

From the Ministry Team

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It seemed to me that I was not needing to send out a monthly newsletter these days as there is nothing much to share ...then all at once I seem to have "A LIST" !!! so bear with me.

Firstly the good news...

welcome

...to two further groups joining the i-girlz family, Massey Presbyterian in West Auckland and Blenheim Foundry in Marlborough.

AND

Congratulations to our own Charmayne Johnstone who successfully competed in swimming events at the recent World Masters Games winning the bronze medal for the open water 1.5km swim wetsuit division. Way to go, Charmayne!



Update on Optional Programmes Manual

Jennifer has made great progress with this.

A final badge has been added, SURFZ, a contribution from Bethlehem Challenge, and we have asked Seeit to add this badge to our catalogue.

The manual will be automatically sent to all Units once completed so you do not have to order it.



Admin Forms on the Website

We have added to the IFG website the admin forms that are provided at the initial leaders training session. We know over the years as people move on some of these resources are lost so we have added the following under Admin Forms

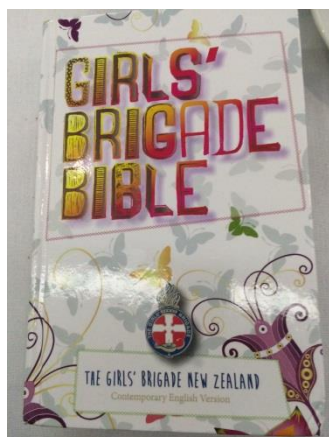
- Fees and Uniforms Record Sheet
 - Teams
- Individual Record Sheet
- Team Attendance Roll



Many Units prefer to keep their records electronically but just as many like the paper based version.

FAQ - Where do I get them from?

GB Bibles



Still receiving requests as to where to purchase more GB Bibles for new girls. The bibles are not for sale as they are a gift from The Bible Society of NZ. The Girls' Brigade office is responsible for distributing these but to help you remember where to get them from we have set up a NEW email address for your orders

bibles@iconz4girlz.org.nz

Publicity Cards

A new supply of rack cards (which are like postcards but DLE size 99 x 210mm) has been ordered. These are for you to use for recruitment drives/publicity and are available at no cost to you just by emailing your request to

info@iconz4girlz.org.nz



What's in a name?

Here's an interesting one. There seems to be a little confusion over our name. Is it iconz4girlz, IFG or i-girlz?

As we are the sister programme to the Boys' Brigade ICONZ we called ourselves iconz4girlz and this is abbreviated to IFG. For some reason only the name IFG was trademark registered and when this came to my attention some months ago I asked the GBNZ people to also register the iconz4girlz name as there had been an oversight. The girls at the Bethlehem Baptist Unit called themselves i-girlz and this name has gained popular usage in wider circles.

Upcoming Camp

A combined Waikato/Bay of Plenty Units camp for girls is planned for 26/28 May 2017 at Waitawheta which is near Waihi. Registrations close May 17.

I Girlz Adventure Camp 2017
Want to know what are we doing? see the pictures!
IFG Girls aged 8-17
At Waitawheta Camp Waihi
May 26-28 2017
Cost: \$57.00
To Register email Dorothy Otto at
paeroaifg@slingshot.co.nz
Enquiries to Dorothy 0275985084
or Stu Thompson 0276557113

Although the organisers will be completing Health and Safety documentation for the actual camp, all Units traveling to the camp will also need to complete Outside Usual Meeting Place and RAMs forms to cover the journey to and from the camp site and any other special requirements.

Copies of forms to

rams@iconz4girlz.org.nz

please

Your Turn

Annual Unit Updates were due back 30 April. I have had only 50% returned so far. Many that have come back need record updates but I was waiting to receive everyone's so I could do it all at once. I put together each Unit's form individually, prepopulating with information I had to try and make the job as easy as possible. If your Unit has 'lost' their form let me know if you require it to be resent.

Rams for campz. We have been hearing of other IFG Unit camps being held with no sign of required forms being lodged to rams@iconz4girlz.org.nz

Thank you to Lynda from Gordonton who gave us some positive feedback on how easy the forms are to complete on line.



Leaders' Training Opportunities

The consensus is that you would prefer a one day training course near home. Some leaders who would still have to travel have indicated that they would make a weekend of it using the other day for team building/bonding/shopping.

What would you like to have included in the training day? I have had one request for help in leading devotions. Would a story telling workshop appeal? Your feedback please.

Special Award

We have had a request for a special award similar to the coveted ICONZ DIRT Boy award.

We have given this a lot of thought and have come up with the PEARL Award. Recognition would be by way of a bracelet similar to that shown, made by 'Jewellery with Soul' who love the idea and have offered us a very good price of around \$30.



PEARL would stand for Persevere / Ethical/ Authentic/ Reliable/ Loyal.

I know that Persevere is the wrong part of speech so need a different word for the P.

Would you support this? It would be something to treasure and something for the girls to aspire to.

www.jws.co.nz

Your feedback please.

How is your 'To Do' List?

I used to have this saying "I use to procrastinate but now I don't get around to it". (It's a joke). Dr Libby writes a column in my local freebee paper and I guess it is in yours too. This week's was entitled '4 Ways to stop procrastinating' and my take out from this was 'To do lists don't work'. I panicked when I read this. How was I going to remember what I had to do if it wasn't written down? But no, all is well. I now have a 'Capture List' with both tasks and other activities scheduled. Still needs fine tuning but I do feel so much better having a 'Capture List'.



Here's to a great Term Two

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If you have any other questions/concerns here is where you go:

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- For general inquiries

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Requests for more GB Bibles

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