

WELLINGTON ACTIVITY CENTRE  
 THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW  
 Report for the year ended 31 December 2008

Students: A total of 29 students attended the Wellington Activity Centre during 2008.

Year Level	Gender	Ethnicity
Year 11 = 15	Female = 11	Maori = 9
Year 10 = 13	Male = 18	Euro. = 15
Year 9 = 1		P.I. = 5

<b>Destinations for 2008:</b> Return to Wellington Activity Centre	8
Return to Secondary School	5
NZ Institute of Sport	1
Mission for Youth	3
YMCA	1
Alt. education providers	5
Wellington Institute of Technology	1
Home	4
Employment	1

**Staff:**  
 This year we said farewell to Rochelle who left us at the end of term 1 to move to Australia. She worked at the Centre for almost 2 years as the Language Teacher and filled in as Acting Director during T4 of 2007. We also said farewell to Matalai Mohuanga who worked for a short period of time as our male youth worker – filling the gap left by Jo Peseta. And last, but by no means least, we said farewell to Hazel Reddington who has worn the hats of Language Teacher, female youth worker and goalkeeper!

We welcomed Sydney Hunia as our new male youth worker – he has become a valuable member of staff and is well liked and respected by both staff and students. Hilary Hadfield was our Language teacher for half of term 3 and all of term 4 – she will be very much missed. We also welcomed Jonathan Cobb as Director.

It is no understatement to say that it is the staff – their dedication, commitment and energy – that makes the Wellington Activity Centre what it is. So it is important that we also acknowledge Lea Costa, Ann James, Tony Green and Donna Murray as the ‘stalwarts’ of the Centre.

**Highlights:**  
 Throughout the year we were fortunate to host MPs from all the major political parties and inform them of the work that we are doing.  
 HeHa – we have noticed a big change in what our students are eating as a result of this initiative. Funding from Hutt Regional Health has enabled us to upgrade our kitchen facilities to a very high standard.  
 Our donation from Wellington Rotary enabled us to employ a Literacy Tutor for the whole year – we are looking to secure an ongoing relationship with them to enable us to make better forward planning.  
 ERO visited us this year and we received a very favourable report from them.  
 Students attended the U17 Women’s World Cup Soccer tournament and the Wellington Breakers Basketball games – all tickets were kindly donated.

**Funding**  
 Grateful thanks to the following organisations for their generous funding:  
 T G Macarthy Trust  
 C.O.G.S  
 Wellington Central Rotary  
 Wellington City Council  
 Joe Aspell Trust  
 NZ Federation of University Women

NZ Community Trust  
Lion Foundation  
Pelorus Trust  
Lions Club of Wellington North  
(2008 Budget showed we broke even)

### **Appreciation**

Our thanks to Newlands College who have provided the Centre with outstanding guidance, support and encouragement over the past year. In particular thanks to Grant Jones, Sandra Wood, Adele Seekup and Morris Barling. Thanks also to the Centre's Management Committee for your wisdom and oversight.

Thank you to the many people who have given of their time and energy throughout the year and helped to make the Centre the success that it is. (You know who you are!).

But most of all THANK YOU to the staff of the Centre for all of your hard work, enthusiasm and energy. If it seems like we achieved a lot this year, you're right, we did:

Action taken since January 2008:

- Annual Plan and 2009-2011 Strategic Plan created.
- Timeframes for IEPs formalised and staff recording sheets monitored via Staff Handbook (Director also attends every IEP meeting).
- All policies updated and review cycle introduced.
- Staff Appraisal Process introduced and enacted. Currently all appraisals are up to date.
- Emergency management folder created and Risk management plans created for off site trips.
- Staff codes of conduct included in Staff Handbooks.
- Liaison Tutor role clarified – see Staff Handbook.
- Staff training day on the New Zealand Curriculum where we developed our own Principles and Core Values which are stated in the 2008 Annual Plan.
- Updates of student progress with NCEA credits has helped to sharpen our focus on the Literacy and Numeracy targets for Y11 students.
- Afternoon programmes: Mon Sports Programme now has lesson plan and shows links to Curriculum. Tues afternoons have detailed planning sheets. Thurs afternoons have seen the delivery of areas of the Health Curriculum by outside agencies (Health Curriculum folder updated). Fri gender programmes have seen a major focus on fitness/hip-hop and fitness.
- 'New Student' entry testing formalised and improved (PD session held with Denise Johnson from Well Coll of Ed).
- Behaviour Code flow chart created and implemented – building upon current practice.
- All guidance counsellors from 'feeder' schools have been visited and new referral process talked through with them. New transparent process has been properly followed and all parties are clear of expectations and timelines.
- Transitions back to school have been formalised with Transition Action Plans (based on processes developed by Porirua Activity Centre) and meetings/ongoing communication with schools until they are ready to formally accept student back.
- Visits to other Activity Centres to share ideas.

### **Analysis of Variance**

See separate sheets for detailed 2008 Analysis of Variance. Overall we have been reasonably successful in meeting our Annual Plan targets (particularly in fundraising, professional development and appraisal systems) though there is still room for improvement in successfully transitioning students back to mainstream and in linking Thursday afternoons more closely to the curriculum.

3 students worked extremely hard and achieved Level 1 NCEA – a huge achievement.

NCEA Credits – 311 gained this year by 12 students (average of 26 per student)

### **Maori and Pacific Island Students**

Of the 29 students who attended the Centre throughout 2008 nine were Maori and five were PI. Of the three level 1 NCEA passes 2 Maori, 1 PI.