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Welcome back to i-girlz 2014. I'm sure all Units have now recommenced and that you are looking forward to what the Lord is going to do through this programme this year. A special welcome to two new Units that have commenced this term, both in the South Island – Westside Acts in Sockburn, Christchurch and Blenheim Baptist. Another special welcome to all the new leaders who have signed on to be part of the i-girlz journey. May you be blessed through your willingness to share Jesus' love and your own skills with your girls.

As this is the first newsletter for the New Year we do have quite a few housekeeping matters. There is also an update on our Leaders' Training weekend coming up in May and information about the Girls' Brigade Conference in June.

THE PAPERWORK

Programmes - Printed and on CD

We have printed manuals of the i-girlz weekly programmes that cover from age 5 to age 17. Ages 5 to 13 are in 9 separate manuals and 14+ is in one manual. There is also an Optional Programme in case you don't like the stuff in the yearly programme. All printed manuals are supported by a copy on CD. If you require any programme material please contact Jennifer Box, boxes@es.co.nz and she will organise getting what you want sent to you. The Optional Programme was a later addition to our library and if you missed out on receiving this please let Jennifer know. If you don't want the printed version only the CD please indicate that preference to Jennifer also.

Ordering of Badges and Uniforms

We are looking at another way of ordering uniforms and badges. In the meantime please order your requirements through the Girls' Brigade office dorothyf@girlsbrigade.org.nz

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Updating of Unit Details and Leaders' Database

We have a new form this year which we ask every Unit to please complete and return. There are a few extra questions on here that we need for such things as funding applications and updating the website. These will be sent to Senior Leaders or, where we know the Senior Leader isn't too keen on forms, to the Unit admin person.

Unit Stats

Last year we trialled quarterly stats and charging fees quarterly based on those stats. By Term Four everyone was pretty much over that so we charged Term Four fees on Term Three stats with an opt out option for any Unit that had a significant variance in numbers. Did this work OK for you? We now have invoices being sent out electronically.

Renewal of Registration and Police Vetting for Leaders

Included in the Memorandum of Understanding between IFG and your church which was signed by someone important at your church was the requirement for leaders' registrations to be renewed every three years. These need to be signed off by your church so it will provide an ideal time for you to sit down with your church leaders and discuss how everything is going.

There are so many forms to be sent out this month (but only because it is the beginning of the year) so I will attach these to a separate email.



Photo Gallery



Do you know anyone with a flash camera (flash as in fancy) who could take some high resolution shots of your girls in action that you could send me please? We are needing them for updating our website, for including in funding applications and accountability reports to funders – that sort of thing. Urgently required please! I do have a Dropbox if required.

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Leaders' Training Weekend in May

Charmayne and I made a site visit to Totara Springs Christian Centre near Matamata a couple of weeks ago. This is the venue for our Leaders' Training weekend. You will be pleased to hear that there was not a long drop in sight but motel type accommodation with ensuites. The meeting rooms that we have chosen are near the accommodation which will be good if we get some of that good old Waikato liquid sunshine. (The dining room is in another building though.)

The weekend will run from Friday night 09 May at 7pm (supper will be served) and will finish with lunch on Sunday 11 May. This means most people will be back home in time for their special Mother's Day dinner. (A slight adjustment required this year if you are a special Mother's Day breakfast in bed type of family.)

We looked at flights from the South Island and although flights in to Rotorua were more frequent they were about the same price as flights in to Hamilton and we couldn't find a suitable site available near Rotorua.

We have listened to what you have asked for regarding the course content and I am sure there will be something for everyone. Actually, everything is for everyone!



Attached for leaders is an expression of interest form which will give us an idea of how much more funding we need to find. I appreciate you getting this back to me ASAP. We will be asking everyone to pay something towards the cost of attending.

Once we have your expression of interest, Registration Forms and further information will follow.

Girls' Brigade New Zealand Conference 2014

This is being held in Palmerston North from Friday 13th June with registrations open from noon and concludes with lunch at 1pm on Sunday 15th June. The venue for the conference is Gateways Christian Fellowship Church, 174-178 Church Street West End Palmerston North, while accommodation will be at the Palmerston North Motel and Kingsgate Hotel. The cost to attend is \$250.00 which includes food and accommodation. Conference usually involves an opening service, the GBNZ Annual General Meeting, some speakers and some activities and a closing service. A registration form is attached. There is no provision in the GBNZ Constitution for iconz4girlz leaders to have speaking or voting rights during the AGM but they can sit in as observers and certainly take part in the rest of the weekend programme. A Registration Form is attached and should be returned to the GB Support Centre by 23 May.



I realize that if you have the gift of administration you will probably be quite happy with this newsletter. For the rest of you, please remember that administrators are human too and we don't often get a turn!

Wishing you a great 2014 with a timely reminder from the Psalmist:



I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is your shade at your

right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121: 1-8

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