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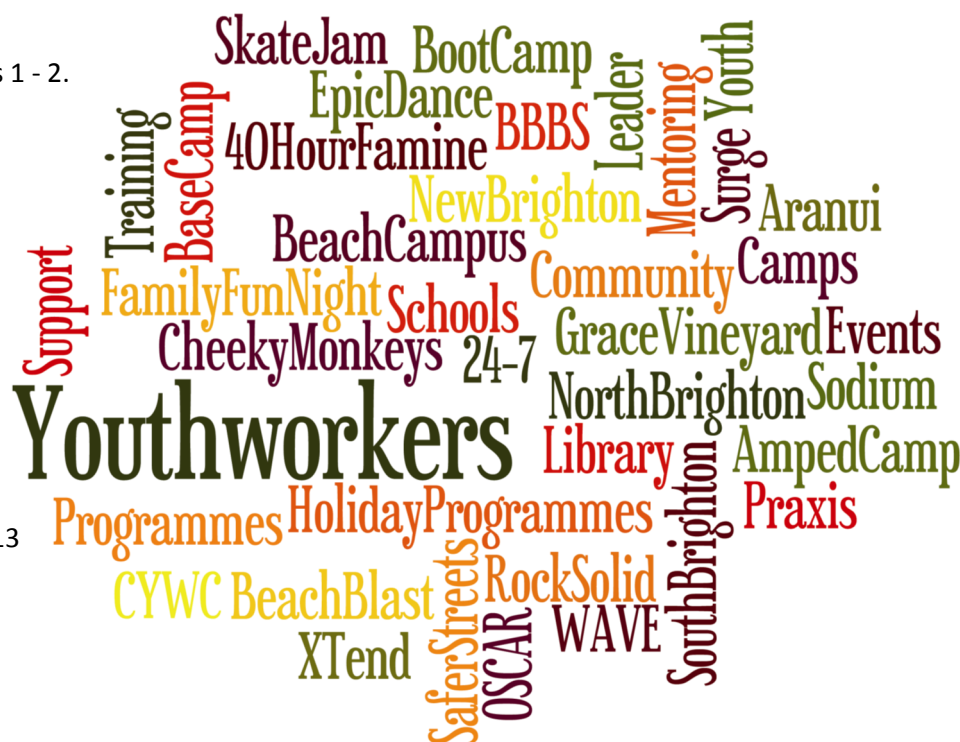
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WHO ARE WE & WHAT DO WE DO ?

Youth Alive Trust works with hundreds of children and young people in New Brighton every week. We aim to support them holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually through our variety of programmes, in a fun and safe environment. It is our dedicated staff and our faithful & enthusiastic volunteers that make Youth Alive Trust programmes an exciting, vibrant and healthy place to be. Our offices and many of the programmes continue to operate from the same building, 'Grace Vineyard: Beach Campus', yet the charity has grown and adapted to meet changing community needs & currently we do this through 8 different ways:

1. Safer Streets Programmes
 - a. Cheeky Little Monkeys - Years 1 - 2.
 - b. Connect - Years 3 - 4.
 - c. WAVE - Years 5 - 6.
 - d. Rock Solid - Year 7 - 8.
 - d. Sodium - for Years 9 - 13
- 2) School Programmes.
 - a. Aranui High School
 - b. Central New Brighton
 - c. North New Brighton School
 - d. South New Brighton School
- 3) Holiday Programmes.
 - a. School Years 1 - 4.
 - b. School Years 5 - 9.
 - c. Sodium Breakaway Years 9 - 13
- 4) Camps.
- 5) Library Support.
- 6) Community Events.
- 7) Mentoring
- 8) Youth Leader Training and Support.



Volunteers Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner & Training

Financial Donations

All our programmes are funded by a mixture of Grants, Contracts, Fees & Donations. Recently we have received grants towards ongoing cost from Christchurch City Council, Lotteries and United Way. Our new staff have been employed with special one-off grants from Vodafone Canterbury Fund, Christchurch Earthquake Appeal and Todd Foundation. Computer & Server Equipment has been supported by Lion Foundation and Pub Charity Inc. We're also very grateful to Dave & Noeline Diggs Foundation for providing part funding towards a 12 seater van & Z New Brighton for their community grant of \$1050. We REALLY appreciate all your support!!! THANK YOU!!!!



Friends of YAT



We rely on donations to keep our programmes running and start new initiatives! Grants are given to specific items, but there is little 'discretionary' for when we need it, eg: camp supplements, broken van, trainees, etc. Maybe you'd consider joining our Friends of YAT scheme by creating a Direct Debit to help us cover these costs, ANZ 117892-0066444-00.



Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

When you're down - the only way is up!



The Feb 2011 Earthquake brought the Eastern Suburbs of Christchurch to its knees and we've seen many of our regular families and young people leave the area - for Belfast, Rolleston, Timaru & beyond! Yet resilience is amongst us - and it can be seen in the lives of the young people! They continue to live their lives with hope, wearing Big Smiles and looking after each other. The community has grown stronger together, and we have seen it amongst our clubs and programmes, and amongst our leaders too! We've been grateful to receive funding for extra staff through this time, and we've been able to increase the amount of programmes we can offer the community. Stephen Dodge has been employed as Programmes Manager, Matt Barnes as a Primary Schools Male Mentor and Gemma & Matt's hours have also been increased. With families continuing to move, buildings & homes being renovated and schools merging, we will continue to speak positively into the lives of young people - and build for a future that is bright and full of Hope!



