



Camp Columba

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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 to demonstrate God's love to all who come into camp.

MANAGERS REPORT

PRAISE GOD! It is with great excitement that I can finally say we have found a new manager for Camp Columba. His name is Bruce O'Brien and he is married to Sarah and they have 4 children, Maddie (13), Connor (10), Aiden (8) and Elle (4). They are all about to change ages in the next six weeks though!

The O'Brien family currently reside in California, USA.

Bruce is Kiwi born and was originally from Wellington. He married Sarah from the USA and they have lived in California for the past 19 years. Once all the paper work for their visa's are complete, the earliest we can expect to have them here at camp will be mid February 2011.

Please pray for the O'Brien family, as they prepare for departing and packing up and selling things and saying goodbye to family and friends. Some of their children are excited but some are finding it hard to come to terms that they are shifting to New Zealand. Please pray for them physically and emotionally.

A request to help make the transition easier on the kids is to have some kids that are associated with Camp Columba or from the Gore area about their age begin email or skype communication with them and also help by being a friend to them when they arrive. If you have some children about their ages, and they would be keen to be an 'E-Pal', please contact me and I will give you their email address.



As I write with excitement about the O'Brien family, I also write with sadness as we farewell an AMAZING Camp Coordinator. Shelley Taylor resigned from her position last month, as Phil has a Basketball coaching job through SPARC in Hamilton and begins this new job in mid January. Please pray for them as a family, that the transition also goes smoothly. Pray for their

health and that housing and everything that they need to establish their new home will be provided for them. We wish you God's richest blessings Shelley, Phil and Alzora and look forward to hearing how God continues to use you for His kingdom.

I will continue to be acting manager until Bruce arrives, and will work alongside him showing him the 'ropes' and handing everything over by the start of April. In mid April I will be taking a team of 12 people to Sri Lanka on a short term missions trip, where we will serve a local church over there called, Kithu Sevana. The trip goes for 2 weeks, and then the team will return home without me. I will be staying on serving and helping in the girls home (orphanage) and anywhere else I can be of service. I will write my final piece in the next newsletter, so this is not goodbye from me just yet!

On behalf of Camp Columba, **Thank You** for your support and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and God's continued grace and guidance for the New Year.

Jo Parish (Acting Manager)

Upcoming Projects:

* Diesel water heating in the kitchen and heating dorm rooms.

* Painting, painting, and more painting of the buildings.

UP COMING CAMPS:

Dr Seuss 1: 5-9 years
4-7 January, 2011

Dr Seuss 2: 10-13 years.
10-14 January, 2011

Father/Son Camp
25-27 February 2011

Mother/Daughter Camp
25-27 March 2011

You can register online at:
www.campcolumba.org.nz

**Please pray for a new
H o l i d a y C a m p
Coordinator for Camp
Columba.**



John 1:14

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

MINISTRY CAMP COORDINATOR 2007-2010

HAPPY CAMP SUMMER OLYMPICS TRANSFORMERS
WILD AND WONDERFUL MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL
PA CAMP PAMPERING PRINCESSES REGENERATE WILD
WEST GALAXIES BEYOND LEADERSHIP TRAINING NARNIA
SUPERHERO PIRATES SERVE-IVOR CIRCUS DR SEUSS



These are just a handful of the camps that Shelley has organised and run during her time here at Camp Columba. It is a testimony and credit to Shelley the way the Ministry camps have grown and become very popular with kids. Not only the number of children that have attended these camps, but the many testimonies of children giving their lives to Jesus and the healings from Jesus also received while under Shelley's leadership. Also the campers that have then become PA's and Leaders and are now currently still leading at the holiday camps. The discipleship that has happened here has been a natural one and Shelley has nurtured and genuinely loved and cared for the children and families that she has come into contact with. Something I personally love and have admired in Shelley has been her heart to truly seek and know what God is wanting to do with each of these camps. She will wait on the Spirit and be led under His guidance. This is a skill and a gift that I am sure will continue to be a blessing to many people in Hamilton and wherever else the Taylor family end up.

Shelley has also contributed much to the Pukerau and Gore community through 'Bible in Schools' at the Pukerau School, her chaplaincy work at Longford Intermediate, teaching Tap Dance and other forms of Dance in Gore.

Your enthusiastic and outgoing nature is going to be missed about here Shellz. On behalf of the Board and people involved in Camp Columba, THANK YOU! Wishing you, Phil and Alzora all the best for your new adventure in Hamilton. Till we meet again. God Bless.
Nga mihi nui (with best wishes). - Jo Parish

MINISTRY CAMP NEWS

Dr Seuss news — We are very grateful that Warwick Tomlinson from Mosgiel is able to help fill in being the Camp Coordinator for the Dr Seuss camps coming up in January. Warwick has been involved in Youth Work for 14 years, 2 years as Youth Pastor at East taieri Church which has included organizing and running camps and youth programmes. Please pray for Warwick as he oversees everything. Please pray for the campers, leaders and volunteers as they come and serve at these camps too. May God have His way with each person that comes. To Him be all praise and glory.

GENEROUS PEOPLE

Thank you to Graeme Caldwell from Edendale, who donates all of our potatoes for the School Holiday camps. Keeping the cost of these camps down for campers is made possible with the many donations and support like Graeme's. Thank You!

Thank you also to Stuart Timber in Tapanui who have donated all the bark chips and peelings for underneath the Adventure equipment here at Camp Columba!