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Pictures: IFG Papakura Bowling

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We were very sad when our IFG Shop Lady, Sue Brown, told us that she is retiring at the end of the year. Sue has been a wonderful support of i-girlz and we will miss her heaps. When the Ministry Team were meeting in Auckland earlier in the month we took the opportunity to take Sue out for a thank you lunch. We wish Sue all the best for this next season and know she will soon be blessing her church and community by the good works that she was telling us about; just as she has blessed us.



Thanks, Sue!

Also while in Auckland the Team caught up with “the boys” at the BB ICONZ HQ – always a pleasure – and fronted up to “The Gathering” (Baptist Annual Conference) to show off our wares. It was a good profile raising exercise and there were also some important connections made. Chris then went on to meet with Stu in Tauranga and visit our two newest Units, Paeroa and Karori.

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Funding

We have been blessed by funding from two sources recently. The PAC Fund has given some funds for each of the three Units in Canterbury and the ANZ Staff Foundation has given us sufficient funding to cover all our printing costs (for training manuals, programme books, publicity material) for next year.

New Car Seat Law

We think the new law regarding car seats has been widely published but just a reminder that this will need to be an extra consideration and included on RAMs forms for those of you with the younger age group in your care.

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/factsheets/07/child-restraints.html>

New Leaders Jacket Available

We have sourced a new addition to the leaders' uniform range – a polar fleece black jacket. Check it out on our website www.iconz4girlz.org.nz under Leaders' Resources.

End of the Year

Most i-girlz leaders we guess will be extra busy right now, ordering badges, preparing their girls and making arrangements for the Final Fling for 2013. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all leaders for the work they have done in this ministry over the year. We know there have been both disappointments and things to be so thankful for along the way. It is to be expected that you may have grown a little weary and that is why there are summer holidays - a time to reflect and refresh. We particularly thank the leaders who are completing their time with i-girlz this year – the main reason seems to be that God has called them to other ministries but a pending increase in the size of family is also popular this year. We wish you all well in your new callings.



Time to Refresh!

For those left behind and who are wondering about God's provision for leadership for their Unit next year, with the permission of Kate from Whakatane we share her story:

Up until last Saturday, we were looking very thin on the ground for next year. Steph has confirmed she is finishing, and that just left me. I had one person who was planning to help out next year, but so far we hadn't managed to discuss any firm plans.

That all changed over the weekend. Our pastor did a little spiel at church to back up the promotion we had been doing for i-girlz (separate flyer in the newsletter, slide show, interviews from the front during the service, etc), and straight after the service I had three people say they wanted to help! Since then I have also asked two others, so now we have a total of seven! I can hardly believe it. It has been an interesting journey of faith for me, and I'm not sure whether it was my surrender of the whole thing to God (which happened last Thursday), or our pastor's strong message that i-girlz might wind up that did it, but here we are, with more leaders than we have ever had.

So now I have a different kind of challenge: I have a brand new team, at the start of a brand new phase of i-girlz. I am thinking we will probably do a mixture of Challenge and Adventure activities until we all find our feet, then hopefully split up into two groups and go from there. With the wonderful response we have had, I am wondering if I should be asking you to send the Explore programme as well!

Thank you for your support and prayers. I know God has been working in all of this, and it is exciting to see. I would still value your prayers as we go in to next year and beyond.

We trust this is an encouragement to you. It is a timely reminder that we are not in this alone and also how important it is that we are faithful in praying for each other. (A summer edition of the Prayer Calendar is due out soon.)

God go with you - and please like us on Facebook if you haven't already done so.

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