

Introducing Shirley's New Youth Worker:

Ko Taranaki toku maunga

Ko Kaupokonui toku awa

ko Ushu toku hapu

I te taha o toku whaia he ngati pakeha ahau

I te taha o toku matua he tangata whenua o amirika ahau

Ko aranui raua ko oruapaerua toku kainga

Ko Finn toku ingoa



Finn Palmer

Finn has been employed at Youth Alive Trust since 2020 as a youth worker. I'm also at New Brighton Catholic School youth working with year 7 boys. I have studied youth development and community studies at Praxis.

Highlights from the Team

Finn's Highlight: Having the opportunity to connect with rangatahi in school and out of school being consistent in young people's community has been a highlight for me. Growing a greater network of rangathi and people who are involved with rangatahi has been great for in the community. I've enjoyed connecting with passion-based communities of young people in the cultural and art space of school, I've been able to connect with the art department to design art panels for a community event creating collaboration between the school & the wider community. Can't wait for this event in Term 2.

Jayden



This term has been really good for both me and the wider team. I started working in the school at the beginning of term 2 last year so being present from the beginning of the year has been really beneficial. I've been able to join in on a lot of the larger school events like Athletics day and Tabloids, this has allowed me to be present and build connections with a lot of the year 9s which I found challenging last year. It has been good continuing connections with the tama I was working with last year and building on the work we were doing last year.

I have been taking 2 groups of boys out to play disc golf during lunch times each week. This has been a really good way to make connections and support our rangatahi in a stress-free environment, being able to get boys away from school and engaging in some physical activity that has a large social component has been great not just for the boys but for myself as well.

A highlight for me this term has been seeing our new youth worker Finn getting amongst the school events. A particular highlight was seeing Finn and Jayden running a tabloids activity with another teacher, this led to them running the activity for half the school. A lot of teachers remembered Finn as well from when he was an old boy at Shirley, this has really helped Finn get integrated into the school. Hearing that Jayden and Finn were running the staff relay on



Athletics day was also particular highlight and proud moment to see them getting involved.

Lunchtime games have really taken off this term and it's great to be backed by the school in this. We have been getting massive number of students coming to play basketball and dodgeball.

Jasper



Senior B Volleyball

Term 1 saw Jasper taking the Senior B Team for Volleyball to a couple of tournaments and a school monday night competition. Jasper was given new students, these students were generally year 11 and were very fresh amongst their volleyball skills but nonetheless there was talent to mold. Not losing a single game on Monday Night meant they were the best in their division.

Then there were 2 tournaments, Mainland's and Canterbury Champs. Mainland's was not a good tournament for the team and unfortunately Jasper couldn't attend which left Canterbury Champs to lick our wounds. Playing some amazing volleyball, the team managed to get into the finals of division 2, playing against Cashmere B. Now there seemed to be a track record with Shirley volleyball Teams in Finals and the team was keen to break this losing streak. Self-belief was key and team managed to finally win a Gold medal after 5 years of coaching, this all came down to culture set by Jasper and the team, bright futures ahead for some of those players. Congratulations to Jasper and fellow coach and old Charlie Brady and the Team.



Lunchtime Games

Term 1 has been a blast!! The momentum of Lunchtime games with the youth workers has sky rocketed. The numbers have regularly been hitting 30 - 40 students each week and whenever it's 3 on 3 basketball there are crowd playing. This has been a highlight to be running and can't wait to run more during winter.

Cool Story: The youth workers have run the lunchtime games now for over a year and have seen so many come and go but seeing the shy students joining in the games and returning every week has been amazing. This student 'Leo' was a great example of this, all it took was a youth worker to say 'Hey, did you want to play some basketball' and this student now turns up every week with confidence and joins in any game that is put on. This makes us wonder how many other 'Leo's' are out there that have had a positive impact from the Lunchtime games.

Disc Golf

As a part of our mahi in school we have had 2-disc golf groups running for the duration of the term. We have been taking the boys out during lunchtimes and have been playing at the local disc golf course. One of our groups was for beginners, this group had around 8 boys coming each week which is really encouraging. We have been going over the basics of disc golf and how to play. There has been a lot of excitement and energy from the boys learning to play and an eagerness to play more!

Following on from term 4 last year, we've continued taking a group of boys who are more experienced disc golf players. It has been good to continue building relationships with these boys and being able to use this time to talk about what's been happening for them. Each week we had a different challenge to make things more interesting and less about playing our best, more focused on enjoying our time together.



Mentoring

Our team started the year with the intention that they will try and reevaluate the group mentoring and come back to that in term 2, this led to the team focussing more on 1 on 1 mentoring as that is what the school always wants. With there being a new head of guidance David Williams, the team has gotten to know Dai more often and have spoken highly of how he operates and wants to see change. Dai has helped us organise which students our youth workers see as well as finding students for next terms Whirikoka Kaihōpara groups. The team at the moment sees about 12-14 students for 1 on 1 mentoring.

Youth Worker Hours for the term:



Youth Workers Term 1 Stats:

Total Hours For Term 1:
248.75 Hours

Team Leader Hours for Term 1:
11.25 Hours

Meaningful one on one contacts:
72 young people

Meaningful Interactions in Groups:
908 young people

As a team, we want to acknowledge all the support we have received throughout the year. We often get the credit for supporting young people, but all of that would not be possible without the organisations & communities that have partnered with us.



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24-7 YouthWork

Term 1 2023

24-7 Youth Work @ SBHS

As 24-7 Youth Workers we are employed to bring these 5 outcomes of youth work into Shirley Boys High School:

- Support students well-being
- Building Positive Relationships that support students
- Cultivating positive school spirit
- Developing Leadership
- Integrating young people into community activities



