

Lyttelton West School makes Cookie Time trip

by Abigail O'Regan and Camille Balducci

Sugar, butter, flour, eggs, chocolate, salt, baking powder, a cup of very hard work, a recipe for success and you have a Cookie Time!

The Cookie Time factory is an inspirational and awesome place and guess what?????

Room Five of Lyttelton West was lucky enough to go on a school trip there on May 15.

When we arrived at school we were split into car groups and then we were driven to cookie time by a bunch of awesome and kind parents.

In my car there was only girls and the unfortunate driver didn't have a pair of ear muffs.

As we arrived at the factory we suddenly became even louder!

Inside the factory we were separated into two groups.

One watched a DVD in the factory shop about the world's biggest cookie (made by Cookie Time) while the other

visited the factory.

My group was the first to visit the factory and we had to dress up in 'mad scientist' lab coats, blue hair nets and blue 'booties' to cover our shoes.

Then we had to wash our hands thoroughly and we sanitized them.

Then the doors to paradise were opened and the wonderful smell of chocolate and baking hit my nose.

First we went to the chocolate room and we tried white, milk and dark chocolate it was yummy!!!!

Then we went into the butter room and saw butter being softened and pulverized, getting ready for being in cookies.

Then we went to the freezer which definitely deserved its name, we almost froze.

Then we entered into the oven room, there were a few massive ovens with huge trolleys filled with trays of cookies in them.

We all got to try a freshly

baked cookie, they were delicious.

After that we went to where they made their bars and packaged them.

It was fascinating to see the bars get packaged but it also seemed like quite a hard job.

Then (sadly) we had to step over the red line and we took off our booties and we got to keep our lab coats and hair nets.

And then we went to the factory shop and watched a DVD about the biggest cookie ever.

We also watched another DVD about the history of Cookie Time.

Then we went into the food technology lab and tried a top secret product that isn't even on the market yet!

We were privileged enough to be the first group in 10 years to actually enter and tour the working factory.

Thank you very much Cookie Time, it was FANTASTIC!!!!!!



At the Cookie Time factory were Bliss, Taine, Jacob, Ruby and Samsara.

Access to the Lyttelton waterfront

by Ken Maynard Secretary, Lyttelton Community Association

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water"

- Anthropologist Loren Eiseley

Lyttelton's harbour location should be an integrated aspect of the town, welcoming to residents and visitors alike.

Lyttelton is also home to the South Island's largest port, a vital part of Canterbury's infrastructure, and key to the economic success of the region.

A Master Plan is being formulated for the recovery of Lyttelton by Kobus Mentz, but it is likely to concentrate on getting the business area up and running in the first instance.

But we also need to look forward to a Lyttelton which embraces its waterfront.

The Lyttelton Community Association is very grateful to Dianne Buchan of the Wellington Civic Trust at a Public Meeting at 11:00am on Saturday June 18 at the Recreation Centre

She is generously giving her time to talk to us about the Trust's success in making Wellington's waterfront a place for the people.

Lyttelton is a much smaller place than Wellington, but it is of vital importance to us, so hearing about what Dianne and friends had to do to deal with big business, the Harbour Board, and the City Council is of great interest.

Of course seeing an area of Wellington waterfront becoming redundant is rather different from being at the epicentre of a violent earthquake. Nevertheless there are some similarities in the way that we should respond.

Here is some information about our speaker. Dianne is the Managing Director of Corydon Consultants - a Wellington-based company that specializes in community consultation and social impact assessment.

Over her 30 years in private practice she has worked with local councils, government departments, community groups, commercial companies and NGOs throughout the country on a wide variety of planning issues and community-based initiatives.



Ann Jolliffe passes the Community Board summation of the community's thoughts regarding the renewal of Lyttelton to Kobus Mentz of Urbanism Plus on a recent walk around the town centre. Further meetings between planners and the community were held after this paper went to press.

She is Certified Environmental Practitioner and an Accredited RMA Hearings Commissioner.

Dianne has been awarded a life membership of the Wellington Civic Trust having served on the Board of the Trust for 10 years - 7 of those as its chair.

It was the Wellington Civic Trust that initiated and drove the development of Wellington's waterfront as a public space in the early 1980s.

