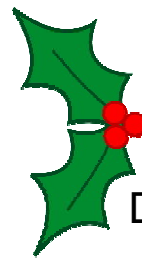
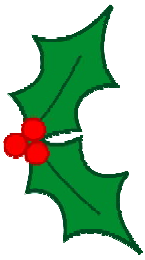


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Welcome!

Firstly, a big welcome to our newest Unit, Richmond (Nelson) Church of Christ, who launched this term. This is the 5th new Unit this year (4 of them in the South Island) and with no closures this year we end 2014 with 23 operational Units. Well done everyone! While we're talking about statistics I will also mention, based on average attendances, there are about 460 i-girlz. Additionally there are over 120 leaders and people who directly support the leaders.

The other big welcome this month is to Isabel Ross, Senior Leader Karori, who has been approved by the GBNZ Board as the leaders' representative on the IFG Ministry Team. Isabel has been helping us with various back office tasks for a while now so we are delighted that she now can officially work for you, the leaders, as well. leadersrep@iconz4girlz.org.nz

Team Vacancy

Also, as we have been working with one full member short on our Team for a couple of years now we really, really need an extra pair of hands (and an extra brain) to enable our Ministry to continue its growth. There are opportunities for all sorts of giftings to be utilized and if you have the time and passion to extend this work we will offer you a portfolio to best suit you. Talk to one of the Ministry Team if this interests you. Contact details are on the left of the next page.

Facebook

A reminder about the iconz4girlz Facebook page. Post the photos of your Unit activities on there so we can all share in the great things you are doing with your girls.



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RAMs Forms

A reminder too about the requirement to submit a copy of your camping RAMs form to Charmayne. Charmayne is a PE teacher well versed in RAMs forms so if you need any guidance she will be able to help you. rams@iconz4girlz.org.nz



Design a Bible Cover Competition

You may be wondering about the Design a Bible Cover competition. Entries have been forwarded to Bible Society and feedback was that the designers were impressed. There is no word yet about the winner.

Training Opportunity 28/29 March 2015 in Christchurch

This training is for IFG and GBZ leaders. The content is of a general nature and not Girls' Brigade specific. There are some excellent speakers booked and there will be lots of opportunities to meet other leaders.

The Ministry Team has some funds left in their training budget so are able to provide some assistance towards the registration cost for IFG leaders.

THE FINAL DATE TO REGISTER WITH \$50 DEPOSIT IS 12 DECEMBER 2014

If you wish to attend and would like to apply for some funding please send your details and the amount you wish to apply for to info@iconz4girlz.org.nz by 31 December 2014.

Course programme details and Registration Forms are on the website – find events on the home page and click on “find out more”.

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A Message From Chris

This morning I turned over a page on the 2014 calendar for the final time. The December quote was from Charles Dickens "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year".

This is an extract from Dickens' story "A Christmas Carol" and was uttered by the character, Ebenezer Scrooge, who is better known for denouncing Christmas as "Bah – humbug!"

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!"

A good reflection I think for when we find ourselves beginning to be overcome by the busyness of Christmas instead of focusing on the joy of Christmas.

Thank you to all of our wonderful leaders and supporters; whether you have been at the cutting edge of running a Unit or steadfastly upholding the Ministry in prayer or attending to the myriad other tasks involved in "Growing girls for good!" Our reward is knowing that throughout 2014 because of this Ministry, seeds were sown in fertile young hearts.

A safe and happy Christmas to you all.



Chris Brunt

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