



# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

**Try some of these fantastic suggestions of things you can do together!**

- Go for a walk
- Feed the ducks
- Make a list of all the things you hope to do together
- Buy groceries – let your young person carry the list and find what you need
- Have some fun at your local playground (monkey bars, climbing frames)
- Explore the Botanical Gardens
- Visit the Margaret Mahey Playground
- Explore the city centre
- Visit a coffee shop – rate the hot chocolates around the city (makes a great base too)
- Take the dog to the dog park (teach it some new tricks)
- Head to the beach – skip stones, make sandcastles, sand sculptures, paddle, collect shells
- Eat lunch together
- Go for a bus ride
- Visit the SPCA, Dog Watch, Chch Bull bread rescue or local pet shops
- Sumner - beach / esplanade
- Hagley Park exercise stations
- Run errands
- Rock pooling

- Talk – topics could include, friends, sports, news, problems, food, pets, families, what's happening, how they feel
- Visit the Library – learn how to get a book out, look at books, share some headphones and listen to different genres of music, play games, play board games (makes a great base)
- Play a board game – uno, snakes and ladders, monopoly, battleships, scrabble, boggle
- Visit an exhibition at the Art Gallery (its free)
- Nose round a Mall
- Head off on a bike ride
- Fly a kite
- Go for a picnic
- The Christchurch Museum
- Table Tennis on Lichfield Street
- Check out the Gap Filler projects – info on Facebook
- Wash the car
- Go for ice cream
- Head off on a scavenger hunt – (loads of ideas on Pintrest)
- Learn how to fix/service your bikes
- Set up a lemonade or cupcake stand and raise money for BBBS



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- Go fishing – off the pier, Groyne
- Learn yoga
- Go for a run / running races / train for and participate in a triathlon or fun run
- Mow the lawn
- Air Force Museum (completely free)
- Cards – get well soon, greeting, birthday, Christmas
- Make a bird feeder
- Plant a herb garden
- Take a walk in the red Zone
- Catch a movie
- Origami
- Help a neighbour with their property
- Open the hood of a car and learn the various parts and simple maintenance
- Check out the fabulous New Brighton Playground
- Paint nails
- Talk about what you did at the weekend
- Work together to solve the puzzles and make your way out at “The Crate Escape” - (see supervisor for free entry)
- Christchurch Rocks! (see facebook- hide and seek for rocks in local parks)
- Go foraging

- Bowling
- Hide and seek
- Visit a Market
- Make a bug container and see what bugs you can catch
- Scootering – try out the local skate parks
- Skateboarding
- Climb trees (the Botanical Gardens are fabulous for this)
- Frisbee
- Walk to Godley head
- Help out in your local community
- Skipping
- Tennis
- Squash
- Make an obstacle course
- Draw / colour in Chalk on the pavement
- Learn Te Reo
- Learn to play chess or backgammon
- Bake – cookies, muffins, a cake, scones
- Grab some hot chips and head to the beach or park
- Create some homemade beauty products – sugar scrub, face mask, bath bombs
- Gardening – at home or community garden



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- Have fun with some messy play – make slime, kinetic sand, goo
- Take a trip on the tram (kids go free)
- Write a play
- Write a poem or funny story
- Bottle Lake Forrest
- Swimming
- Play cards
- Learn to juggle
- Build a go cart
- Learn the road code / to drive
- In winter - take a torch and go for a walk at dusk
- Take photographs
- Texture rubbings
- Build a Den in the woods
- Draw or paint
- Boules
- Have a water fight
- Corsair Bay
- Pompoms
- Have fun in the sprinkler
- Make / and or sail a boat at Victoria boating lake

- Potato printing
- Get creative and make a working catapult
- Bake homemade dog treats
- Geocaching
- Pokemon Hunting
- Explore somewhere new
- Learn how to read a map and go orienteering
- Find all the living things in a square meter of grass
- Spencer Park
- Start a woodworking project
- Have a BBQ
- Make bows and arrows
- Visit the animals at Orana Park
- Take a walk and collect interesting things
- Ice Skating
- Explore Lyttleton
- Experience something different at the Virtual Reality Room
- Bridle Path Walk
- Build a log cabin with lolly sticks or glue
- Lego
- Make a video



