



1st Annual Junior Fun Day - April'08

On April 5th 2008 Aikido Shinryukan ran its kids fun day at Mission Bay Auckland. Fortunately (running against the expectations of most Aucklanders) the weather was kind and made for a fun day for all the participants both young and a little older.

The Kids Fun Day event was hosted by Aikido Shinryukan, Hombu Dojo in Auckland. Organisers Takase Shihan and Jeanie Benson Sensei welcomed over 45 kids onto the mat. Instructors were Brent Beaumont Sensei from Waitakere Dojo and Denton Perry Sensei from Kawhia. New club Ellerslie Aikido also brought a number of young members along with their Sensei Greg Mayo.

The event consisted of two kids' aikido classes and a BBQ. The unique setting of an aikido class against the picturesque backdrop of Mission Bay beach brought many members of the public in to ask questions. Adult trainers couldn't keep themselves out of the picture also joined in came and trained on the mat between the kids classes. All there were entertained by the sight of so many children in their dogi and various coloured belts. Kawhia youngsters were also treated to pizza and ice-cream before their long drive home.



A beautiful day was had by all at Mission Bay Auckland.

There was a lot of assistance given by parents and adult dojo members and the BBQ heroes were especially important! Special thanks to Scott Campbell of the Mad Butcher New Lynn who generously provided for the BBQ.



Kids from all over the beach front came and joined in on the days activities.



Enthusiasm was in abundance everywhere.

A Fantastic time enjoyed by everyone!