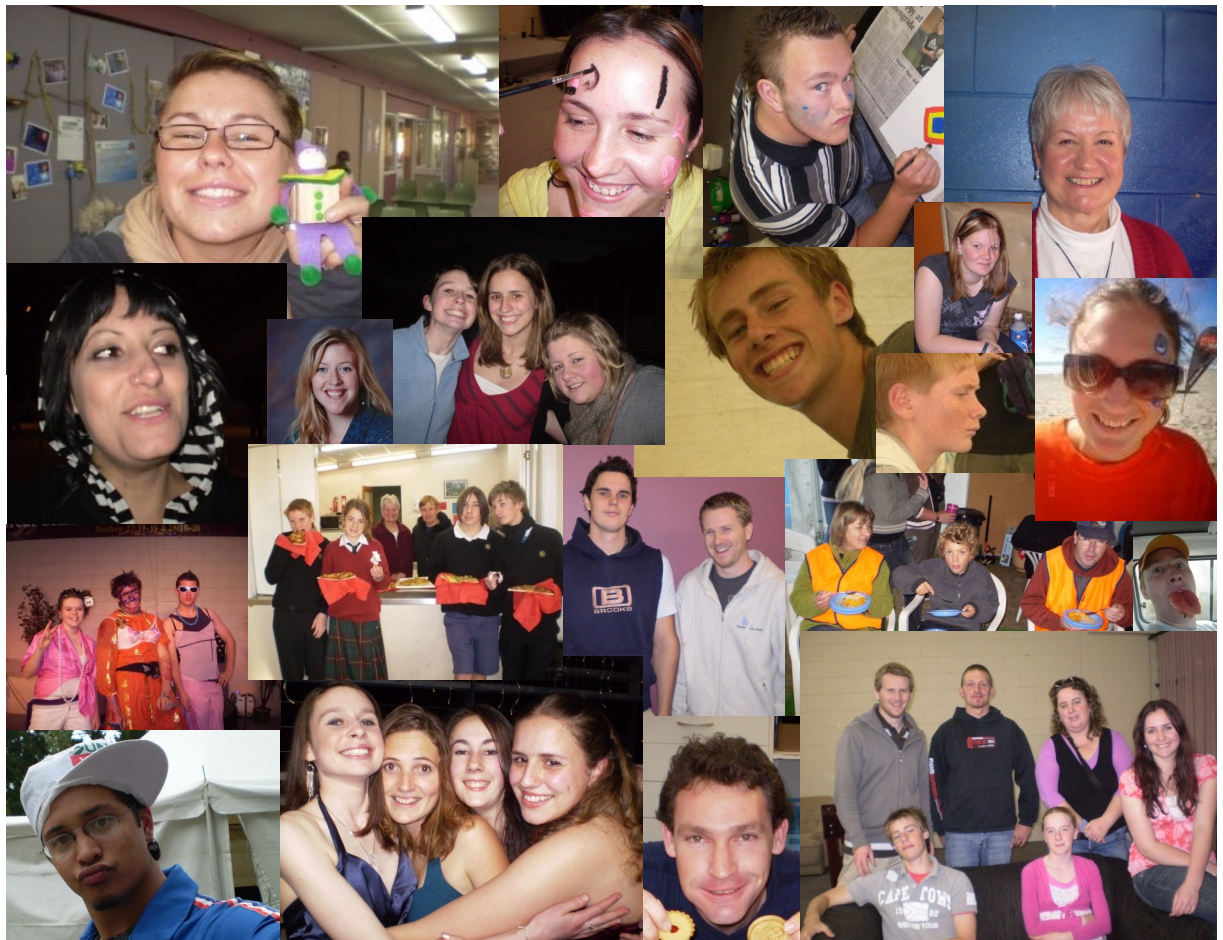
We will end the year by celebrating our achievements in the New Brighton Christmas Parade. This was another chance to market our name and achievements in the local community, do a sausage sizzle fundraiser and show off our musical skills by towing our Youth Band playing live renditions of rocked up Christmas tunes!



# Leaders

The glue of Youth Alive Trust is our enthusiastic, energetic, passionate, faithful, dedicated, servant hearted leaders! Nearly all are volunteers, who give of their time, energy, resources and often money to the children and young people of the community! We value them highly and believe in treasuring them and treating them as our most precious resource! Throughout 2008 we have had nearly 40 volunteers and staff on all our programmes!

Throughout the year, volunteers and staff are trained 'on site' by other more experienced youthworkers. There are also specialised training events throughout the year such as leaders retreats, which have elements of social, bonding, envisioning and planning for the year. In June, 11 of us went to Living Springs for a youth leaders weekend which was the mid-year inspiration many leaders needed! Youthworkers from all over the South Island are taught on issues such as youth culture, self care and being an effective leader. As usual we end the year with a celebratory meal and reflection of the year just gone. These are valuable times to enthuse people about next year and reward all the hard work people gave for free!



