



*He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!*

*What is the most important thing in the world?  
It is people! It is people! It is people!*

We recently helped organise a community event at Thomson Park called "I ♥ New Brighton" and we wore our T-Shirts with pride as over 1000 people attended! Since the EQ there has been many campaigns based on love for Christchurch - but it's not the buildings people love the most, nor is it the businesses or even community groups like ours - it's the people! Youth Alive Trust is only successful because of the people who believe in it enough to pour their time, money & energy into it. The legacy that they leave will spread through families, communities and generations - and that's why we ♥ them!

### TEAM LEADER



Team Leader - James Ridpath



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### *A note from MP Lianne Dalziel*

There were many community groups that stepped up to the plate after the February 22 earthquake devastated the eastern suburbs once more. The Youth Alive Trust and its host the Grace Vineyard Church were two such organisations. For me this has been the wonderful side of the disaster – working hand-in-hand with the community and the police, together with other agencies and community groups to make things happen. The Youth Alive Trust saw the need for the children who weren't at school to have something to do with their time – and no doubt to give their parents some respite – and organised some fun activities and entertainment in the grounds of Central New Brighton School. I attended the Youth Alive Trust's 21st anniversary celebration last year and I spoke of how important such groups were to the community. I have now seen this community spirit in action! No-one waited to be asked – everyone just did their bit and our whole community has been strengthened as a result. Well done and thank you to James and the team!

### *Statistics*

- Youth Alive Trust ran 20 post EQ Programmes for over 4400 children and their families.
- Every week we work with hundreds of young people in Schools, NB Library, Clubs, Events & Camps!
- Our 40 volunteers give approx 10,000 hours per year, including teachers, pharmacists, police officers, builders, students, etc!
- All our programmes are ran on a Budget of less than \$200,000, attained from grants, donations & contracts.



*"My deepest gratitude to all of you for all the work you have done for my kids and me."*

# Club Updates

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## Cheeky little Monkeys

Years 1 - 4

3pm - 4:45pm

Wednesdays

\$10 a term



Gwenda & a team of volunteers look after this cute crew. Arts & crafts, games, sports, Christian content & scrummy afternoon tea are crammed into a fun filled afternoon. Places still available - bananas provided ☺



Sophie & her team organise fun filled activities and outings, while teaching the children to ride above the WAVE. Children attend from all local schools and this year highlights have included Circus Day, a Bake off, Chocolicious Extravaganza & trips to Bowling & Clip + Climb!

Years 5 - 6

4:30pm - 6pm

Mondays

\$20 a term



Years 7 - 8

4:30pm - 6pm

Fridays

\$20 a term

The craziest and coolest club in town! Over 50 intermediates have registered to take part in challenges like the Happy Meal drink, the dark room, make a Music Video, chocoholic (see photo) and the 40 Hour Famine Sleepover - no food, not much sleep but a lot of giving! Roll Full



Years 9 - 13

7pm - 9:30pm

Fridays

Gold Coin

Brighton is a safer place for teens on Friday nights because of this Youth Café, and their dedicated team of leaders. This drop-in is a place to hang with friends, make new ones and have fun! Recent activities have included Pizza Making, Milk Shake Night and a Trip to Time Zone. Just drop in and chill out.



## Youth Alive Trust Earthquake Response...

A MASSIVE thank you to the many volunteers, organisations and entertainers who worked alongside us as we delivered childrens programmes after the February Earthquake. Our impromptu daily programme ran for 11 days, and over 1500 children attended + their families! Partnering with other groups like Sport Canterbury, Tiddlers, Skate School & volunteers from around the country, the children enjoyed getting back to a daily routine, interaction with friends, exercise, and had lots of laughs from clowns, magicians and our big hearted leaders! We then went on tour and did 5 Fun Afternoons at local schools, to raise school spirit and bring a sense of fun back onto school grounds! See our website for TV and newspaper reports + our YouTube Highlights video!



