

Term One Report 2013

Summary

This term has been very eventful. We have a new youth worker, new drop-in room and a new bunch of Year 9s to get to know. Gemma Creek is studying a counselling course so will continue a part involvement in school on a voluntary basis. Newlywed Caitlin Van Schalkwyk, a Youth Worker at City East Church on Shortland Street has stepped up into the 24-7 role. She has a passion for netball, making cakes and spending time with



young people. She has just begun a two year Youth Work & Communities Studies Diploma and has already made an impact on pupils at Aranui High. In Term 1 we have been running the normal Drop-In, helping with Breakfast Club, helped at Peer Support, mentored students, relational support at lunchtimes, done a couple of lunchtime events and organised running club.

Building Positive Relationships



Caitlin the new youth worker has been great to have on the team. She is very sporty and confident with the students. This term we have been playing lunchtime basketball with a few of the students. Caitlin said "I have met so many young people only from a couple of games of basketball! And even though I have little skill when it comes to basketball, I have built good rapport with students."

We are still running our lunchtime Drop-In, and this year it's on a Tuesday. We have been lucky to get the Breakfast Club room to use, which is a lot more central for the students. We have pool, table tennis, giant Jenga, cards, Playstation 3, Xbox and Guitar Hero. We have been getting around 20 students each time and most of them are our targeted Year 9 and 10s. They all seem to love it and it's a great environment for the new Year 9s to feel relaxed in.



School Spirit



Athletics day was awesome! It was such a great atmosphere, and it was great to see students excel in their strengths. Out of nowhere two students approached Matt with a paintbrush and Kakariki was painted on his forearms. We walked around talking to a lot of the students, we had quite a few year 9s coming up to us and telling us their running results. We are involved in Breakfast Club. It has been cool watching Breakfast Club grow to the size it is now.

Nardine and the staff do a brilliant job. It has been great for both of us to be involved since we get to know a good a lot of students and are meeting a school need.

On one Wednesday we brought in a horizontal bungee which the students absolutely loved. Even though it was a lot to set up it was well worth it, we got around 30 to 40 young people that were keen to watch or have a go.



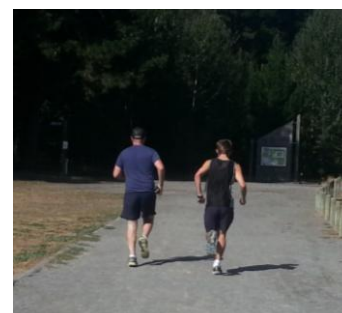
Student Support



Last year Matt mentored three students, and continued with two of them this year. It was encouraging to get feedback from a teacher who said the mentoring Matt did with a student in 2012 really helped him and how his behaviour had improved in class. One of the boys Matt mentors has grown in confidence and social skills so much, his Mum and teachers have seen a real difference – to the point the mentoring relationship has come to an end. Nardine recently told us

that the third boy has had a dramatic change in positive behaviour since Matt started mentoring him, he is now no longer a part of Nardine's many emails!

Running club this term has changed to a mentoring afternoon. Since we had only one student showing up, we decided to change it to a mentoring afternoon where Matt and Hayden can go for long runs in Christchurch. Their most recent run has been up Hackthorne rd, to the top of Victoria park at summit road and back down through the harry el track. Matt found the run to be challenging while it seemed like a stroll in the park for Hayden.



Developing Leadership



Peer support training is something Matt & Gemma really enjoyed being a part of. Not only building relationships with the seniors but sharing some of our experiences and skills too. Margaret always does a great job at putting together the peer support group. We showed them a game at the training day which some of them used at the Year 9's activities day. We also ran games at the Year 9's activities day.

Integration into the Community

Outside of Aranui High, Matt is involved in running two programmes on a Monday night, called Surge and Sodium. Both these programmes are activity based and we do things like fear factor, bonfires, van rallies, challenge nights and a lot of other fun activities. Surge is for Year 9 and 10s and Sodium is for Year 11 to 13s. Both programmes have students from Aranui High attend, and we have positive role models that can speak into their lives.




As a youth worker in New Brighton, Matt does two shifts per week at the library. He sees quite a lot of young people from school there. It's a great opportunity to connect with young people outside of school, and inform them of other activities in the community they can be a part of.





Term 2 Timetables

MATT'S ARANUI HIGH TIMETABLE 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
morning		Breakfast Club 10.30-11.30am	Assembly 10:30am		Mentoring 11.15-12.20pm
lunch		Drop-In @ Lunch 12.30 - 2.30pm	Event Preparation 12 - 1pm Lunchtime Event 1 - 2pm	Lunch School Grounds /Basketball 1.20 – 2.05pm	(Sometimes in for lunch)
Afternoon				Schools Meetings 2.05 - 3.10pm Nardine – every 3 weeks John R – once per term James – every 3 weeks Running with Hayden 3.10 – 5pm 	Mentoring with Anaru Rule 2.05 – 3pm

Total




3 Hours

2-3 Hours

4 Hours

2 Hour

CAITLIN'S ARANUI HIGH TIMETABLE 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
morning	YOUTHWORK TRAINING	Breakfast Club 10.30-11.30am	Assembly 10:30am Mentor - 11.05 - 12.20pm	Breakfast Club 10.30-11.30am	COFFEE COOP
lunch		Drop-In @ Lunch 12.30 - 2.30pm	Event Preparation 12:20 - 1pm Lunchtime Event 1 - 2pm	Lunch School Grounds /Basketball 1.20 – 2.05pm	
Afternoon		Netball Coaching (tbc) 	Year 9 Netball @ Hagley Courts 2:30 – 4:30pm 	Schools Meetings 2.05 - 3.10pm Nardine – every 3 weeks John R – once per term James – every 3 weeks 	

Total

3 Hours

4 - 6 Hours

2 - 3 Hours