# Vanuatu Missions Trip '08



Although this trip was not headed by Youth Alive Trust, everyone involved on the trip was a young person or volunteer with the trust - therefore we want to celebrate it! A group of 14 locals spent two weeks on a missions trip to Vanuatu in the July school holidays. Young people from Aranui High School, Mairehau High School, Avonside Girls School, Christchurch Girls and Middleton Grange, were joined by a group of young adults (a local builder, youthworker, swim instructor, office worker, shop assistant, hair stylist and nanny) and the mother of the group, Ruth, a local nurse! All are members of Seaview Christian Centre in New Brighton and all are volunteer

youthleaders or junior youth leaders with Youth Alive Trust. They spent time in the Region of Black Sands on the Island of Efate, 20 mins from the capital Port Villa, serving the Tana Community and the Paama Community. The community spoke some English but their main language is Bislama. Their key role was to build a Water Tank to serve the communities and hundreds of other local villagers whose main source of water was contaminated.



They partnered with a local YWAM base to build the foundations, concrete blocks and construct the water tank, which they finished off with a kiwi theme and the painted hands of local children. Other services they brought to the local communities in their two weeks included:

- o Childrens Programmes – arts, crafts, games, stories, trips to the beach.
- o Schooling – teaching both children and adults basic maths and English
- o Health Care Workshops – for local Mum's and local children



They brought gifts to the locals of Sports equipment, arts and crafts equipment, Worming Tablets to treat 500 locals (which were donated by a NZ medical company) which saw an immediate impact when locals started vomiting and passing worms as long as 20cm, Jandals (provided by World Health Organisation) to prevent hook worm and some Kiwi Clothes!

They were likewise humbled to receive from the locals a welcome ceremony from the villagers and village elder. Towards the end of their time they received gifts including dresses and a commemorative woven banner from the villagers and them walked to the airport in Port Villa to see the team off at 6am on the day they left!

The team had been working towards the missions trip for nearly a year, with regular meetings and fundraising. Each team member had to raise \$2100 for their 2 weeks of serving, helped with group fundraising activities including building shingle paths, renovating gardens, sausage sizzles, selling chocolate and garage sales. This mission trip represented the heart of Youth Alive Trust - serving those in need and bringing a blessing to the wider community!





# IN THE MEDIA 2008

YOUR AREA

CHRISTCHURCH MAIL, NOVEMBER 12, 2008 7

## Treats just the trick at family fun night

A record turnout of up to 500 people converged on the Seaview Christian Centre in New Brighton for Family Fun Night, a Halloween alternative run by Youth Alive Trust.

The figure was double last year's crowd.

Trust team leader James Ridpath said the night was hailed by the crowd as "awesome".

Over 40 volunteers helped staff the event.

"And with a grant from Christchurch City Council we just about broke even," Ridpath said.

"Many commented how awesome the event was and how pleased they were to bring their children to a safe, fun alternative, when many children are out trick or treating."

"It just seems to get better every year," one parent said.

"My kids just love this event," said another.

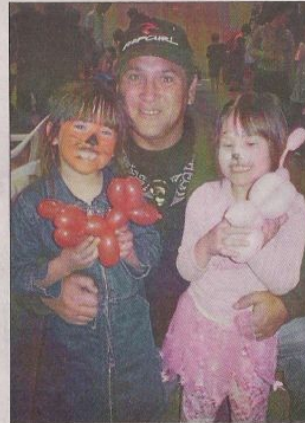
The Stringy Apple Game, M & M Challenge, the basketball shoot-out and Play Your Cards Right were some of the range of games played for prizes.

Activities abounded with bouncy castles, a gladiator challenge, an arcade room, jewellery and bead-making, face painting, a cafe, barbecue and Christchurch entertainer Shad Rutherford.

The youngsters may not have gone tricking but they sure enjoyed a whole bunch of treats.



**GETTING READY:** Henry Weerden-Sweet, 9, at the family fun night.



**HALLOWEEN FUN:** Te Rina, 6, Aroha, 5, and their dad, John Kotara get into family fun night run by Youth Alive in New Brighton as the Halloween alternative went off with a bang.



**PAINTED FACE:** Kaitynn Adams, 2, looks fierce.



**GETTING STUCK IN:** Two children enjoy the family fun night.

NEWS

CHRISTCHURCH MAIL, JULY 30, 2008 9



**SAY CHEESE:** On an island village in Vanuatu this lively bunch from New Brighton's Youth Alive Trust and friends wasted no time getting to know each other.

## City youth in aid trip

By ANNA PRICE

A reports of youth violence and housing dominated the city's headlines, a motivated winter Christchurch crew spent term break dispensing anti-worm tablets, teaching basic maths and providing clean drinking water to villagers in Vanuatu.

They insist it was they who came back the richer.

Young people from Aranui High, Mairehau High, Avonside Girls' Christian Church Girls' and Middleton Grange, were joined by a group of young adults – a local builder, youth worker, swim instructor, office worker, shop assistant, hair stylist and nanny – and the "mother" of the group, Ruth Pickering, a nurse on the two-week mission trip.

All are members of Seaview Christian Centre, New Brighton and all are volunteer youth leaders or junior youth leaders with its Youth Alive Trust.

