

CHB Swim 4 Lives

Swim 4 Lives have been established in 2015 and been in operation for 8 Years. They have held 7 Swim-a-thons (except in 2022) to raise funds to support safety for children in 16 primary schools / Kura in CHB. They have raised an average of around \$6,000 per year and over \$41,000 to date which have been used to fund approximately 65 round bus trips enabling close to 3,000 students over the 8 years to access swim sessions.

After providing targeted lessons for a couple of years, they realised they needed to support all children at CHB primary schools and Kura to be able to have access to and support from, trained swimming instructions, 10 sessions for each school/kura – a lofty goal!

To support all children in 16 primary schools / kura, they would need split the schools into 2 groups and have a two-year rotation support programme – this would cost approximately \$40,000 per year to cover transport and instructors - \$80,000 over two years.

They have managed to gain \$15,000 from “Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa – Sport NZ”, \$15,000 from Centralines and another \$41,000 from Eastern and Central Community Trust – an amazing outcome for the programme and the tamariki.

Tamariki have been greatly impacted by the opportunity to learn these valuable life skills and become strong and confident swimmers.