



Some crazy things have been afoot at CYC recently. Much to our dismay and excitement, Ted and Andrea have announced that they are leaving CYC to direct three camps in the Mid-North Island; Lake Whakamaru Christian Youth Camp, Lake Taupo Christian Youth Camp, and Ruapehu Christian Camp, which are collectively known as the Micamp group. Their last day is the fourth of December, which is approaching at a very rapid pace! As follows, a new director is coming to fill Ted's position. Steven Miers, his wife, and his nine children will all be squeezing into the house Ted and Andrea currently occupy. Please pray for Ted and Andrea as they make their move down to Taupo, and for unity amongst the team and camps that they are coming into, and wisdom and discernment for them as directors. Please also pray for Steven and his family as they settle into CYC and get into the rhythm of things.



On a lighter note, we have re-carpeted the lodge and dining area in camp two, and the dining, reception, and lodge area in camp one. Some new doors and windows were also installed along the car-park facing side of the lodge at camp two.

Jordan and I have been painting a groovy geometric mural on the cage soccer (although it sounds quite gladiatorial, it's actually quite fun) that Les built a little earlier this year. We have yet to complete said mural, but we are looking forward to it, and the completed half looks incredible!

If any of you were at the tough guy/gal challenge, you will know that the grass on the playing field was transformed from green grass to a distinctly brown muddy puddle consistency, a state which it remained in for quite some time. Gavins, a large agricultural company, dug up the old faulty drainage, fixed it up and covered it, top soiled it and sowed new grass seed, which is shooting up and looks fantastic. They have also prepared an area for a concrete slab which is yet to be laid alongside the gymnasium and volleyball arena.

We also were able to attain a bunch of new kayaks and lifejackets which all look very spiff and shiny, and all float very well I'm told. I've yet to try them but I'm sure they're a delight. The crate climb has been going at a million miles an hour since we opened it. I haven't tried it either, but I'm very keen to do so. The kids love it and it seems like they have a blast. Even little Eilidh, our head chef's four year-old daughter, agilely scrambled her way up a considerable amount of crates.

More great news: we have been Outdoors Mark approved! This is a massive achievement after a lot of back and forth and slight adjustments and not so slight adjustments to this and that and the other.



We already have 52 young leaders registered for our leaders training weekend which is so exciting! We are really looking forward to the weekend camp at the same time as not wanting it to come, as the last day of leader's training weekend is Ted and Andrea's last day here at CYC.



The Annual General Meeting went very well, with James and Nat whipping up some delicious food to start us off. It was a bit sad saying our farewells as the friends and society of CYC to Ted and Andrea, but it was good for us to be able to show how much they have impacted our experience of CYC and how much they have personally invested into us as friends and colleagues.

Jordan and I finish in our official capacity as interns on the ninth of December when we graduate, but we are continuing on over the summer until the end of January. To be honest, it feels really strange to be the end of the year. People are playing Christmas music already and I feel like time has flown right under my nose and whipped the rug out from under my feet. And then all of a sudden it will be next year! Wow.

Well that's the news from us recently. Please keep us in your prayers, especially the new staff!
Kia kaha,
Abigail Boyens



UPCOMING CAMPS:

Leader's training
2-4 December

Holiday Camp
3-7 January

Junior Kid's camp
23-26 December

Teens Camp
22-26 December



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