

Applications

Applicants for the Holiday Programmes are usually distributed to families looking to get involved 6–8 weeks in advance of the school holidays. A closing date is then set 3 weeks in advance of the holidays to provide us valuable time to ensure we have enough staff employed to look after the children on the programmes.

A copy of the intended activities and application forms will also be available from www.autismnz.org.nz/Branches/Canetrbury.php

In some instances we are able to accept later applications, however this is something that can not be guaranteed within those last 3 weeks.

To avoid disappointment it is good to book your place early.



If you are interested, or would like more information on any of the Holiday Programmes Autism NZ Inc Canterbury Branch offer then please contact Steve in the office on 343 2225 ext 712, or email steve.potter@autismnz.org.nz

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All of the staff in the Canterbury Branch Offices are part time, and roles require staff going out into the field. The offices may not always be staffed during these times so it may pay to call first to ensure somebody will be in.



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Canterbury Branch Holiday Programme - Christchurch



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2010 Dates included

Holiday Programme Information

The Canterbury Branch of Autism NZ runs a series of Holiday programmes for children upon the Autism Spectrum during each school break.

Purpose:

The holiday programme is provided for school age children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Their families must be members of Autism NZ Inc Canterbury Branch. These programmes help to provide continuity for the children during the holidays, whilst providing valuable respite for parents and carers.



* The programme runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays except when these days are statutory holidays.

* The programme runs from 9am till 3pm.

* There are 4 holiday programmes based in locations around Christchurch (Marshlands, Hoon Hay, City & Spreydon)

* Attendees at holiday programme groups are sorted according to ages (2 groups of primary school age (Marshlands and Hoon Hay), 12-16 years (the City) , and over 17 years (Spreydon))

* Parents/caregivers are responsible for providing transport to and from programmes. Staff members will provide transport during the day in personal vehicles which must be insured for at least 3rd party.

* Staff : Child ratio is normally 1:2, although 1:1 care is provided for children who require the extra attention for safety reasons.



* The programme is designed to meet the children's needs and a form is sent to all families prior to each holiday programme to gather as much information as possible to ensure that your child is safe and has a good time.

* A staff member will contact parents prior to the beginning of the programme to arrange a home visit and to go through this information with you should you feel this necessary.

* Children must bring their lunch, morning tea, snacks and drinks

* All clothing and other belongings must be named.

* The cost is half a day carer support or \$42.75 per day for children staffed 1:2. And a full day carer support or \$85.50 per day for those staffed 1:1. There is a charge of \$10 per day to cover the cost of activities, which is required to be paid at the time of registration.

* Children who are in residential / foster care (i.e. someone else is already being funded to care for them during this period) are invoiced for the full daily amount \$85.50 per day.



Holiday Programme Dates 2009/2010

Autism NZ Canterbury Branch will run the Holiday Programmes on the following dates in Christchurch during 2009/2010:

Summer Holidays 2009/2010

Monday 21st December 2009
Wednesday 23rd December 2009



Monday 4th January 2010—**No programme due to public holiday**
Wednesday 6th January 2010
Friday 8th January 2010

Monday 11th January 2010
Wednesday 13th January 2010
Friday 15th January 2010



Monday 18th January 2010
Wednesday 20th January 2010
Friday 22nd January 2010

Monday 25th January 2010
Wednesday 27th January 2010
Friday 29th January 2010



Easter Holidays 2010

Monday 5th April 2010—**No programme due to public holiday**
Wednesday 7th April 2010
Friday 9th April 2010

Monday 12th April 2010
Wednesday 14th April 2010
Friday 16th April 2010

July Holidays 2010

Monday 6th July 2010
Wednesday 8th July 2010
Friday 10th July 2010

Monday 13th July 2010
Wednesday 15th July 2010
Friday 17th July 2010



Spring Holidays 2010

Monday 27th September 2010
Wednesday 29th September 2010
Friday 1st October 2010

Monday 4th October 2010
Wednesday 6th October 2010
Friday 8th October 2010

