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As we gallop towards the end of the first term and a slightly later than usual Easter, I wanted to send you this message to offer you the continuing support of the present members of the i-girlz Ministry Team. Our appointments as members of the team, just like the sub committees of Girls' Brigade, (National Training Team, Queen's Award Committee, etc.) are made by the Board of Girls' Brigade New Zealand annually and are then ratified at the National Council of Girls' Brigade by the voting delegates. This happens in June.

TOTALLY TOTARA LEADERS' WEEKEND

09/11 May 2013

Are you planning on coming to this weekend? We are praying that leaders will find a window in their busy schedules to put this time aside for some refuelling. You have until 23 April to get your Registration Form in. If you did not receive the Registration Form and Info Sheet that was emailed to you please let me know and I will get them to you. christinebrunt@clear.net.nz



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Mountain Safety Council - Opportunity for Outdoor Training

Mountain Safety is running a Collaborative Leaders Development Initiative Course at Holdsworth Lodge, Wairarapa from 15 to 22 November 2014. Expressions of Interest need to be with Elizabeth Dickens at the Girls' Brigade office by 18 July 2014.
elizabethd@girlsbrigade.org.nz

Prerequisites for anyone attending are listed on the brochure to be found at:
www.mountainsafety.org.nz/ProductFiles/Residential_Course.pdf

The cost of the course is heavily subsidised but participants are required to contribute \$100 plus pay their own travel costs.

A further two courses will be offered next year.

A supply of brochures from the Council about various outdoor activities and resources they have available will be forwarded to each Unit with the next Newsrap mail out.

Training of New Unit Leaders

Some Units are happy to train up their new leaders while others prefer to have some input from elsewhere. A member of the Ministry Team or Stu is available to come to visit you. Just let us know.



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Lest We Forget

This year marks the centenary of the commencement of The Great War – what later became known as World War I. The museum in my hometown is putting together information about the local men who made what is known as “the supreme sacrifice”. I have been asked by the museum director to write up the story about my grandfather’s brother who died of wounds in a military hospital in France in 1918 while his regiment were scaling the walls and liberating the town of Le Chesnoy.

The soldiers’ army records are available online and based on these records I have spent many hours researching Uncle Sonny’s war history and the circumstances that led to his demise. Until then I had just assumed that he was called up, hopped on a troop ship for England, caught another boat to France, marched to the front line, jumped into a trench and was shot dead; and then his name got read off the plaque at the War Memorial Hall every Anzac Day. The reality was quite, quite different.



Uncle Sonny is buried in the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Etaples in France

And so it is with that other supreme sacrifice, the one we reflect on particularly as Easter. It can be too easy, because we seem to be so busy, to think about the death of our Lord in a way similar to how I thought of Uncle Sonny’s death until I studied the records – rode in to Jerusalem on a donkey, suffered under Pontius Pilate, carried His cross to Golgotha where he was crucified, died and was placed in a tomb. Of course His story doesn’t end there, neither did it begin there; and that is why we study the records that we find in the Bible. There is a saying that we don’t read the Bible to do God a favour.

May you be particularly blessed this Easter as you read and reflect on what has been described as “The Greatest Story Ever Told”.

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