

Good News Community Centre

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Last year on 26th July we held the opening ceremony for the Good News Community Centre. What a great year it has been. Through the cold, wet months of late, it has been amazing to have a wonderful facility which can allow all programmes to go full steam ahead no matter what the weather.

Financial Update

We are making great progress to pay off the bridging loan used to complete the building in an advance of the pledges being fulfilled. There is now \$18,352 remaining of our loan. We praise God for the way the pledges have been kept and people have so faithfully given and continue to give.



We have in the last two months received three grants to help with the programmes we offer. One is from the Hamilton City Council which is an operational grant each year for the next three; another is from the Norah Howell Charitable Trust towards laptops for the Homework Centre; and the other is from the Tidd Foundation for our children and youth programmes. We give thanks to these organisations for their generous support.

Holiday Programme

St Marks Church and OAC (Outreach and Church Ministries) combined together to run a holiday programme from the Centre in the first week of the July school holidays. This was a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News with the children through stories, music, puppet shows, crafts, games and challenges. This attracted a number of new children who had not previously been involved with programmes at the Centre and received very positive feedback. A parents' night was held on the Thursday night with a shared meal and prizegiving and it was a great time to celebrate the successes of the children. Many thanks to Hamilton Christian School who provided a great team of senior students to be junior leaders at the programme.

Wintec

On the 17th June we invited WINTEC to the Centre to a community event to share what opportunities they have available to study, and for people to become ready for work. With Wintec's Rotokauri campus right on our doorstep, it is great to be working alongside them to help local people understand just what courses and activities they offer.

Venue for Hire

Remember our great facility is available for hire so don't forget to consider it when planning your next family function, group event or celebration. Please contact the office;

goodnewscommunitycentre@gmail.com or phone 8505020.



Warm Regards and blessings to you all

Susanne Rowse

Chairperson, Te Rongopai Community Trust.