



Camp Columba

doing learning growing

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Mission Statement: To provide a high standard of accommodation and adventure programs, to promote physical, emotional and spiritual development and in doing so, demonstrate God's love to all who come into camp.

Managers Report



Managers report: Our Anniversary At Camp Columba: It is now autumn, the leaves are falling and the days are getting shorter. It's getting a little colder, however, the sun still continues to shine! It has been an amazing summer as we have been blessed with great weather, I love this place. We have now been at camp a little over a year and I have to say that it has been a positive experience. We have seen the Lord move in so many ways. I have watched young leaders grow, experienced campers asking Jesus into their hearts, witnessed people of all ages overcome fears and make life changing decisions. It never ceases to amaze me when I see the Lord at work in the lives of people who come to camp.

I count it a blessing to be able to be apart of the ministry here at Camp Columba. God is moving in people's lives and we are praying for this to continue throughout 2012.

Holiday camps:

The ministry camps that Annie-Kate Williams has been running these past holidays have been action packed and challenging for both campers and leaders alike. We have had everything from treasure hunts to gold panning. From the giant ball to awesome speakers, I have been excited to see the transformation in the lives of the campers throughout the weeks. There is more to come from Annie-Kate in this news letter.

School Adventure Camps:

Over the past year we have had a large number of schools come to do adventure based learning and experience life at Camp Columba. The pictures below show Edendale School enjoying some of the Adventure activities. The feedback we receive from the teachers, parents and the students, just confirms that the mission statement of Camp Columba rings true.



The MMM Team at Camp Columba

The MMM team was here in October and did a fantastic job of revamping some of the living space at camp. They managed to; build stairs to the team building course, complete an acoustic sound barrier system in the Ritchie Kelly hall, upgrade some wiring in the kitchen, as well as replacing carpet, painting two bedrooms and installing Free view TV at camp. We Would like to say thank you to Bart and the team for being a part of growing the ministry



PRAY POINTS

- **Praise and Pray:** for the decisions that campers are making at camp these holidays.
- **Pray for the MMM Team** as we look to receive them in May to upgrade the camp bunks.
- **Be in prayer for the up coming family community day and the Mother Daughter weekend.**
- **Please pray for funding for the upgrades to the kitchen in the top hall.**
- **Please pray for the O'Brien Family as we head out to the USA in May to be with Sarah's father who has Cancer.**

Pontoon: Yes, it is official, we now have a pontoon and it is proving to be a popular addition. It is great to see



campers push past their fears and swim out to it.

We would like to say a big thank you to David Kennedy and Stan Zwies for building the pontoon and to Rodger Stewart from Stewart Timber for supplying the timber.

April Holiday Program: Back to the Future

Hi, Annie-Kate here!
April-holiday camps have been incredible!
God did a lot of awesome stuff at both camps !!



Back to the Future! We have had two awesome speakers! The 5-9 year olds camp we had Lydia Harrington and the 10-13 year olds camp Robyn Burnett! Both have done a phenomenal job in connecting with the kids and teaching fun, relevant, encouraging, life changing truths about Jesus! We have been travelling back to the future in our great time machine learning what the Bible teaches us for living today.



Lydia has also given her time to be here both weeks to be our instructor of the rock climbing wall, giving the kids a chance to do an activity that we don't usually get the opportunity to do! The craft activity for the camp has been a real hit thanks to Sandra and John Gow! They came up with the idea of making toy wooden cars which they have put hours into. John came each day with his drills and bits helping the kids sanding, drilling, hammering, gluing, painting and racing. The kids loved it! Sandra also put in a lot of time in behind the scenes so thank you! LBK (Lumsden, Balfour, Kingston Presbyterian Church) and St Andrews Presbyterian Church Gore adopted these camps and we want to say a huge thank you for all that you gave and for your support and prayers.



I am just continually blown away at the leaders and helpers that God provides for these camps. They give so much and continue to exceed my expectations in their maturity, skills and heart for this ministry. So huge blessings and thanks to them!

Coming up **Leaders Weekend Boost** 10-14 August for 14+ year olds. food, great company. Look forward to being challenged in faith, life, strength and more, as well as having great fun

Adopt a Camp!!!!– Churches, if you would like to be a part of supporting ministry camps this is a great way. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you and talk with you about the ways you can partner with this awesome ministry!
Contact me at ph 03 205-3702 or e-mail at holidaycamps@campcolumba.org.nz

UP COMING EVENTS:

Community Family Day
21st-18 April 2012 , 12pm-3pm

Mother Daughter Camp
27th-29th April

Boost (Leaders weekend)
10-12 August

Community Family Fun Day:

This Saturday we are opening up the Camp and having a family fun day. There will be events and activities for the whole family. Activities such as Flying Fox, Speed Slide, Archery, Rock Climbing, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and much more. We will also have a Sausage Sizzle. The event is free and has been put on by Camp Columba and Adventure Southland. For questions call us on 03-205-3702

Look Forward to seeing you there!



Projects in the pipe line:

- We have MMM coming to visit in May. They will be undertaking the task of upgrading our entire inventory of 80 bunk beds. MMM will be upgrading the bunks in order to maintain a high standard of safety. If time allows, they will also install some power saving devices and renovate the dock at the pond. We do appreciate the ministry that they provide for Camp Columba.
- Finally, we are planning to extend the top hall kitchen so that multiple groups can stay at camp at the same time.

Final thoughts:

We just want to say thank you to all of you for your continual prayers and support for this ministry! You are a vital member of Camp Columba.

Luke 9:48, Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and who ever welcomes me welcome the one how sent me. For who ever is the least among you all is the greatest