It took a year of hard work to raise the \$2400 each required. "The role was to build a water tank to serve the communities and hundreds of other local villagers whose main source of water was contaminated."

Team leader, builder Chris Grant, said this turned out to be a literal answer to prayer.

"The village chief said he had been praying for two years for a water tank. We hadn't known



**CUDDLING UP:** Christchurch teenager Haley Grant, and these Vanuatu youngsters became instant friends.

anything about that. The existing wells were not too far from their toilets so their main source of water was contaminated."

They partnered with a local Youth with a Mission (YWAM) base to build the foundations, concrete blocks and construct the water tank, finishing it off with a kiwi theme and the painted hands of local youngsters.

The team also came with a stack of provisions. Jandals (provided by World Health Organisation) were more than a mere fashion statement. The iconic Kiwi summer thongs prevent hook worms.

Warming tablets (donated by a NZ medical company to treat 500 locals) worked their immediate impact when locals started vomiting and passing



**BUDDIES:** Robert Hart (Aranui High) and his little mate, Hart, was in the New Brighton Youth Alive Trust contingent on a mission trip to Vanuatu in the recent school break.

worms as long as 20cm.

The team was stationed in the region of Black Sands on the island of Efate, 20 minutes from the capital Port Vila, with the Tuna and Paama communities in a partnership with the local Youth with a Mission base.

The villagers spoke some English but their main language is Bislama.

"They've hardly got anything and they're just so happy and content," Mairehau High student Ngatira Harris said.

"The children were soon holding our hands and climbing all over us."

For local children, the visit meant a bunch of laughs, fun and games, stories, and trips to the beach.

Many villagers walked to the airport in Port Vila to see the team off at 6am.

## Beach Blast Article January 2008

## Blasters have a go

More than 300 youngsters gave anything from boogie boarding to surfing and volleyball a go at this year's first Beach Blast held at the North Beach Surf Club.

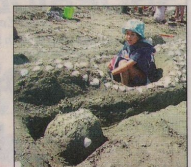
Surfing, boogie boarding, beach flags, sprints and volleyball are in the mix for youngsters when Beach Blast hits the sand again on Saturday at South Brighton Surf Club.

Beach Blasters can meet the best local surfers at the event and learn from surf lifeguards how to master the surf.

The event, aimed at seven to 12-year-olds, will run from 9.30am to 1pm. Families can bring a picnic lunch or enjoy the free sausage sizzle.

Activities for younger children include face painting, bouncy castles and a sandcastle competition.

The event is organised by the Christchurch City Council's recreation and sports unit and funded by The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board in liaison with North



Vroom: India Jacobs and her team built this racing car in a Beach Blast sandcastle competition.

Wai Boardriders, North Beach and South Brighton surf life saving clubs, Canterbury Surf Life Saving, Youth Alive Trust, Canterbury Volleyball, Cancer Society, SISCO's Surf School & Surf Shop and Heller's Tasty.

Family Fun Night Article November 2008

Vanuatu Trip Article July 2008

# Youth Alive Trust

Safer Streets Programmes • Schools Work • Holiday Programmes  
Camps • Community Events • Library Support • Youth Leader Training

## Youth Alive Trust Budget for 2009

### Youthworker Wages

Team Leader: Community Youth Worker (5 days)	\$39,520
High Schools Youth Worker (3 days)	\$19,968
Intermediate Schools Worker (1½ days)	<i>Volunteer</i>
North New Brighton Youthworker Wages (part time)	\$2,800 (paid by the school)
One Praxis Student (Training Fees & Expenses)	<u>\$6,000</u>
	<b>\$68,288</b>

### Weekly Safer Streets Programme Costs & Expenses

Sodium Youth Café (Years 9-13)	\$2,500
Rock Solid (Years 7-8)	\$1,600
WAVE (Years 5-6)	\$1,600
Cheeky Little Monkeys (Years 1-4)	<u>\$1,600</u>
	<b>\$7,300</b>

### Holiday Programme Costs & Wages (MSD Contract, CCC & Fees)

Junior Programme 5 – 9's	\$16,700
Senior Programme 9 – 12's	\$16,700
Coordinators Salary (2 days)	<u>\$12,480</u>
	<b>\$45,880</b>

### Camps

Sodium Boys Camp (Years 9-13)	\$610
Sodium Girls Camp (Years 9-13)	\$610
Rock Solid Regional Camp	\$1580
Rock Solid Sleep-Over	\$650
X-Tend Leadership Camp (young leaders)	<u>\$555</u>
	<b>\$4,005</b>

### Library

City Council Contract	<b>\$8,000</b>
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### Training

Staff Camps	\$800
Volunteer Training Camp	\$1000
Training Events	\$600
Professional Supervision	\$1,500
EOY meal & Celebration	<u>\$800</u>
	<b>\$4,700</b>

### Office & Admin

Koha/Guests	\$1,000
Vehicles	\$4,000
Printing & Office costs	\$2,500
Website & Computer Upgrades	\$4,000
Financial Administrator Wages	\$4,500
Legal Fees	\$1,500
Marketing	<u>\$1,500</u>
	<b>\$19,000</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>
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<b>\$157,173</b>
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