"James Ridpath and his band of caring supporters initiated a free children's programme of activities during the mornings that the local schools were closed... I cannot express how much this meant to our children, staff and community and the difference it made to us reopening the school"

Tricia Carroll Acting Principal - Central New Brighton School





Left to Right: James, Gemma, Amber, Teisha, Rob & Matt

## STAFF 2011

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We are pleased to welcome Gemma Creek, to our High Schools Youthwork team, coming with 5 years of youthwork experience! Our 2011 trainees are Amber Henderson & Rob Hart who are working with intermediates, our Laidlaw intern Sophie McKenzie is working with Year 5 & 6. Liz Baynes is on much deserved maternity leave with Casey, and is replaced by Teisha Nicoholson on Admin & HP's.

## Holiday Programmes

### Year 1 - 4 Programme

Recent highlights have included kite making, treasure hunts, bead designs, trips to the movies, Ferrymead Heritage Park, Maize Maze & Orana Park. OSCAR approved, WINZ subsidies available and financially supported by MSD & CCC.



### Year 5-8 Programme



All our programmes are based around relationships, team building, and holistic growth - we are not babysitters! We believe in leadership development, and most of our junior leaders were past HP children. Recent activities include egg catching & trips to

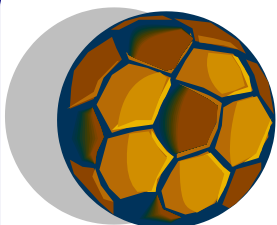
### Year 9 - 13 Programme

A NEW Programme providing Free Holiday activities for High Schoolers, as parts of MSD's Breakaway programme. Lead by Matt & Gemma, they bonded over activities like movies, T-Ball, mountain biking, video challenge and trips to Akaroa & Hanmer.



*"It has been a real pleasure working with the Youth Alive Trust team at the community events over the summer including the Beach Blast and Skate Jam. Youth Alive Trust volunteers are always on time, motivated and have a great rapport with the local community."*

Jacqui Miller - Christchurch City Council



## Wynton Rufer Post Quake Football Fest

NZ football celebrity Wynton Rufer ran 4 free football seminars for eastside children. Partnering with Youth Alive, 400 children attended over 2 days at Thomson Park.



A beautiful day attracted over 1000 people to this community event organised by various local groups. Live music, games, food and entertainment helped raise community spirit and told the world we're proud of NB!



# Mentors Needed

Grace Vineyard and Youth Alive Trust are partnering with Big Brother Big Sister to provide mentors for young people in Central New Brighton Primary School. The presence of mentoring relationships such as these has been proven to be vital in bringing hope to young lives, helping to keep them out of trouble and therefore giving them a positive future. With a commitment of only one hour per week, in school time, maybe you can be the role model a local young person needs?

For more info or to express your interest in becoming a mentor, please visit [www.bbbschch.co.nz](http://www.bbbschch.co.nz) or call their office on 351 4109.



## THE NEW VAN

Over 3000 sausage sales over a 6 month period, was not enough to buy a van - but with the help of a local philanthropic business, The Dave & Noelene Diggs Foundation supplied us with a much needed Toyota Van, including the sign writing! This 10 seater automatic will be used every week by all our clubs, holiday programmes, camps and events. Thank You!



Even the September Earthquake couldn't stop us from celebrating such a significant milestone! A weekend of Celebrations for our 21st Birthday took place last year as we looked back on the fruit of so many years of great work. Joined by ex staff and volunteers, dignitaries and friends took part in a meal, charity auction, band night and church celebration service of thanksgiving.



← YAT Trustees

*"They (my daughters) have met new people and enjoyed doing all the activities, learning new social and physical skills."*

- Jenny Taylor, Local Parent



## Friends of Youth Alive Trust

We're only able to continue doing our work because of funders and donors who also believe in what we do! A community organisation like ours needs good infrastructure, resources and staff to be effective, and that comes at a cost. If you've seen the impact Youth Alive Trust is having in the community, we're asking you to consider becoming a regular donor. With your support we're able to plan for the future and be less reliant on the lottery of Funders.

Friends of Youth Alive Trust is encouraging donors to give at least \$10 a month, preferably via Direct Debit. Many people will be able to give more, and we're hoping that this scheme will raise enough funds to support more youth workers, more programmes and greater results. As a friend you can choose to receive any or none of:

- o Regular newsletters by post or email
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