

From Elizabeth Ferguson

Thank you Bronwyn for planting a seed in organising the very first Scottish Country Dance Camp for persons under 19. The seed flourished with 98 applicants (from Whangarei in the north to Christchurch in the south), support from club members, parents and an energetic committee. It was suitably named the ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY ONE FUN CAMP. The camp began at Otaki college where the children recieved their camp packs, a tartan shoe bag, a 1derbug and a very big WELCOME.

What an amazing sight to behold 98 young dancers dancing The New Year Jig, The Fairy Ring and The Frisky. The latter became part of the camp theme. After a scrumptious barbeque lunch we all travelled to Forest Lakes Camp. New friendships were emerging and it was time for afternoon classes. Fantastic teaching was given by Noeline O'Connor, Damon Collin, Debbie Roxburgh and Debbie Tonks. The camp was a buzz with a real enthusiasm for dancing and this showed on the smiling faces.

An afternoon JAM session took place. A wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to play The Frisky together. It was evident alot of practise had gone on before the camp. The Humber Jumber was the theme song. One of the highlights was the chorasters singing while the band played and the rest of us danced.

A One Fun Ball began on the Saturday night with a grand march and not an adult in it. They danced on well into the night and it didn't seem to matter that we lost an hour with the daylight saving change over. Ask the children who attended their thoughts on the camp. Bevan Collin devised a dance "Tir Nan Og 1997" for the occassion and the senior class demonstrated this on our final session. A real credit to you Bevan. Well done!

Well where's the next camp. The young people are certainly awaiting the next event.



