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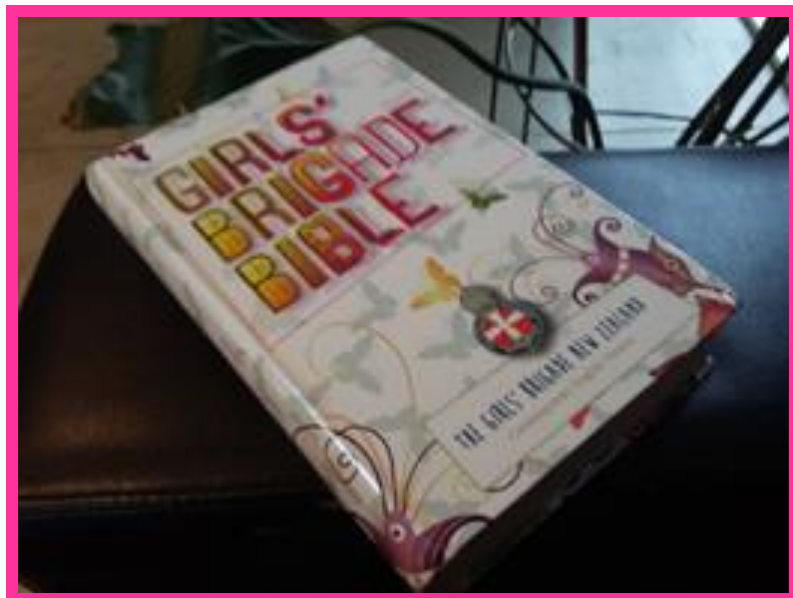
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The Bibles Have Arrived!

The bibles that have been generously gifted to Girls' Brigade NZ by The Bible Society of NZ are now at the GB Support Centre in Glenfield in Auckland. GBNZ are now looking for funding to cover the cost of distributing but it could be helpful if you were in the area to pick yours up from the GB office. GBNZ staff have decided to base the number of bibles that your Unit will receive on the stats for Term One 2016 and any additional bibles required will be sent at the Unit's expense for courier charges. We expect that you will have had new girls join your Unit since Term One and that you will have more girls coming along in the new future. Please contact GBNZ directly elizabethd@girlsbrigade.org.nz if you wish to adjust your allocation.



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The winner of the competition for the bible cover

- Caitlyn Kilner – Pioneer, 30th Dunedin GB Company

Runners up were

- Emily Wood – Whakatane IFG
- Aleisha Charteris – Paeroa IFG

Good Effort

- Hannah Everett – Whakatane IFG
- Ashlee Buchan – Whakatane IFG
- Emma Charteris – Paeroa IFG
- Lydia Pulikodan – Henderson/Lincoln Rd IFG

The comment from the Bible Society was:

“It was a hard decision to separate them out. So we took it to the vote amongst the staff at Bible House. Caitlyn’s one won with the most votes”.

Administration

My volunteer has had a change of circumstances and is not able to continue with helping me. This means that I am very behind with things like loading IFG programmes and Faith Box devotions on to the website and just refreshing the site generally.

Fortunately Rochelle Doyle (IFG Te Atatu) was able to put together the on line version of the Annual IFG Unit Update 2016 and this was distributed last week. Thank you so much for the help, Rochelle.

Annual IFG Unit Update 2016

I have already received back completed forms from about 20% of Units so everything seems to be working as it should. If you would prefer to receive the form by email please let me know.

I did omit to include the Privacy Act Disclosure Statement on the form. I will send that out when I have all the forms returned.

Our Sponsors and Funders



PAC Distribution Fund

Receiving the form should highlight for you the leaders you have not yet done the paperwork for – Registration, Police Vetting and Code of Conduct. There is still some confusion around the different leader status.

Registered Leaders – full time or nearly full time Christian leaders who comply with the Code of Conduct for Registered Leaders

Registered Helpers – fairly regular leaders or people assisting with specific tasks e.g. crafts, camps who support the aims of the ministry and who comply with the Code of Conduct for Registered Helpers

Assistant Leaders – girls under 18 training in a leadership role

Website Log in

Recently new user name and password for the leaders' section of the IFG website was sent to all leaders registered as at May 2016. Please let me know if you didn't receive yours.

Additional Badge Subject for your Optional Programmes File



Thanks to Robyn Marquand from IFG Raglan for putting together a new subject, 'Oceanz'. A badge has been created and the written programme is attached along with an updated contents page for your Optional Programme file.

If your file is not up to date or you missed out on ever receiving one please email me info@iconz4girlz.org.nz with your requirements.

Leaders' Training Weekend at Matamata

I was disappointed that because of ill health I was unable to attend this weekend. There were representatives from about 50% of our Units there with many opting to attend as day visitors on the Saturday.

Feedback I have received is that leaders would prefer a more localised one day training event in (say) Auckland, Waikato/Bay of Plenty and Christchurch. I welcome your feedback on this.

If you wish to share your experiences of the weekend please pop them on the IFG Leaders Facebook page.

IFG Leaders' Training Weekend Totara Springs Matamata May 2016



GBNZ National Conference

Charmayne, Isabel and I attended the GB National Conference in Ashburton in June as delegates for our respective GB Areas (Auckland Central, Wellington and Marlborough/Nelson) and Julie Young (IFG Westside Sockburn) attended as an observer for the Canterbury/ West Coast Area. Jennifer Box is still an associate member of our IFG Team and attended as a delegate for Otago. Sarah Woolley (IFG Karori) was the Wellington delegate to the Girls' Brigade Youth Forum being held concurrently with the Conference. After many years of attending as observers it was good to be allowed to take a more active part in the proceedings. (We have never been able to convince the GBNZ Board that IFG leaders should have representatives on the GBNZ National Council in their own right).

I have asked a few people to send in reports on these two events and will send these out as a special edition of enewz.

GB Annual Report 2015 – IFG Statistics

The stats recorded in the GBNZ Annual Report 2015 are completely incorrect. GBNZ has been advised. The correct figures as supplied to the GB Support Centre are attached.

Opinions Please

This is how you responded to items mentioned in the last enewz –

- *Should leaders need to consent to having their images published – one reply
- *Tablecloth/flag – one reply (same person as above)
- *Do you want black polo fleece jackets for girls added to the uniform range – zero replies
- *Do you want IFG car bumper stickers – zero replies



I am planning to meet with Leanne from Seeit in a couple of weeks' time so feedback on the jackets and car bumper stickers before then would be good.

Queen's Birthday Honour

It was nice to be recognised for my services to Girls' Brigade in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. I received the Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit honour. In the old days that was called an MBE. Now is it an MNZM. I will go to Government House in Wellington in October for the investiture.

iconz4girlz Ministry Team

Four days before the National Conference I received an email out of the blue from GBNZ to say that Charmayne and I had completed our term on the team. (Team membership is ratified at National Conference). This caused a bit of a panic as you may imagine as it was very short notice and what was the future of IFG to be - if there was going to be one. However our positions were reconfirmed at Conference; so no retirement for us just yet! This does highlight however that we are running with two members short. Your prayers for additional people to come on board for this important ministry would be appreciated.

Charmayne, Isabel and I will be meeting in Auckland 06/07 August. If you have any items/issues you would like us to discuss please just email me.

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On behalf of the Team

