

# New Brighton Library Activities

## Youth Alive Trust

New Brighton Library  
Holiday Activities

14th - 25th Jan 2013



## Programme Details

- Dates -** 14th -25th January 2013
- Time -** 1pm - 4pm daily
- Cost -** Free!  
Supported by Christchurch City Council Burwood Pegasus Board
- Location -** New Brighton Library  
Christchurch
- Staff -** Michelle Dickinson (coordinator)  
Kirsten Clement (week 1)  
Kelsi Henderson (week 2)

## Statistics

### **Approximate Daily Participation of Children (not including parents)**

Mon 14th - 12  
Tues 15th - 12  
Wed 16th - 22  
Thurs 17th - 18  
Fri 18th - 12

Mon 21st - 15  
Tue 22nd - 12  
Wed 23rd - 2  
Thurs 24th - 14  
Fri 25th - 20+

**Ages -** School Years 1 - 13, although some activities attracted younger children and others attracted older young people.

### Daily Activities:

- 1) Planned as per Poster - adapted according to weather or numbers
- 2) Each day at 3pm we watched a movie

## **Overview**

A last minute Activity Coordinator was employed for this programme, as Angelina, broke her ankle the week before! Michelle brought a lot of enthusiasm, experience as a trained children's worker and already had relationship with some of the children. The holiday activities have become a regular part of New Brighton holiday activities, and therefore we saw a variety of regulars, on different days. Over 140 children attended over the 2 weeks, which doesn't include the many parents, and grandparents who also attended. For a summer programmes we were pleased with the numbers, and the quality and variety of activities were excellent. See attached report and photos.

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**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Butterfly Sun Catchers

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Cheapskates Skate School

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Personalised Pencils

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Boat Making & Racing

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Balloon Lanterns

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Window Pictures

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

Kite Making & Flying

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**

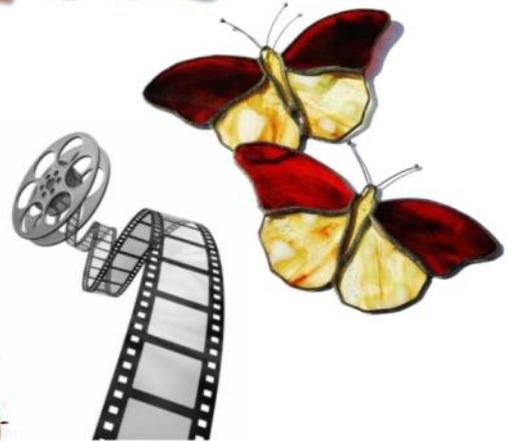
Sports Day

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Natural Magic Puppet Show

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Science Alive – 1:30pm Start



Movie 3pm daily



*science alive!*  
The New Zealand Science Centre



Note: Children must be supervised by caregiver



## New Brighton Library Activities Report Jan 2013

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Butterfly sun-catchers**

To kick off the holiday program, we had a craft activity of creating sun-catchers. The children had an earlier prepared butterfly shape on black card, they then filled the space in the wings with different coloured cellophane and tissue paper, and to finish this was laminated. This could be stuck on windows, or hung in areas where the sun could shine through and catch the colours of the butterfly wings. The children seemed to have fun, and parents commented it was a great simple craft which allowed children to be creative in their own way.



### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Board games (was planned Cheapskates Skate School)**

On this date we had booked the Cheapskates Skate School to come into New Brighton and teach children to skate, etc, but unfortunately the rain didn't agree and we had to replace this activity with board games inside the library as a result of the rain. As a result of the rain, numbers were low, but the children who took part had a great time, and enjoyed interacting with both other children and the Youth Alive leaders.



### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Personalised pencils**

In this activity, the children took it as an opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity to us! We were amazed at the different concepts and ideas they came up with to create beautiful toppers for the end of their pencils. This was a very hands on activity, and we were lucky to have a number of parents only too happy to assist.



### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Boat making and racing**

Following the creativity of children earlier in the week, we left this activity open for children to create their own boat designs and concepts which they created with our assistance. We were blown away by the ingenuity of the children taking part- some wonderful boats were created by the children. They then took these down to the pool to race, and we received feedback from parents and children it was a terrific activity they all enjoyed.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>- String Bird Cages (Balloon lanterns).**

This activity was similar to papier-mâché, however instead of using paper to cover the entire balloon, string is used with spaces left- following drying, and the popping of the balloon this should resemble a bird cage. Creating this artwork was a very messy task, nevertheless we received nothing but positive feedback from parents, children and librarians regarding the activity this day. Children enjoyed that the activity was hands on, and were happy they could take their artwork home with them.



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### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Window Pictures**

In creating window pictures, children create an image inside a laminating sheet using craft supplies such as tissue, cellophane, feathers, etc, and then this is laminated. The activity was very simple, but allowed for children to converse and form relationships with each other which was great- especially for children who are regulars in the library.

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kite making and flying**

On Tuesday the children put together kites then we took them all outside and flew them. The children were ecstatic throughout this activity- from putting them together, to decorating them, to flying the kites outside- they all enjoyed every stage of the activity. Parents commented they were stoked delighted the children were taking part in an activity which explored both their creativity, and their natural environment.



### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sports Day**

On this day we had Mitch from Sports Canterbury in to run sports and activated with the children.

Unfortunately on this date the weather was over 30 degrees, and the cool water of the beach was deemed far more attractive than sports under the scorching hot sun. Although our numbers were very low, the children who did take part had an amazing time, and were very thankful for the adult interaction they received.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Natural Magic Puppet Show**

The children had smiles on their faces throughout this activity, and they shared with us they wished the show would never end. This show attracted a mixture of primary school and pre-school aged children, along with parents/grand parents, but all we received much positive feedback.



### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Science Alive**



We had 2 teachers from Science Alive come in and run educational craft activities with the children. These activities were different to our usual format, as they ran many activities over the session, where as we usually run just one craft. However children adapted to and enjoyed the variation, interacting well with the science alive staff, but enjoying the support and encouragement of us Youth Alive leaders as they have grown comfortable and safe in our company. Children learnt, and created some interesting crafts to take home which made for a good day.