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- Carve soap – use cheap soap from \$1 store and a lolly stick (ideas on Pintrest)
- Homemade potpourri with dried flower petals
- Make and walk on stilts
- Safety pin and bead bracelets
- Snow globe
- Head up or down at Christchurch Adventure Park
- Make giant soap bubbles
- Explore with a magnifying glass
- Jump in puddles
- Buy a yoyo and learn how to do tricks with it
- Weaving
- Make and fly paper planes
- Christmas decorations – snowflakes, santas (ideas on Pintrest)
- Press flowers
- Make a stress ball (flour and 2 balloons)
- Screen printing
- Fabric painting – t shirts, tea towels
- Clay model
- Tramping

- Make some wall art
- Collage – with collected bits or from magazines
- Take and art class
- Catch a play
- Birdwatching
- Feed the animals and take a pony ride at Arion Farm Park
- Build a treehouse
- Make a neighbourhood map
- Hold a garage sale
- Get a tree identity book out of the library and discover what is around
- Have a pretend camp – explore somewhere take a flask of hot choc and make smores over a candle
- Trip over on the ferry to Quail Island or Diamond Harbour
- Feed the eels at Willowbank
- Take turns leading each other round blindfolded
- January – The Buskers Festival
- Look at a globe or atlas and locate where different travel destinations
- Play a memory game



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- Tie dye
- Play rough and tumble (esp good for boys)
- Paper mache
- In winter learn some constellations and stargaze
- Make puppets and put on a show
- Learn a magic trick
- Take turn styling each others hair
- Clip and climb / The Roxx
- Colour on different surfaces – tin foil, cling film
- Make a sun catcher
- Make a wind chime
- Make a mask of their favourite character
- Paper lanterns
- Challenge yourself walking or running up Rapaki Track
- Head to the gym
- Mega air
- Inflatable world
- Badminton
- Easter crafts
- Cook
- Window shop
- Learn CPR

- Design – outfits, cars, robots, clothes
- Make fluffy slime – 2 & 2/3 cup pva glue, 2/3 cup liquid starch, 2 cups shaving cream, food colouring
- Knit – hat, scarf – (ideas on Pintrest)
- Print out or make your own word search or crossword
- Play hangman
- Tackle a STEM project (great for science brains, ideas on Pintrest)
- Write your own code and send each other notes to decipher
- Build a model
- Buy 10 shares in an inexpensive company and watch what happens
- Surf the net
- Discuss who you admire and why
- Look up new words in a dictionary
- Talk about your life and experiences
- Write a CV
- Read books about famous inventors
- Write a long word use its letters to make smaller words
- Visit the Museum (its fabulous and free)



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- Start a collection – stamps, stickers, rubbers
- Make up your own song or rap
- Play I spy or 20 questions
- Construct with real and virtual lego at the Imagination Station (really cheap great for all ages)
- Gaming – xbox, playstation (can be found at some libraries)
- Do a jigsaw puzzle or make your own
- Learn to tap out your names in Morse Code
- Read comics or magazines
- Household chores
- Find a pen pal through BBBS international
- Learn to tie knots
- Learn to count in a foreign language
- Do some kitchen science!
- Make a family tree
- Build and paint a birdhouse
- Create a bead necklace or bracelet
- Make moon sand – 8 cups flour, 1 cup baby oil mix and dry before use (really soft and clean)
- Sew – a cushion, apron, gift – (ideas on Pinterest)

- Make a flip book
- Tell stories – start by giving each other the starting sentence “ I was walking to school the other day and I saw.....”
- Learn basic computer programming
- Explore music from different genres
- Make food from countries around the world and learn about the people who live there
- Look at the lives and biographies of people who did great things and talk about the great things they could do too
- Make a time capsule
- Visit the old folk in a rest home
- Learn to dance
- Yoga
- Learn sign language
- Tell and make up jokes and riddles
- Teach your young person how and when to use a fire extinguisher
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Write a letter to your local MP or Council regarding an important issue
- Use a book of names to find the meaning of yours