



# New Brighton Library Youthworker Report 2014

## Term 1

### Youthworkers



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### Purpose

To provide relational support to the many children and young people in New Brighton Library. Helping to keep the library a safe and fun place with proactive engagement, organising activities, pre-empting conflict and providing avenues of further community links.

### Key Statistics

Total Number of Shifts: **66**

Total Number of Youthwork Hours: **200**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school term: **393**

Total Number of Young People actively engaged with during school holidays: **198**

**591 Young People actively engaged with!**

### Examples of Key Activities during Term time

**Craft Club** - every Tuesday; Crayon Candles, DIY Bath Bombs, DIY Easter Bath Bombs, DIY Paper Straw Wreath, Glitter Magnets, Hot Glue Prints, Magazine Silhouettes, Pallet Coasters, Plastic Bottle Snow Flakes, Pom Popper,

**Other;** Monopoly Deal, Mine Craft, Charades, Digi Club, Making birthday cards, online games, Pinterest, Wii, Card games, Phone games, board games, basketball, beach games, just chatting, Rap battles, etc



## Feedback from Youthworker on Timesheets

- “Met a kid who just moved here from Australia, and we hung out”
- “Talked about careers and dream jobs. Met new kids and played Monopoly city.”
- “Met with some young people that were all interested in music, we made up some beats and rap battle.”
- “Kids chilling and having a good time with new leaders.”
- “Lots of happy kids today!”
- “Kids decided to enjoy the sunshine instead of inside on computers.”
- “Invited some kids to our after school clubs.”
- “Kids enjoyed beating the leaders at Wii!”
- “There was a small group, mostly from one family getting involved in the book mark activity. Cool to get them involved and progress from “too hard” to “do able!”



## Easter Holiday Activities Report

The first week of activities was short due to public holidays at both ends of the week, but despite this, it went very well. We had smaller numbers than normal, also due to the bad weather. However this made activities such as message in a bottle and hacky sack making much easier to control, as I was able to give more one-on-one attention and help as needed. They were two activities nobody had done before so giving them the opportunity to learn a new skill is fantastic!

The second week grew in number, particularly towards the end of the week. I had plenty of magazines donated from the local community for mosaics. This was a great change allowing for variety as many of the activities tend to be ‘hit and miss’, whereas this was a relaxed sit down activity which parents could easily get involved in and required/helped develop patience and fine motor skills. One small highlight from the two weeks was the interest some of the older boys, especially Ronan, showed following the Magic Show on Thursday. I have often struggled to engage him and have never seen him show such seemingly genuine interest as he did with the magician.

**NEW BRIGHTON LIBRARY  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES  
EASTER 2014**

**Free!**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
EASTER MONDAY

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Beach Sports

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Message in a Bottle

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Hacky Sack

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
ANZAC DAY

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
Mosaics Art

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
Cheapskates (from 1pm – 2:30pm)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Treasure Hunt

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Magic Show

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Jewellery Making

**2 PM DAILY**

Note: Children must be supervised by caregiver

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The Treasure Hunt was the highlight of the two weeks. I was initially concerned about sending children and youths around the library, but I had incredibly positive feedback from the young people, the parents and librarians! This activity allowed for the greatest range of ages and peoples to participate easily and encouraged them to meet others from the local community. The librarians also thoroughly enjoyed this as they were included in some of the challenges, saying it gave them opportunity to connect with people and children in a new way.



All of the activities seemed to go really well, and although there are minor things I would change about some, I am overall pleased with the outcome and way the two weeks went. We did surveys to review the young people's and parents opinions of the programmes, and



it made for very encouraging reading. After nearly 3 years of leading these activities, I am still enjoying spending time with the regulars as well as meeting many people, both young and old who have never heard of our library activities before and are now excited for future programmes and other activities we also run in the community.

<u>Week 1</u>		<u>Week 2</u>	
EASTER MONDAY	-	Mosiacs Craft	14
Games	10	Games Day	15
Message in a Bottle	14	Treasure Hunt	45
DIY Hackey Sack	15	Magic Show	50
ANZAC DAY	-	Jewellery Making	35

### Survey Feedback

- How did you rate the quality of our activities? 96% said "Excellent"
- How do you rate the variety of our activities? 92% said "Excellent"
- Have you tried something you'd never done before on our activities? 54% said Yes, 27% were unsure & 18% said No.
- How pleased are you with the leaders? 96% said "Excellent"
- How do you rate the New Brighton Library facilities? 96% said "Excellent"
- How do you hear about the programme?  
50% Word of Mouth, 40% Poster, 10% at the library collecting books
- Which suburb are you from? New Brighton 54%, South New Brighton 11% Avonside 11%, Aranui 11%, 11% Southshore



#### **Extra Comments...**

- "Arrived to get books and the Holiday Programme was running, so I stayed."
- "The kids always enjoy the Holiday activities!"
- "Great activity, well done! Set up and organised well!"