The Trust has maintained a close interest in the waterfront development since that time.

Dianne has been intimately involved in the development of Wellington's waterfront in a variety of ways since 1995

when she was appointed independent chair of the Waterfront Community Consultative Committee - a committee representing 25 groups with a particular interest in the waterfront.

That committee was charged with providing community wide input to the planning and development of the waterfront.

Several years later Dianne was appointed by the City's Mayor to the Waterfront Leadership Group established by the Council to develop a framework for future development of the waterfront.

This framework which sets out the vision, principals and objectives for future develop-

ment of the waterfront, has been adopted as the guiding policy document by both the regional and city councils and the company established to manage the waterfront's development.

Dianne will talk about the process of changing Wellington's waterfront from a purely commercial operation where the public was excluded from access to the harbour's edge, to becoming the premier public space in the capital city.

In a presentation entitled "Conflict and Collaboration" she will talk about why the Civic Trust took action, what they and other community groups have achieved over the years, the battles won and lost,

how the thinking behind the development of the waterfront has changed over time and the lessons learned along the way.

The processes and the lessons learned may help provide the Lyttelton community with some ideas about what to do and how, and particularly provide inspiration by showing what can be achieved with passion, vision, goodwill and collaboration between all the stakeholders - the port company, local government and the community.

The Public Meeting is at 11am on Saturday June 18 at the Lyttelton Recreation Centre in Winchester Street.



“Camper” on Lyttelton Harbour.

Big yacht visit

The Naval Point Club Lyttelton recently welcomed “Camper” - Team New Zealand’s Volvo Round the World Ocean Racing Yacht.

While the weather was miserable, we still had a huge turn out of people wanting to come and visit “Camper” and the crew during their tour of New Zealand.

Naval Point Club hosted the crew and Dean Barker for a lunch and presentation at the Yacht Club on the Saturday.

The club was packed full of people interested to hear from the team and about their campaign in this exclusive and exciting round the world race.

In the afternoon a lucky few were drawn from the hat and took the opportunity to take “Camper” around the harbour for a sail.

The rain was persistent, but we had a nice steady breeze and everyone was very impressed with the speed with which the yacht flew through the water.

We look forward to following “Camper” and the crew during the race which starts from Europe at the end of this year and also includes a stop in Auckland.

Lyttelton youth centre thriving

The Lyttelton Youth Centre is thriving with the sound of laughter, chatting, music, pool balls connecting and an abundance of 11-13 year olds.

The youth centre is still open to older youth (13-20 year olds) in the evenings however it has taken on a new role catering more for the intermediate age group.

At the beginning of last year the youth centre began offering the under-age group exclusive use of the youth centre from 3-6pm each Wednesday.

Within a few weeks they were seeing 30+ young people attending these 3 hour sessions.

With demand growing from this age group the centre has focused its efforts on meeting that demand.

Setting up a weekly programme that will achieve time to work with both age groups while also creating a specific programme designed to meet the needs of the new generation of youth they are working with has been in the planning for a few months.

Other planning is still being worked on and the youth centre is committed to adapting the way it works to meet the needs of the young people within the community.

Wednesday and Fridays from 3-6pm allow the 11-13 year olds the opportunity to use the youth centre’ drop-in facilities. Talking to the youth workers, playing pool, PSII, foosball or making use of the free internet is all exclusive to this age group during these times.

Along with these two days of the week the youth centre is still also running a group for 10-13 year old girls on a Thursday night from 7-9pm. This runs during school terms and offers a different activity each week.

This girls group has been running for years however the boys have always wanted a group of their own which the youth centre is now extremely happy to be able to offer.

Nathan Mauger has been contracted by the youth centre to run a group specifically for the boys.

This group is aimed at building life skills and increasing confidence in 11-13 year old males. This group will run from 4-6pm on Mondays over the next term.

With a couple of trips away and another programme in the pipeline for the boys this is a busy time for the youth centre and a great time to be a young person in Lyttelton.

Outside of these “under-age hours” the centre is still open for those aged 13-20 years.

*Emma Odering
Senior Youth worker*

Youth Council AGM

The Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th June. This will take place this year on the first floor of the Youth Centre at 5pm.

We warmly invite all members of the Community and we would also like to encourage anyone who would like to come forward and join the Committee.

