

Youthworkers in School Mid Year Report 2016

**South New
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PURPOSE & HISTORY

Youthwork is the process of creating an environment where young people can engage in informal educational activities, support a young person's development and help them build healthy connections with family, peers, and their community. It encompasses role modelling, being accessible to young people and being around to help young people make good choices.

Youthworkers have supported **South New Brighton School** for many years. They have led a variety of programmes including boys groups, girls groups, basketball coaching, leadership programmes, mentoring, lunchtime support, helping with trips, camps and a general part of school life. Here's some recent highlights...

ART GROUPS

The Wave Rider Art Groups have been focussing on what Modern Learning is, and what that looks like, then planning and gathering resources to make something to go into the classroom. In Term 1 a Teepee was made, and in Term 2 we made Tie Dyed Pillows and a Tyre Seat. The Legends Art Groups having been planning mosaics about SNBS and what it means to them, while learning and developing skills to start and finish the mosaic itself.

LEADERS GROUP

The Legends leaders group has been looking into what it means to be a leader, and what that looks like for them as growing leaders, as well as for the people in their lives (in and out of school). At the end of Term 1 they made cards for two people, inside the school and out, who they were grateful for. In Term 2 they researched examples of people with servant-leadership styles, and have also started planning for an outing where they will be helping the New Brighton community in some way.



Programmes & Support

- Mentoring
- Art Groups - Wave Riders
- Art Groups - Legends
- Basketball Coaching
- Man Skills Groups
- Leaders Group
- Trips and Events Support
- Boys Club
- Break Time Support

Mentoring

Part of the youthworkers role is mentoring young people referred by teachers who need a bit of extra support. Esther has spent mentoring time reflecting on school and social aspects, while doing activities such as craft and baking muffins as a thank you gifts for friends.



TIMES IN AT SNBS

Esther

Wednesday - 10am-11am Wave Riders - Mentoring

1:30pm-2:30pm Legends - Art Group

Thursday - 10am-11am Wave Riders - Art Group

Thursday - 10am-11am Legends—Leaders Group

Matt (during Winter Sport Season)

Monday - 3:10pm-4:45pm, Basketball Practice

Tuesday - 3pm - 5pm, BB Game

Thursday - 8am - 9am, BB Practice.

Friday - 8am - 1:30pm, Man Skills, Mentoring and Break Time support



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BASKETBALL

Matt has been overseeing basketball at SNBS since 2013 with teams getting stronger every year and many now playing in high schools. Matt is coaching the Year 7/8 team which is sitting 2nd on the table having only lost one game all season. The team is a very talented group with several prospects for making it into high level teams.



While playing basketball is the main aim of coaching, it's the personal development of the players and comradery that Matt really gets a buzz out of. "It's brilliant to see a young person come to learn a sport and finish having learnt not just how to play that sport well but also huge amounts about themselves and real life skills too."

MAN SKILLS

On a Friday morning you might see Matt with a group of boys doing something "Manly", they're not avoiding class but are participating in Man Skills! This programme specifically developed for Year 7/8 boys in New Brighton gives practical skills, such as knot tying and bike maintenance, as well as discussions around often untalked about life skills, such as what it means to be a man, attitude and how to treat girls. Groups are made up of up to 5 boys, with each course lasting 8 weeks. They finish the course with new knowledge, and a fresh look into real life situations they will face over the coming years. Each student completes a feedback form and this year the boys have enjoyed the bike maintenance and tent building the most.



YOUTH ALIVE CLUBS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



We see many current and ex-South New Brighton pupils in our community programmes outside of school. We do a daily pick-up at SNBS for our Senior Oscar programme, for Years 5 - 8, and they do activities such as Kitchen Klub, and Craft Club. Rock Solid attracts 50-60 intermediates most Friday from all local schools, including many from the Wave Riders. Our Boys Clubs and Girls Clubs hosts the smaller children and our holiday programmes cater for all ages from 5 - 17 year olds. Our youthworkers are in New Brighton Library everyday after school and on weekends interacting with many South New Brighton students, we run daily music instrument lessons and also organise big events popular with all schools such as the recent Epic Dance Party. One recent highlight was planting trees in Burwood Forest with the intermediates and a citywide award presented to 25 of our young volunteers.