



Camp Columba

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APRIL NEWSLETTER 2010

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

MANAGER'S UPDATE

This year is flying! We are already well into April and a lot has been happening (as always). Term One and Four are our busiest Terms here. The year started with the 2 Ministry camps where the theme was Pirates. Not far into February Alex Leftwich resigned due to personal reasons. We were grateful for all that Alex, Janet and Brittany contributed to camp for the short time that they were here. I have temporarily stepped into the Manager's role, as well as still being the Administrator, until another Manager is found. February was also the start of school groups coming in and we didn't have an empty campsite until a few weekends ago, 10-11th of April. This free weekend brings me to sharing with you that the Septic System is all plumbed in. In the words of the T.V. Program, Thunderbirds, "All systems are go!" What do we do to celebrate? Shall we have a Septic Party? We know that the Lord always provides, and that he chooses to use people to meet the need. There are so many people to thank. We are so thankful for Ian Tullock donating the use of a truck and tanker. This was a huge cost saver. Thank you! To the many individuals, the

Synod of Otago and Southland, Waidale Trust and the Community Trust of Southland, Thank you! There is still a lot to be learned with the new system, but it is functioning and I am no longer needing to empty the big tanker! :) **End of February—April** The Father/Son camp was at the end of February and this saw 34 Fathers/Step Fathers and Sons, Grandfather and Grandson having a great time together. At the end of March was the Mother/Daughter weekend. There were 50 Mum's/Daughters, Grandmother/Granddaughter doing lots of girly things and having a great time of bonding in various activities. The last of the Serve-ivor camps finished last week. Lots of happy smiling faces despite the cold weather at times. Please check out the personal email written on the next page from some parents of their children's Serve-ivor 2 camp experience. Blessings.

Jo Parish



Upcoming Projects:

* Gas water heating in the kitchen area.

UP COMING CAMPS:

Leaders Training:
August 2010 for 14yr+

Circus 1: 5-9 years
27-30 September, 2010

Circus 2: 10-13 years.
4-8 October, 2010

BRIDGE PERSON

We are looking for a passionate person to commit to the amazing things God is doing here at Camp Columba. Over the last few years we have seen an OVERFLOW of God revealing himself in powerful and healing ways. The problem is, there isn't enough time in the weeks after the camps, to follow up on these meaningful moments in the lives of Campers and their families. We know that the "harvest is plentiful and the workers are few" but we want to see God's work here continue in the communities around Southland. We are looking for someone who loves kids who would want to "BRIDGE" the campers to local churches as well as building relationships with them and their families in a mentoring type role. Interested? We are trying to work out this role and how it would work best for the Campers, the communities, and the body of Christ. If you have a passion to help in this area, or have some ideas, please contact Jo or Shelley at Camp Columba.

QUEENS AND PRINCESSES CAMP 2010



MINISTRY CAMP NEWS

What do I say when there are so many things to say? God is unbelievable. He is hooking us up with His spirit in **POWERFUL WAYS**. We are seeing seeds of revival and God pouring out his Love and Power in so many ways. Healings, prophecies, men and women of God proclaiming His reign, and God touching the very core of their being. This is a taste of what God is doing at camp. Through 5 year olds and through Adults, He is being glorified and lifted up. It is amazing! Camper's favourite things about camp are; the concrete slide, the wide games (sticks and stones especially), and when God touched them and poured out His love and Holy Spirit into their lives. How fantastic is that? It is the taste of things to come. Keep Praying for God to have the freedom to do what He wants to do here at camp, and that we won't squash His plans by our "religiousness" and own selfish desires!! Thanks for your support. On the Home front: Phil and I are expecting a little bundle of joy in September. Please pray for us as we begin this new adventure; and please also pray for direction in our future.

Shelley Taylor

EMAIL FROM PARENTS OF CHILDREN THAT ATTENDED SERVE-IVOR 2

We just wanted to encourage you guys and tell you what a wonderful job you did at the recent Serve-ivor 2 camp. Our three boys were there and had the time of their lives. The first thing they were so eager to tell us was about the great Holy Spirit experience they had at one of the gatherings where they found themselves filled with the Holy Spirit, crying and praying for others in a way they never had before. **WOW!!!**

Our boys have come home changed people and totally on fire for God. One of our boys who has never really gotten into reading the Word on his own has picked up his Bible again and quite often has his head buried in it. You don't know how much joy that brings to our hearts.

All we can say is **THANKYOU** and **THANKYOU** for the time and effort that you guys and the other camp leaders put into these kids. You guys are truly a treasure to us and many!!! Be Blessed With Love and Blessings,

Larrie and Sancha Stevens

THE BODY

Thank you to everyone who helps make these camps function. The Camp Co-ordinator, Camp Director, Leaders, PA's, Cooks, Camp Mum and Dad, First Aider, Camp Columba Staff, Camp Columba Board, the many donations of food and money from local Churches, and individuals. May you be encouraged that God is ministering to the children and families that partake in the camps held here. We cannot function without each other. One thing that is becoming urgent though, is more people to help during these weeks. It would be awesome to have a core group of people being willing to be Camp Parents, and cooks etc. We deeply appreciate the ones that give up their time to do this already, but it is too much to expect the same people for 2 weeks, or even being able to do it every camp. If we had a minimum of 6 parents and 6 head cooks etc, that would mean that they would only be required for 1 week of the ministry camps. Is there someone in your church who would be willing to donate time and energy for one camp a year? Or even half a week? If there were that many cooks etc, to call upon, the week could be split and only a couple of days here at camp would be required. Please notify me or Shelley if you would like to join the team.

Jo Parish