

# Youthworkers in Rawhiti School

## Term 1 Report 2015



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## PURPOSE & HISTORY

Youthwork is the process of creating an environment where young people can engage in informal educational activities, support a young person's development and help them build healthy connections with family, peers, and their community. It encompasses role modelling, being accessible to young people and being around to help young people make good choices.

Our Youthworkers have supported the communities of Central, North and Freeville Primary schools in various ways for many years. They have led a variety of programmes including boys clubs, girls groups, sports coaching, leadership programmes, mentoring, lunchtime support, helping with trips, camps and a general part of school life.

We have continued this support in the merged Rawhiti Primary school, and have enjoyed our first term, building relationships, and finding where the greatest areas of support we can offer are. In Term 2 we will be starting new activities including a boys programmes, sports coaching and an Attitude life skills programme.

## TERM 1 PROGRAMMES and SUPPORTS

- Classroom Support
- Break time support
- Incentive Programmes
- Year 5/6 Camp
- Y 7/8 Leadership Sleepover
- Disco Prep
- Mentoring
- Community Programmes

*What do you like best about the leaders?  
"That they're not like teachers!"*

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring

Amber does mentoring with Zoe once a week on a Tuesday through the Big Brother Big Sister Programme. Amber and Zoe have had this mentoring relationship for a over 3 year, and they both have external supervision through BBBS staff members.

Amber has loved seeing Zoe grow up and really appreciates the one-on-one time they get. It did take a while for Zoe to trust Amber, however now Zoe speaks very freely and confidently because she knows Amber is a safe person to talk to. She is extremely proud of Zoe and to have her as a "little sister".



## CLASSROOM SUPPORT

The youthworkers have spent a good amount of time in class, understanding how the open plan learning classrooms work, and supporting individuals on a variety of tasks. This includes anything from reading with a young person, helping them with their Maths, running a PE activity or an taking a small group for a ABL (Activity Based Learning) activity. The relationships built with teachers and students is leading to areas where we've seen a need and been able to offer specialist support to individuals, both academically and socially. We will build on these opportunities in Term 2.

## YEAR 7/8 SLEEP OVER

This was an excellent chance for both Matt and Amber to continue building on the relationships they had built in class. It was a great way for us to see different sides of some personalities with the environment being one filled with excitement but also being a relaxed atmosphere at the same time.

The sleepover was not only special because of the relationships Matt & Amber had built, but because they got to see how the three schools have truly become one.



## BREAKTIME SUPPORT

Breaks are a great opportunity for us as youth workers as it gives us a great chance to connect with all of the young people in the school. We work with several young people in the various groups that we run however it's a different feel the relationship that you are able to build during free time compared to small groups, as well as helping out the duty teacher and running the odd game - it's a win-win situation.

## YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Matt went with the Year 5 & 6's to the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp as youthwork support. Being able to come on camps and trips is a part of the job that we always look forward to and this camp was no exception. It proved a great opportunity to get to know names, connect with parents and staff better and have heaps of fun!

Helping run games, such as the night time Animal Survival, a rope swing team challenge was a good way to get connected in, as well as the mundane kitchen duties!



*What do you like most about the Girls Group?  
"...it helps me re-think and understand the way I act."*





## INCENTIVE

Friday afternoon's have been a highlight for the Year 7 & 8's, as they're reward afternoon. They've been a highlight for the youthworkers too as we helped run activities such as dodgeball, archery, fishing, and surfing. Often using the YAT Vans, and making good use of local facilities, we've made good use of the weather and use our own skills and talents to introduce new activities to the young people - and hopefully inspire some to take up life long hobbies!!



## YOUTHWORKERS REGULAR TIMES IN SCHOOL

### Matt

**Beach Base:** Tuesdays 12pm - 3pm  
**QE2 Base:** Wednesdays 9am - 3pm  
 Fridays 1:30 - 3pm

### Amber

**QE2 Base:** Tuesday: 11am-3pm  
 Wednesday: 9am-12:30pm  
**Beach Base:** Thursday: 1pm-3pm

### James

**QE2 Base:** Thursdays 2pm - 3pm  
 Fridays 1:00pm - 3pm

### Esther

**QE2 Base:** Thursdays 9am - 3pm

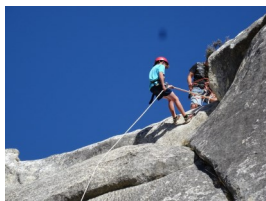
These are our regular times, we may stop in during other breaks when able. We are also potentially available to help out with extras like camps , trips and events just touch base with us to see if we are free to help.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We see Rawhiti pupils in many of our community programmes, outside of school. Rock Solid attracts 70+ intermediates most weeks from all local schools, including many from the Learning Centre. Our Boys Clubs and Girls Clubs hosts the smaller children and our holiday programmes cater for all ages from 5 - 17 year olds. Our youthworkers are in New Brighton Library everyday after school and on weekends and we help at other large community events such as I Love New Brighton. Here's another recent highlight...

## FATHER SON CAMP

The 2015 Father Son Camp was a fantastic success. We took 11 pairs (22 people) away into the Canterbury high country for a weekend of outdoor pursuits, father son bonding time, food and fun. The idea of Father Son Camp is to provide opportunities for fathers and their Year 7/8 sons to spend some quality time together through a weekend of shared experiences which will push everyone in various ways. Everyone that came along said that they would recommend this camp and it helped grow their relationship with their son. We are already looking forward to running next years camp.



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