

# Youthworkers in School

## Term 3/4 Report 2014

**South New  
Brighton  
School**



Matt Barnes

3rd year in  
SNBS

Loves: Fishing



Amber Paterson

4th year  
Youthworker

Loves: Baking



### YOUTHWORKER SUPPORT IN SNBS

We love being a part of SNBS, which includes running our own programmes, and joining in existing school programmes as extra support. Over the past two terms we have helped on a trip to Travis Wetlands, helped on the family fun day and helped on Legends Camp. All of these events we found have been run really well and were fantastic opportunities for the young people to try new things. These shared experiences gives us a great platform to build on our relational youthwork with them, give words of encouragement, listen to how life is going for them, and talk through issues they bring up with us. They help build trust, and puts us in a role model position of something that can support them if they ever need it.

### LEADERSHIP GROUP

Over term 3 & 4 Matt has been working alongside 7 Year 7/8 boys that have been identified as “natural leaders”. Matt has been teaching these boys several ideas around basic mentoring and leadership techniques as well as looking at their own personal Strengths. This has been done all with the intention of these boys then “buddying up” with one of the legends boys that could do with some one extra around to give them a some extra positive input.

This group has been really successful with both the Wave Rider and Legends participants finding it beneficial. We start off with the wave rider's by putting them through the Strengths Explorer program which identifies their top three strengths. Then we get them to focus on working from these strengths both in the training exercises and with the Legends. In our first session back this term we have gotten the Legends to set a goal that they can achieve this term with the help of their WR buddy. There were some great goals set and several ways where the WR boys will able to use their strengths to help the Legends succeed!



*What do you like best about the leaders?  
“That they’re not like teachers!”*



### TERM 3 & 4 PROGRAMMES

- Resolution Girls Group
- Mentoring
- Leadership Group
- Man Skills
- Legends Girls Group
- Art Extension Year 7 & 8
- Art Extension Year 5 & 6
- Basketball Coaching
- Lunchtime Support





## RESOLUTION GIRLS & ART GROUPS

Amber runs Girls Groups and Art Extension groups for the Wave Riders and Legends. She also mentors one student once a week.

Both Wave Rider Art Extension and Resolution Girls group finished during the term. A new group of students for each has been chosen and they started during term 3. The Legends Art Extension group has completely finished their projects and they look excellent. The Legends Art Extension group have created a mural for one of the clock bays. They've work hard but the end result was worth it.

The Wave Rider Extension Art group created their own version of a "Mickey to Tiki Tu Meke" which starts out as an object of their choice and morphs into something different. One student started out with a bunch of pansy flowers which morphed into a bunch of balloons.



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

## BASKETBALL COACHING

Basketball over term 3, what a ride! This term we won the mixed winter comp as well as had two other competitive teams in their grades, attended the koru games, started another round of training with the Canterbury Rams and managed to beat the staff in a game on the last day of term!

Basketball for me is a great way to relate to young people and really empower them. The sport helps teach several life skills such as how to work in a team, dedication and confidence building. I was thoroughly impressed with how much effort was put in from the players that I have been coaching. I always say to them that I'll give even more than you do, so if you put in a lot you'll get a lot out, this year they all got so much out of it. I have two highlights from the season first was winning the mixed grade, as the team really deserved the win after how much they worked for it. My other highlight has been from Caleb Harrison (Rams development coach), Caleb does the development of players in Canterbury 14+ and he was really impressed by the quality of the players at SNBS. For those players to already have a foot in the door may open a world of opportunities for them come high school!



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Youth Alive Trust is involved in many community activities that SNBS pupils get involved in. These include Kool Katz, Wave and Cheeky Monkeys, Holiday Programmes, Camps, Mentoring, Music Lessons and Community Events. Guys Day Out allows for great relationship building through shared experiences, they allow for good clean fun without the distraction of girls. In term three we crammed into 8 hours Adrenaline Forest, a pizza feast lunch and wide games on the port hills!



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