

From the Ministry Team

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Congratulations!



I always like to start off with good news and although we have no further new Unit launches since last month's newz I am very happy to be able to share that an i-girlz leader has been elected as the Girls' Brigade Youth Rep Elect. Well done Sarah Woolley! Sarah is a leader at the Karori IFG Unit and will be one of two 'youth voices' on the Girls' Brigade Board. Sarah is an accountant so along with her IFG leadership experience will have much to bring to the GBNZ table for the benefit of us all.

And that's not all!!! Sarah has said that she would love to take on the role of administrator of our IFG Leaders Facebook page. It will be great to have this reactivated so leaders can share and support each other through this medium.

Faithboxes

I have received some great feedback from Units who have been using the Faithbox material for devotions. Faithboxes are a gift from GB Supporters and are distributed by the Girls' Brigade office. Please let me know if your Unit missed out on receiving one. All the lessons are on line at the IFG website in the Leaders' Resources section under Faithbox devotions.



An updated link to make it simpler to access the Resources was sent out last month.

Sizing of Leader's Pink Shirt



Both Charmayne and I have noticed that the sizing of the pink leader's shirt is smaller than previously. We have both had to go up to larger sizes and before I have any rude remarks about the amount of chocolate we may be consuming let me tell you that we have had another leader notice the same thing. So yes, next time order a larger size than usual.

Your Prayers Please

This coming Saturday, 17 June, the Annual General Meeting of Girls' Brigade NZ is to be held at the Conference Centre upstairs in the Wellington Airport Terminal building. Please pray for good outcomes. There is a nomination for the National Chaplain position, two for the National Commissioner role that has been vacant for the last two years and one nomination for Board member. There are three vacancies on the Board.

The Saga of Police Vetting

Lately I have been much occupied with the chasing up of outstanding paperwork for leaders and as you can guess I would much rather be spending my time either supporting and resourcing leaders in existing Units or prospecting for new Units.

Currently I am waiting on forms from 37 leaders in 13 Units. Most Police Vetting Consent forms I receive I need to return, usually because the guidelines have not been read and there is either no ID, or only one ID or the ID has not been verified correctly.



Why do I bother? You may well ask. We advertise that the leaders in IFG Units are endorsed by the church and are Police Vetted so I need to take this seriously and ensure compliances are met.

Maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel however as we have again requested that GBNZ allow the Police Vetting to be done by the church. This would align with the policy that BB ICONZ has recently introduced. We understand the frustration for churches with both ICONZ and IFG who are dealing with two different processes.

Change to Delivery Times for Badges

The following message was received from Fiona our badge supplier:

Due to our increased workload over the last 6 months or so as of 1 July 2017 please add an extra 5 working days onto what the arrangement is at the moment for fulfilling badge orders.

Over the last 6 months or so we have found it necessary to extend the time lines out for all jobs (including badge orders).

We always endeavour to stay within our time line but in some cases this just is not possible (of course if it is possible orders may be earlier than this).

Please notify your different units of this so to avoid any issues in the future.

Regards, Bruce & Fiona

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Fiona works hard to get our orders out on time.

A reminder that the Leaders' Facebook page is a closed page so may be used as a Buy Sell or Swap forum for badges.



At church last Sunday we were given 'homework', a slip of paper with a prayer to be prayed every day this week. Mindful of the people who are standing for National positions at the GB AGM on Saturday and all our leaders who 'put their bodies on line' each week at i-girlz, I share it with you here. It's from Ephesians Chapter 3:

¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

This passage so happens to be followed by one of my favourite sign offs

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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