Schools Work

Our paid staff continue to work in 4 of our local schools every week. Offering lunch time support, mentoring, girl groups, helping breakfast club, coaching sport, and other ways of supporting the school. Male Mentor Matt Barnes has been working in North, Central & South New Brighton Primary Schools, doing activities like welding football posts & creating skate ramps with boys referred to him by the school. Mentors also go into CNB School in partnership with BBBS.

Special points of interest:

- HOLIDAY PROGRAMME NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED TO 32 PER PROGRAMME
- WE'VE PURCHASED A 12 SEATER VAN WITH SUPPORT FROM FUNDERS
- OVER 12 MENTORS NOW RECRUITED FOR LOCALS WITH BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER
- FAMILY FUN NIGHT WILL AGAIN RUN ON WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER FROM 5:00PM - 7:30PM

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Recent Highlights

Guys Day Out (GDO)



Matt Barnes, the new Male Mentor working in our Matt Primary Schools ran a special day for boys aged 10 - 12, to do Man Things! 19 boys and 5 leaders joined in activities like Kamikaze Paintball, Archery, Ultimate Frisbee, Dinner, Dessert, movie and snacks! The day was revolved around what it means to be a Real Man and Matt shares some thoughts about some of his experiences. The young people rated all activities at an average of 9.5 out of 10 and there was positive feedback from parents too. This was the first GDO, and there are plans to make this a termly activity for different groups of boys from our area.

Epic Dance Party 2012

Eight Eastside primary schools were hosted for one EPIC Dance Party recently at North New Brighton War Memorial Hall. This joint venture by Youth Alive Trust & Blue Light was about bringing together Year 7 & 8's from the area for a night of fun, and a chance to meet future friends before going to High School. It also served a number of schools in the area who no longer have school halls, and can't run their normal School Disco's. Many of our local schools only have a small number of Year 7 & 8's, so bringing them together created an exciting energy. Some of these young people will end up being best friends in High School and this might have been the first time they met! This is the second joint Dance Party Youth Alive Trust & Blue Light have organised for the schools on the east of Christchurch, and a booking has already been made for the next one! Schools who took part were, South New Brighton Primary, North New Brighton Primary, Central New Brighton Primary, New Brighton Catholic, Freeville Primary, Wainoni Primary, Queenspark Primary & Parkview Primary.



Amped Camp

Rock Solid, out Year 7 & 8 Friday Club, recently joined 200 young people from around Canterbury for one massive AMPED Camp!! Based at the Canterbury Show Grounds, there was a mixture of Big Activities, Games, Music, Inspirational Talks and a lot of making new friends! Highlights of the weekend included Pie Day, Running the Gauntlet, The Music Mix-Up and celebrating our very own Ambers 21st Birthday!!



Regular Programmes

Cheeky Little Monkeys & Connect

Our youngest programme split in 2012, to allow more age appropriate activities (letting the Year 4 boys back play rough without worrying about the Year 1 girls!) It's been a fun year with lots of games, arts and craft, trips to the park and ten pin bowling! The leaders and volunteers have worked hard, and will deserve their summer break coming up!



Wave

With New Coordinator Steve, and old hands Matt, Tom & Deborah - Wave has one of the strongest teams. Most memorable nights include Pimp my Leader, WAVE Factor, Carnival Night & the trip to the movies! Based around the acronym of **W**elcome **A**ttitude **V**alues and **E**njoy, the club creates fun memories & teaches values that help the children in all areas of their lives.



Rock Solid

One of the wildest & wackiest clubs in town creating friends & photos that last a lifetime! We've had a busy past term with The Big Splash, Mid Winter Christmas, Family Quiz Night, Dessert Challenge & a Trip to Hanmer. They've also joined in wider community activities such as the Epic Dance Party & Amped Camp. The Rock Solid Facebook page is a huge hit and they love looking at the photo's of themselves!



Sodium

Our weekly teenage club developed a close knit family feel in 2012, which started each night with a sit down meal together. The group found a new respect for each other and the leaders, and did cool activities like Fear Factor, Bonfires, Timezone and Photo Challenges around the city. Sodium will split in 2013 into a junior and senior group, allowing for more numbers yet still the close knit family feel.



Holiday Programmes & Activities

We recently passed an audit on our holiday programme with flying colours, and have been able to increase our numbers to 64 children each holidays. Creating a camp like atmosphere for the week with lots of team games & awesome activities like tie dyeing tshirts, knights & princesses day, ice cream challenge, baking, trips to Living Springs, Mini Golf, Ice Skating & Hanmer Springs - it's packed full of fun!

We also run free activities for 30+ teenagers in the holidays through MSD Breakaway Scheme - Paintballing was a obvious HIT! The holidays are extra busy as our youthworkere organise free daily activities at New Brighton Library everyday - recent popular activities have been Cup Cake Decorating, Skate Skool & Juggling Workshop.