*Christine Wilson
Manager*

New Lyttelton Time Bank co-ordinators

Lisa Cardosi, Bettina Evans and Jen Kenix are Lyttelton’s new Time Bank co-ordinators.

They will build on the marvellous work done by Julie Lee who recently stepped down from the role.

There will be more resilience embedded into the role with having three part time co-ordinators.

Currently there are 397 members of the Lyttelton Time Bank.

The Time Bank played an important role over the emergency days following the earthquake.

It had the systems – the listed skills, contact details and the means to broadcast out all the various tasks needing to be done.

The new co-ordinators will continue to expand the Time Bank, encouraging members to take ownership of their Time Bank.

Together with members they will explore the multiplicity of possibilities such a system

has in creating community well-being. Also the co-ordinators will grow the links with other Time Banks in New Zealand.

These are ones that the Lyttelton Time Bank as first in New Zealand inspired to start in other communities.

An exciting development in the near future will be the introduction of Community Weaver 2.

Community Weaver is the software that monitors all the trades and stores the data base.

Community Weaver 2 has been refined, will be adapted to New Zealand needs and is being shifted across to become a freeware application.

Although most members use the software to organise their trades, it is not essential to use the software should you not have easy access to a computer. One of the co-ordinators’ many roles is to assist such non computer generated trading.

The Lyttelton Time Bank is a project within Project

Lyttelton. Other Project Lyttelton projects include the Farmers Market, the Winter Festival of Lights, the community garden, the ‘Welcome to Lyttelton’ bags, the

Lyttelton News and a weekly e-newsletter. Contact the Project Lyttelton office office@lyttelton.net.nz or 328 9243 if you want to be involved in any of these projects.



Mask making workshop

Our Lyttelton Harbour Festival of Lights on Friday June 17 opens at 6pm with a spectacular Mask Parade.

We encourage the whole family to take part in this exciting opening event, by joining the parade in Mask, leaving the Lyttelton Recreation Centre at 6pm.

So that you can make your own amazing mask for the parade and for the festival, a mask making workshop is taking place on Sunday 12th June from 1-3 pm at Trinity Hall, Lyttelton Recreation Centre, Winchester Street, Lyttelton.

All ages are welcome, and everything you need is provided to make your own spectacular mask to wear in the Mask Parade at the Street Party. This is a great way to get involved in the festival and to be a part of the excitement.

We would also love to have masked characters roving the street throughout the Street Party. Bookings for the workshop are essential as places are limited – please phone Sue-Ellen on 328 9243 to make your booking. Workshop cost: \$8 per mask.

Kobe experience

I was lucky enough to be in Kobe Japan last week for work. While I was there, I figured that I would do a bit of anecdotal research into their rebuild: how it looks to an outsider and what they thought of their outcome.

This was simply me asking a few people some questions and suggestions, from their point of view for us, and also to get my own sense of things as I walked around.

The most frequent comment made by people was that they were disappointed by the ‘cheap’ buildings that were rebuilt after the earthquake and that they miss any sense of history or style about the buildings that were built to replace their lost homes, office buildings and shops.

My feelings were that while the place looked pretty good and I did not recognise any traces of their disaster, it all seemed strange as it was built all at the same time.

The main CBD area has a few older buildings left though only just a few and what has been rebuilt looks to me more like something that is intended for tourists as there is a complete section of global brands – Dior, Levi’s, Valentino, etc. They are all brands that you can find in any high end shopping area in any city in any country.

I have seen them in almost every country I have been in and while they are fine. I don’t really know anyone who actually buys anything in most of them and they are the opposite of what our High Street had become –creative, boutique, locally owned and operated.

It felt soulless and sterile.

On my first night in Kobe, I called my husband and said that it felt to me like Japan had lost a lot of what made it so different and fabulous from all of my time here in the past.

Perhaps it is simply Kobe that has lost that feeling of being different and uniquely its own?

I think Christchurch has always had its own unique feeling and I hope that we are creative and patient enough to build something that we are proud of and engaged with for the future.

Personally, I would rather build what my son’s children will be proud of rather than simply getting us back up and running.

Perhaps this is my opportunity to put the next generations before myself?

Sarah van der Burch