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Welcome to another issue of i-girlz e-newz.

I am writing this on 19 September and as I do so I am looking out at all the white camellias on my trees and remembering that it is 120 years today since the women of New Zealand were given the right to vote in a General Election. A few people on Facebook today were not realising that once upon a time the privilege of having your say on Election Day was restricted to men only. The white camellia was the symbol of the people who fought for votes for women and the leader of these people, Kate Sheppard, and white camellias are depicted on our \$10 note. New Zealand was the first country in the world to give votes to women.

For three weeks in August I was in the North Island visiting Unit leaders, along with some administrators and pastors. I was very encouraged indeed by these meetings. My chauffeur and companion on this trip was my husband, Dave, and little did I know that within a week of us getting back home that Dave would pass away suddenly. Thank you so much to all those who have sent such kind messages to my family and me at this time of loss of a loyal and faithful husband and father.



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New Units and Prospects

Welcome to our latest Units who have come on stream this term. They are Paeroa, Raglan, and Karori. By all accounts both girls and leaders are having lots of fun. We are continuing to receive inquiries from churches and I visited three of these on my recent North Island road trip. I am also scheduled to take a leaders' initial training session for another new Unit opening in Christchurch in November. So, lots of interest.



IFG Paeroa Launch



IFG Explore Karori

Term 3 Fees

You will soon receive invoices for Term 3 fees and will notice that there is a 50 cents per girl credit. This is a donation from "GB Supporters", a group of past Girls' Brigade members and friends whose subscriptions are used to support the continuing work of the Girls' Brigade.

Safeaz - Quakez

With the recent strong earthquakes which were centred not very far from where I live, it is timely to relook at our preparedness. In the IFG Explore Year One programme there is a subject called Safeaz – Quakez. We realize that we do not have too many Explore girls yet so a copy of this programme is attached. We have had feedback that this subject would make the girls frightened but at the end of the day we thought parents would have peace of mind knowing that both leaders and girls were trained and prepared. None of our IFG subjects are compulsory and it is up to the leaders to choose what they believe would be best for their girls.

IFG Online

Eventually we will have all the programmes and forms loaded on to the website. Have you had a look at the site yet? You will see that we have added to the home page the dates that badge orders and stats are due. Also I would love to receive some more testimonials to place on the site – from girls, leaders, pastors, and parents. Could you also please click on the Facebook icon and like us on Facebook? Is there anything you would like to see included on the site?



Girls' Camp

Not long now until the girls' camp at Lakes Ranch. An important reminder - the organising team will be completing RAMS forms but Unit leaders need to do their own as well and leave a copy with their church. Wishing heaps of fun and lots of special moments for all who are attending.

Leaders' Weekend 2014

Next year we are looking at holding a leaders' weekend. You all have so many wonderful ideas to share that we need to offer you a forum in which to do this. Additionally we will be looking at providing you with inspiration as well via some special guest presenters.

Wisdom

Quote of the month

Data is not information, information is not knowledge, knowledge is not understanding, understanding is not wisdom.
- Clifford Stoll

[Psalm 90:12](#)

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of **wisdom**.



I am off to America next week for three weeks visiting family. My son is turning forty. My goodness! How can that be?

Whether you have a leadership or supporting role, God bless you in all that you do for i-girlz.

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