



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



Winter Has Finally Arrived:

First of all, I would like to begin by saying that the rest of the country has it wrong about the Southland. The weather here is great, the country side is beautiful and the people are warm and welcoming! We were warned about 'the winter'; but we were all very excited by the first snowfall...that turned Camp Columba into a winter wonderland.

Holiday camps:

(Egypt): This was my first opportunity to be a part of the holiday camp programme that I had heard so much about, and I was not disappointed. We had a great team of people working together to provide an action packed, high energy, spirit lifting, Christ-centred camp. The Egypt holiday camps were a life changing experience for a large number of those who attended, both camper and leaders alike. I will leave it to Annie-Kate to give you the 'low down' a little later in this newsletter. Please continue to pray for all of the campers that came to camp.

New addition: Office Administrator

I would like to welcome our newest member of the Camp Columba team. Her name is Treana Morton and she is our new office administrator. A number of you may have seen her around camp and know Tre as the instructor from Adventure Southland. Treana has been working with Adventure Southland heading up the adventure program at Camp Columba going on five years. We are excited to have her on our team and look forward to her contribution to the ministry at Camp Columba!



The Team at Camp Columba

I would like to introduce you to our new team. Here are the faces that you will see around Camp Columba. From



Left to Right:
Treana Morton,
(Office
Administrator),
Annie-Kate
Williams,
(Ministry Camps
Coordinator).
John van Zoest,
(Guest services).
and Bruce
O'Brien (Camp
Manager)

PRAYER POINTS

- **Praise for a successful April holiday camp.**
- **Please pray for our volunteers for our next holiday camp programme. We are looking for a camp first aid director, camp mum and dad and a large number of leaders.**
- **Please pray for kids and leaders that will be coming to the next ministry camp.**
- **The MMM Team is coming in September .**

Heating system:

The first phase of the new diesel heating system is complete and has been running now for the past two months, just in time for winter. The heating is a great addition to the camp and will enable camp to run through the winter. The feedback that I have received from guests who have stayed, has been very positive. One individual said that "It made the cabins very comfortable to stay in." Thank you to all who donated to this first phase project. We are hoping to have the second phase installed and running before winter hits next year.



April Holiday Program: Egypt Camp

Hi, Annie-Kate here!

April-holiday camps=awesome!



We had between 75 and 85 campers at each camp plus between 30-50 volunteers. And the April camp is the small



camp apparently! God did a lot of awesome stuff at both camps including many giving their heart to Jesus for the first time. Our speaker for both weeks presented the story of Moses through words,

painting and action. Alistair had the campers mesmerised as he painted the story of Moses around the entire perimeter of the hall. It sure was an action packed week!

We also saw huge positive behaviour changes, great engagement with the speaker, lots of God moments, lots of fun and so much more. All of the leaders, PA's and volunteers did an amazing job! God is incredibly awesome- he gets all the credit for the April Camps!!! We are "**excited**" for the up coming October Camps held right in the middle of the World Cup themed, Game On!!! It's going to be packed full of fun, activities, games and God. We will be looking at playing well and hard in life and so much more!



Coming up **Leaders Weekend** 16-18th September for 14+ year olds. From fire ball to fiery food, great company and more. Look forward to being challenged in faith, life, strength and more, as well as having great fun doing it!

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 CAMPS:

Leaders weekend
16-18 September 2011

Game On 1! 1: 5-9 years
10-13 October, 2011

Game On 2: 10-13 years
17-21 October, 2011

Sound System:

We have been able to purchase a simple but effective sound system which will be used for the ministry camps and other events through out the year. There will no longer be any need to beg and borrow systems from church groups. A big thank you to those of you who have helped out camp with the sound in the past!

Projects in the pipe line:

- We have MMM coming to visit in September. They will be fitting the much needed acoustic tiles and sound panels in the Richie Kelly hall. This will help decrease the live sound and bring down the noise level. The team will also be working on some bathrooms in the Graeme Cook Lodge, as well as a number of other projects which I will update you on in the next newsletter.
- We are also looking at starting the second phase of the diesel heating system in the Gordon Pullar Lodge.
- Finally, we are planning to extend the top hall kitchen so that multiple groups can stay at camp at the same time.
- **We are in need of a caravan:** There are times that we have a need for extra accommodation for volunteers. If any one has an extra caravan that they would be willing to lend or even donate to camp that is in decent condition, please contact us.

Final thoughts:

Thank you to all of you for your continual prayers and support for this ministry! You are a vital part of Camp Columba. . **Mark 11:24**, Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask **for** in **prayer**, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Blessings to you all, Bruce O'Brien.