

From the iconz4girlz Ministry Team

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Spring 2016 - The Infrequently Asked Questions Issue

Welcome back to the final term for 2016. We all say how quickly time seems to fly but don't you find the year actually builds up momentum towards the end and the months that end in 'e r' totally swish by.

Hello and a big welcome to our latest Units that launched last term - Northcote Baptist and Grace International at Glen Innes - both Auckland based.

We have a lot to cover this time so I hope you stay with me. Lots of questions came up during our last lot of visits to Units so the answers are being shared here as you may have the same questions.

Website

Hanna who works two days a week at the Girls' Brigade office has taken on the task of updating and loading new data on the IFG website. Updated Leaders', Leaders' Renewals, Assistant Leaders' and Helpers' Registration Forms have been uploaded. Please use these new versions.



Health and Safety

This week I sent Hanna all the updated IFG Health and Safety Forms to load on the Resources for Leaders section. Please have a look at these. As your Unit belongs to your host church they may have forms/processes they prefer you to use instead. We are including a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding on there too so you can be aware of the responsibilities the church has for your Unit.



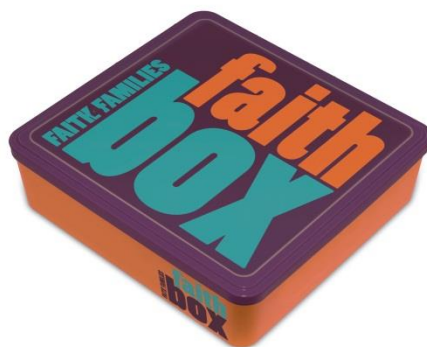
Thanks to Julie from Westside Acts in Christchurch for allowing the forms she completed recently to be used as samples.

Assistant Leaders' Registration Forms

As a result of feedback from several leaders we will no longer be asking you to forward the Registration Forms for your Assistant Leaders (girls 14 - 17 years). Leaders have concerns around privacy so in future please securely keep your Assistant Leaders' Regos locally, maybe with your girls' Consent Forms. However please ensure the numbers are captured on the Annual Unit Update Form and Term Four stats for the Annual Report.

Faith Box

This week I also sent Hanna the electronic version of the Faith Box programme for uploading to the Resources for Leaders section of the website. IFG leaders may also photocopy pages from the Faith Box manual to use within their Unit.



Annual Unit Update Forms

I know these are a pain but important for us to have for all sorts of reasons. We received completed forms from about two thirds of Units this year and we really need to have a 100% response. What I have decided to do next year is send each Unit a form with all the information we have for that Unit pre-populated so all you will have to do is make any required alterations in a different colour.

Programme Manuals for 2017



Senior Leaders have been sent an order form for printed material required for 2017. If you do not require any new manuals for next year please send a nil return to info@iconz4girlz.org.nz otherwise please get your orders in promptly so Jennifer can get them out to you before she heads overseas.

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Unit Flags

We have had interest from some Units wanting a flag so have decided that Units should order their Unit flags directly from the manufacturer. A copy of the artwork and the instructions on how to order will be sent separately to all Senior Leaders.

Addition to Uniform

Have received feedback that some would like to see the girls looking tidier when they are in a more formal setting e.g. Anzac Day Parade and are skorts allowed? This is something Units decide for themselves. It will not be an 'official' uniform item, so just source locally if you want this option.



Vacancies

The leaders' representative to the IFG Ministry Team has resigned so we are looking for another leader to fill this position. This person brings the prospective of someone working at the coal face. Meetings are held three times a year either on a week day or at the weekend, depending on the preference of the rep.



The person responsible for our leaders' Facebook page this year has been inactive so we are looking for someone to breathe life into it. Leaders often say that they want to share ideas and this is the place.

If either (or both) of these positions sound like you please email info@iconz4girlz.org.nz or text me 021 651 180 and I will phone you.

Term Four Stats

I will be emailing asking for your Term 4 stats soon. As they are the ones that get included in the Girls' Brigade Annual Report I will be asking a few extra questions. You can email or text your numbers.

Have your say

What are your thoughts regarding service award badges and/or certificates to recognise service given by leaders to their Units and certificates for attending training, particularly the initial leader' training?



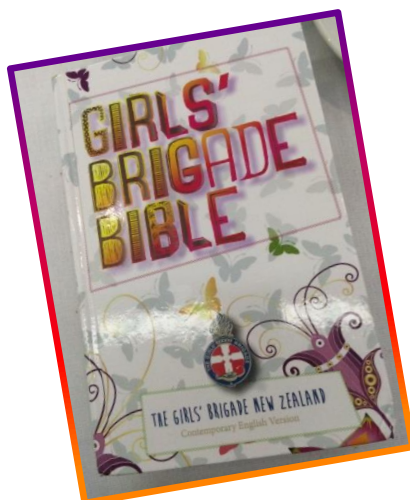
Reply to info@iconz4girlz.org.nz

Unit Closure

We have a Unit where most of the leaders (and their daughters) are leaving the district at the end of the year. Were they allowed to close the Unit? A Unit belongs to the host church not to the IFG Unit leaders; so if you find that you are in a similar situation make the church aware of this as soon as possible as it is their responsibility to seek solutions to secure the future of this important outreach.

GB Bibles

We have received inquiries as to how to buy the GB Bibles. The bibles are a gift from the NZ Bible Society to GBNZ so are not for sale. Bibles were being distributed by the GBNZ office staff in July. Please contact the GB office directly elizabethd@girlsbrigade.org.nz if you have not received yours yet or if you require extras.



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

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