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For Mother's Day this year our unit invited mothers and grandmothers to join us for a mother-daughter night. One of the highlights was a photo booth we set up. We had a Polaroid camera, so they all got a keepsake to take away.

What happens when you're given a fresh-out-of-the-camera, still-developing Polaroid picture? You shake it, right? Everybody knows that. There's even a song about it. So I was pretty sure Sarah was mistaken when she told me that you don't shake them. But a look at the directions on the box of film proved her right. You *don't* shake a Polaroid picture.

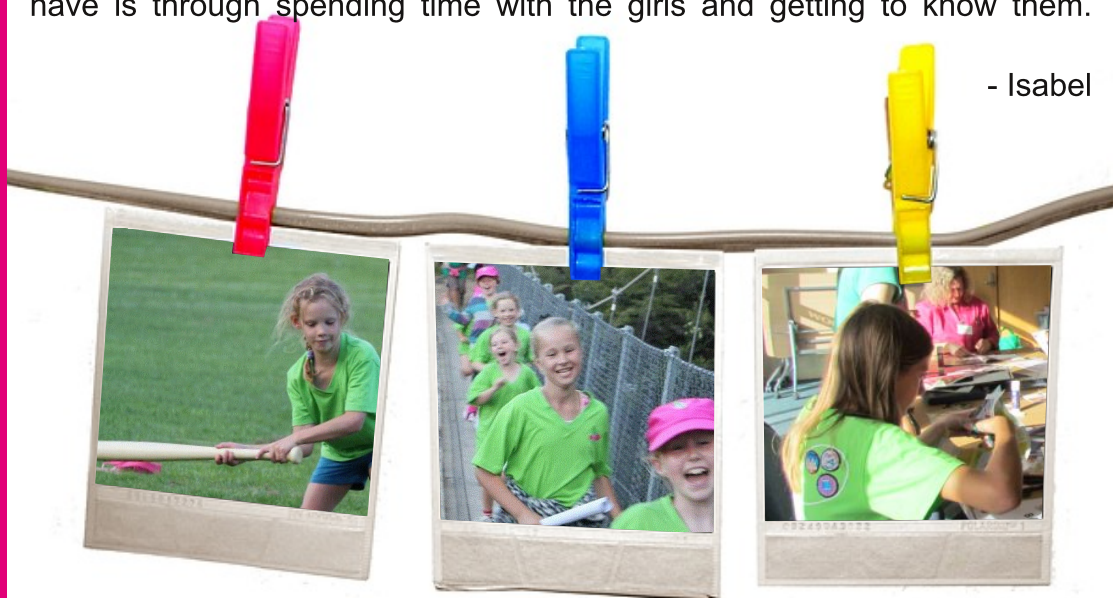
Apparently you used to, when the peel-apart instant film would come out of the camera still wet. It was customary to wave the film in the air, after removing the protective layer, so it would dry faster. Modern film, though, comes in one piece. Shaking it before it's finished developing can ruin the picture.

I'm currently reading Bob Goff's book *Love Does*. In each chapter he talks about changing perspectives, what he used to think and what he thinks now. The first chapter opens with:

'I used to want to fix people, but now I just want to be with them.'

He goes on to talk about a mentor he'd had in high school, and the importance of building relationships by spending time with and being present with people. I think this is key to the i-girlz ministry. No matter how great the programme we're running is, the most significant impact we can have is through spending time with the girls and getting to know them.

- Isabel



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Awesome Leadership

Do you have young leaders (Year 10-13) who are keen to attend training? Awesome Leadership is coming up at Kaiapoi from 5-9 July. This is a GBNZ-run course especially for this age group. The young leaders who attend have a great time getting to know each other, taking part in activities, and learn a lot of great leadership skills and ideas. It's a lot of fun! Check out the promotional video on the GBNZ website (www.girlsbrigade.nz) by selecting 'girls' then 'awesome leadership'. Registration forms have been sent out to Unit Senior Leaders – if you didn't receive one, or would like more information, please get in touch.



Pictured: Everything is Awesome

Save the Date

Last year's national IFG leaders training weekend was such fun that we're doing it all again next year! Totara Springs Christian Centre in Matamata has been booked for 6-8 May 2016. Put the date in your diary, you definitely don't want to miss out.

Child Safety Policy

You will have received an email containing the new GBNZ Child Safety Policy. Any questions or comments about this can be directed to GBNZ (info@girlsbrigade.org.nz).

Frequently Asked Questions

I have extra badges after the end of term, can I swap them?

The place for badge swapping is the IFG Leaders Facebook page - let other Unit leaders know what you're after, and what you have to swap. Please liaise with each other to facilitate the swapping of badges.

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Resource Sharing on Facebook

It's great to see leaders sharing ideas and resources on the IFG Leaders Facebook page! (Who else is currently collecting tissue boxes so they can get the girls playing *Junk in Ya Trunk* after that idea was shared?) If you're an IFG leader on Facebook who's not part of the group yet, please feel free to join. It's a closed group so you'll have to ask to join, but we will happily approve your request. Here you can see what other units are up to, share your ideas for activities, fun nights, games, and crafts, and ask others for help if you're stuck.



Pictured: Sharing

What's New on the Website

We are progressively uploading all of the IFG programmes onto the IFG website. These can be found by selecting 'Resources for Leaders', and then 'Programmes'.

Video Competition

New leaders of prospective Units often ask if they can go and visit a Unit to see what it looks like. Often there is no other Unit nearby so we would like you to come up with a 'Virtual Visit', and create a video suitable for YouTube depicting a typical night at i-girlz.



We will be giving a decent prize for the winning entry.

Get your entries in by the end of Term 3!

Titles and Names of Leaders

There has been some confusion about what the titles of different leaders mean. (We've got Senior Leader, Registered Leaders, Young Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Helpers – any others?) The IFG Ministry Team will standardise these titles and report back to you – get in touch if you would like to have input.

Please note that police vetting is not required for leaders under 18.

I used to be afraid of failing at something that really mattered to me, but now I'm more afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter.

- Bob Goff

Seeit – Badge Ordering

When you order your badges, remember to allow four weeks for the badges to be made and dispatched (they're made on demand). Delivery times may be longer for rural areas.

It would be helpful for the team at Seeit if units could let them know at the beginning of the term what badges they will be ordering later on – email sales@seeit.co.nz

There is no longer a printed 'shop list' for uniforms and badges. Shop items and prices are all listed on your corporate page on the Seeit website.

Seeit – The New Layout

Some of you have told us you would like to be able to view badges in year groups on the Seeit website, and not have to trawl through all the pages to find uniforms. Here's how you can do this:

Step 1 - Please click on 'items' at the top of your screen.

Step 2 - This takes you to a page with all products listed. At the top of that page is a box with the words 'All Ranges' there is a drop down arrow beside this.

Step 3 - Click on the arrow next to 'All Ranges' then select on what you are looking for. For example, 'IFG Adventure Year 1 Badges \$4.60 including GST'.

Step 4 - Click on 'Search Items'. This then will only display all Adventure Year 1 Badges so you can then choose the badge you need and place an order.

A Bit of Housekeeping – Annual Consent Forms

Consent forms are required to be completed every year, so make sure you get these in from your girls' parents/caregivers. Not only does doing so comply with national IFG policy, but it means you have regularly updated information. (Could come in handy when you need to reunite a girl with the schoolbag she's left behind at the end of the night, but her phone number's changed. True story.) A good way to get the forms in is to have a parents and families night early on in Term One, with a spare five minutes, spare consent forms, and a bunch of spare pens.

"Growing girls for good!"