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Youth Sports Club Report

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45 people attended Saturday's Youth Sports Club at Rangikura School on Saturday 26 June. 8 disabled youth had a chance to participate in the sport of Wheelchair Rugby and Wheelchair Basketball. With 3 new youth turning up, this now brings the total members to 15 for this new Sports Club for physically disabled youth in the greater Wellington region.

Equipment and coaching was provided by athletes and experienced coaching staff from Parafed Wellington. We are grateful for the expertise of Wheelchair Rugby Coach Don Judd and Mike Putaura and Wheelchair Basketball Coaches Garry Smith and Marcus Thompson. Thanks to elite athletes Gavin Rolton and Paul Fallon and volunteers Greg Moller, Thea van Der Muelen and her girls, Paula and the Thompson family, Nancy Judd and Jenny Smith for their support.

Halberg Trustee Adrienne Olsen spoilt us again with her famous chocolate cake and Amelia Nurse from Radio NZ was also there to promote this wonderful sports incentive for physically disabled youth through the programme "One in Five" - Disability Issues which broadcasts on Radio NZ on a Sunday.



Left: Catherine Pot is interviewed by Producer Amelia Nurse from Radio NZ

Below & Above: Great wheelchair Basketball action as Catherine Pot grabs the ball and eyes up the shot

Above: Christopher Barry looks to Catherine for the pass



Above: Slade with his Dad-Alan

Below: (left), great Wheelchair rugby action as Kahu chases Roydon with Coach Mike Putaura in the background

Above Right: Paul Fallon with youth, getting ready to join the wheelchair rugby action

Right: Wheelchair rugby coach Mike Putaura is flanked by Reid (back left) Kahu and Matthew Henderson with volunteer Greg Moller helping Matthew manoeuvre his rugby chair

