



Term Three Report 2013



Summary

This term, both Caitlin and Matty have been busy with mentoring students. Matty has been taking students mountain biking through Bottlelake and Caitlin was coaching the senior social netball team. This is as well as the usual Thursday table tennis club, being a strong presence at lunchtimes and helping out at the breakfast club.



Building Positive Relationships

Matty and Caitlin spend good time having conversations with students at lunchtime. "Our main goal as it has been for the last three years is to find those young people that have few friends and no one to talk to and to get those youth involved in a social circle" said Matty. The youth workers try to break social barriers by inviting these young people to play card games in the library with other youth, to their table tennis club or our of school activities.

School Spirit

The youth workers are part of breakfast club twice a week keeping spirits and bodies fresh! They regularly encourage youth at school to get involved with sports and have a teacher/student sport tournament planned for Term 4. They're often



encouraging young people to stay in school “When a young person is deciding to leave school too early we always tell them the general facts of life, that outside school, life is actually a lot of hard work and we encourage them to stay at Aranui High because of the amazing support network within the school” said Caitlin.

Student Support



The mountain bike group has been going great! He has regularly been taking students from learning support on Wednesday mornings and has seen a lot of success! “During our mountain bike trail we stop to talk about the ‘up hills’ and

the ‘down hills’ of life. This has been a great exercise as it relates to the excitement and challenges of mountain biking, and helps us engage with them on a deeper level. Generally the young people will open up on a physical activity like this, and share a bit about their lives, especially the boys.”

Developing Leadership

Caitlin has recently been working with a young girl from learning support, she has been taking her along to breakfast club after their meetings to get this student involved with all the set up. This student has come a long way only after 1 term of mentoring, Caitlin mention that when the mentoring started, the girl wouldn't say a word but now she has been sharing a lot of about her life with Caitlin, especially some of the more challenging things she faces.

Integration into the Community

Matt and Caitlin both have students that come along to out of school programmes they're involved with. Matty works at Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton and Caitlin is based at City East on Shortland St. We have seen a number of pupils, take on junior leadership responsibilities through our after school clubs, Holiday Programmes, and events we are running. One young person is even looking into a full time youthwork course in 2014.



Survey of Aranui Students

We decided to do a survey to find out where we can improve as youth workers in Aranui High, here are the results:

1. Do you know the 24-7 youth workers Matty or Caitlin? If so tell us how?

68% of the students said YES

"Through school"

"Yes I know Caitlin because she mentors me and I met her at breakfast club"

"Yes, from Sodium"

"Yes I played basket-ball with them"

"Yes, Matty came into class one day and introduced himself"

2. Do you notice the change/influence that Matty and Caitlin have on the students?

51% of the students said YES

"Yes and I think those influences are doing good on the students"

"Yes more people have stopped being mean"

"Yes because we trust them and they're always there to talk"

3. Do you think the youth workers support the teachers enough?

80% of the students said YES

"Yes"

"No"

"I'm not sure if that's applicable to me"

4. What do you like about Matty and Caitlin?

"Everything"

"That they are helping out the community"

"personality and the way they do their job"

"They are really nice and kind to students."

"Sorry but I don't know these people"

"I like Matty's sense of humour"

"They always say hi and ask how we are doing"

"I don't know them"

"Good people to have a conversation with, to talk to"

"They're really cool people, easy to talk to, which is important for a Youth Worker"

5. What events would you like to see at lunchtimes?

"cards"

"more free time"

"food events"

"Games in the gym"

"more of Volleyball games in the big gym or small gym"

"a game of basketball or soccer or something like that as long as its fun"

"mud wrestling and firework displays"

"Remote control car racing"