



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

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Term 4 is in full swing. Schools are in every week until mid December. Then they are followed by the Salvation Army camp. There's a couple of weeks break before the Dr Seuss school holiday camps begin at the start of January. Registrations are already coming in for these camps!

September saw Camp Columba welcoming the new arrival of Phil and Shelley Taylor's baby, Alzora Zelda Taylor, born on 10 September 2010. The Taylor family are all doing well. Congratulations Phil and Shelley! September also saw one of worst snow storms to hit Southland in years. My heart went out to all the farmers lambing and calving at this time. Having farmed and managed a sheep farm for 11 years with Gardyne Trust, I empathize with those of you who farm and care about the long term affect and toll this storm has had on some of you. May we all support each other and help one another through the days and years ahead, and look out for those that are struggling.

We had a school group from Millers Flat here for that week and despite the weather, they still managed to do most activities and have a great time.

During the September/October school holidays, we held the Circus camp, where both camps were fully booked one month out from starting! 80 kids, 50 Leaders/Volunteers and PA's helped make the camp a success. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, prayer and resources. A HUGE thank you to the Gore Baptist and Calvin churches who adopted both camps. Thank you so much for your generosity. Phil Taylor covered

Shelley's role well as Camp Director while Shelley was on Maternity Leave. We also had 5 leaders and 2 staff from Capernwray Bible School (Geraldine) who came down to help with the 2nd week of the Circus camp. This experience was a small part of their outreach while here in NZ. They were from America, Malaysia, Canada. It was great to have some more international flavour at the camp.

The Camp Columba board welcomed Lyndsay McGuigan in June this year, and is really appreciating his building expertise that he contributes to the camp. There are many projects and maintenance that needs to happen, but the most pressing is the painting of the outside of the buildings. It is a massive job, as the preparation work is the most important part. We are looking into outside help for this job. Another big project that we are almost at the stage of starting is the heating of water in the main kitchen by a diesel pump, which will also be used to heat the boys dorms. The future plans are to build a drying room, which will also be heated by this boiler and then the next stage will be heating the girls dorm and top hall. Trying to reduce our electricity bill and improve the heating of the facilities has led to this. Thank you for your continued support to Gods ministry at Camp Columba.

A teacher just today said "This is a great campsite, so peaceful. There is a special atmosphere about the place".

Blessings.

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:

Leaders Training:
26-28 Nov 2010 for 14yr+

Dr Seuss 1: 5-9 years
4-7 January, 2010

Dr Seuss 2: 10-13 years.
10-14 January, 2010

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

Please pray for a new manager for Camp Columba.



Psalm 25:4-5
Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

MINISTRY CAMP NEWS

Testimony Corner

Testimony from a parent of a PA: The PA training at the Circus camp was fantastic. We are seeing changes in our teenager that are lasting and it's really exciting!

Testimony from first time campers parents:

Hi Jo, I just wanted to say thank you from my husband and me for the wonderful time our kids had at camp (Circus 1, Isobel and Luke). Despite his food pickiness and the incident on the concrete slide (which I'm glad I didn't know about until it was all over!), I know Luke enjoyed the variety of activities and the people. He's been practicing his juggling ever since! Isobel was keen on everything and is looking forward to returning next year.

Thanks again, you guys obviously do a fantastic job and we're grateful for the experience the kids had. Please pass on our regards to the team.

COMMITMENTS MADE:

Circus 1 had **9** first time commitments that we know about and saw **11** kids showing an interest to start attending a church in their area. (Unfortunately the evaluation forms weren't given out to the kids at the Circus 2 camp, due to forgetting in amongst everything else that was happening at the time).

From a Programme Directors View...

CIRCUS Camp 2 was an eventful week with an awesome bunch of kids! From a programme directors point of view there wasn't very many complete stuff ups or injuries :D. We had a fantastic speaker, Rowan King, all the way from Auckland who taught us all about what the letters in CIRCUS stand for. Throughout the week we did many awesome activities such as, face painting, diablos, juggling and acrobatics! We also sang Happy Birthday to Shelley at half past 8 on the morning of her Birthday! We played some pretty intense night games especially on the Wednesday night playing Conquest, and losing one of our leaders because he fell asleep! On the last night we had a Camp Columba's got Talent which turned out to be a great success! We got to see some talents the we didn't even know people had! It was an awesome night. Overall, camp was an epic week and big thanks goes out to the Cooks, Helpers, PA's, PHIL! and all the leaders and campers for coming! Thanks Guys. :)

Steph Goatley
(Programme Director for Circus 2)



Please pray for Phil as he applies for teaching jobs, and pray that Shelley and Phil will know God's leading for next year.

Congratulations Phil and Shelley!



Shelley with baby Alzora Zelda Taylor. Born on the 10 September 2010, 7lb 8oz.

