



Term Two Report 2013



Summary



What a great term it has been! Matt and Caitlin have been helping at Breakfast Club, mentoring young people, running a lunchtime table tennis club, coaching the netball team, playing games in the library, and being a youthwork support throughout the school, especially at break and lunch

times.

Building Positive Relationships

Matt and Caitlin have both enjoyed working in the library. They try to do at least two lunchtimes where they either play cards, monopoly deal, scrabble or any other game the young people are keen to try out. There is a strong focus on students who have no or few friends or don't fit into a particular group. It's awesome to see those students smile and laugh and it feels great that they have a place to belong.



School Spirit

One of the term highlights has been the table tennis club which runs in the small gym on Thursday lunchtimes. We get upto 15 young people regularly turning up and each time they run a small competition



which the students enjoy. In this second term Caitlin has been coaching the



senior mixed netball team. She said it has been such an exciting experience and she has felt very welcomed by all the senior students, which has helped in other areas of her work too. They are such a lively bunch with big ambitions and a real competitive spirit. They have made her feel like part of their team and have made really good connections with them all.

Student Support

Caitlin has also started mentoring this term with students referred to her by Nadine. It's been amazing to see the change that comes from them - they start off nervous and saying very little and now they won't stop speaking!



Matt has been mountain biking with a few of the boys in the learning support centre. They have been to places like Halswell Quarry and Mcleans Island. Seeing these young men learn new skills and giving them an opportunity to open up about life is one of the best parts of my role. This will continue into Term3 each Wednesday morning.

Developing Leadership

Matt and Hayden still meet up on Thursday afternoons for runs afterschool. Hayden is a brilliant athlete; he really strives with running and is known around the school as a great runner. It was awesome to hear his result for his first half marathon; 1 hour and 35 minutes a time I could only dream of. Hayden might not be a leader in the original sense of the word, but for a young man who is very shy at school his hobby as a runner has really distinguished him and has made him someone people look up to.



Integration into the Community



We look at ways of integrating young people into activities and events outside of school and into their community. This includes events and programmes we run at our respective agencies, Youth Alive Trust and City East. Matt runs a club called 'Surge' which is on Monday nights for year 9

and 10s. They do a variety of things like van rallies, group challenges and outings. Caitlin works at City East with her husband Robin, they get a diverse amount of young people from different schools all coming to their youth group. Students from Aranui attend these programmes, and we also promote events and programmes ran by other agencies like Youthtown & Powerhouse, large events like the Skate Jams, and joint events like the Eastside Youth Ball.