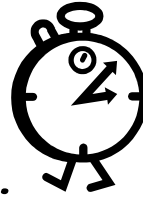




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Update about Boys' Brigade and ICONZ from around New Zealand
September 2006

ROAD SHOWS: Thanks to all of you who attended the Road Shows. 110 officers and leaders attended 5 Road Shows. Your presence is an encouragement to BBNZ and to all of those who attended. We sure have a living very relevant and vibrant organisation working with young budding Kiwi guys. Continue to build each other up and raise high the BB/ICONZ programme – we have plenty to be proud of.

ICONZ UPDATE: ICONZ is running the following programmes: ICONZ Anchor (age 6 & 7), ICONZ Adventure (ages 8 -11), ICONZ Xtreme (ages 12 & 13 – years 7 & 8). The Executive have authorised the getting together of a 'think tank' for 25 November to brainstorm as to how ICONZ might move to providing a programme for young men year 9 and above.

BUSHMEN'S NIGHT OUTING: Tauranga City ICONZ endured pouring rain for their bushman's night outing arranged by Avon Silcock of Bethlehem ICONZ. Too much wet and muddy wood and in spite of plenty of puff – no fires, so no cooking of fish after the usual gutting. Thanks to Sandford Seafoods for donating the fish. (no, the ICONZ team did not catch the fish!!!) Contact Avon at Bethlehem ICONZ for details for your Company or Unit. PS:- And that's not all - because Avon kept the Burma-trail course and venue available for the Otumoetai IcoNZ Unit to use for their Astro- Star Gazing Night too on the following week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FUNDING: A tip from Canterbury Battalion: It is possible to obtain some funding from your local Council – go in personally (not a letter) to the Community Service Department. Make sure you have ALL of the information – what you require the money for, how many lads in your group, benefits of the funding to the community, and a quote if it is for some equipment.

OCTOBER '80 SECONDS': There will be no October bulletin as I am going to be on away on holiday with my wife in the UK and Europe – a trip we have been planning for a couple of years.. I will be out of the office from Wednesday 6 September – returning on Monday 16 October.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Glenn Johnson (sometime staff member on the NLDC stage one and two course, Waikato Battalion stalwart and past NR Rep on the BBNZ Executive) and Mags Beechley married at Bessel's Green Baptist Church, Seven Oaks, Kent, UK. Ward Fischer and Graeme Johansen attended the wedding.

QUEENS AWARD: If you have not sent off the application forms for the young men attending the Queens Award weekend – you are toooooo late!!! Kick off on SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER is at noon at Wellington Boys' College next to Government House. The formal dinner will commence at 6:00p.m. A combined BB ands Girls Brigade Church service on Sunday at 10:00am -11:00am; then you are free to leave. All events in Wellington city.

CENTRAL REGION: 15 officers attended the CL2 course at the Foxton Beach BB Camp 11-13 August led by Anna Seccombe and Joe Fecteau. Chef Diana Posthuma presented such delights as Macaroni Cheese - with mushrooms, onions, bacon, tomatoes and capsicums in it and Coleslaw alongside. – and that's just lunch!!

ELECTION RESULTS: The recent voting on changing the representation on Executive to one of Electoral Boundaries and reducing the number on Executive was “carried overwhelmingly”.

WARKWORTH: ICONZ Warkworth enjoyed a winter camp at Moirs Point in Mangawhai. The boys and fathers enjoyed a flying fox, water slide, air rifles, rocket building and launching, Burma trails and some fun playing in the dunes at the beach.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND PRESIDENT: In the mail within the next day or so will be the nomination forms for your BB/ICONZ Executive and President. These are the people who will lead us through the next two years. Please take action on this quickly. You can nominate a person to represent your electoral area PLUS the President. We have some challenging and exciting days ahead – please prayerfully consider the person you believe should be representing you in your electoral area.

COMBINED GIRLS’ BRIGADE, BOYS’ BRIGADE & ICONZ CHURCH PARADE: This annual Canterbury-West Coast Battalion event is taking place on Sunday 17 September at St Albans Baptist Church starting 2:00p.m. A record turn out is expected.

ANCHOR BOY/TEAM SECTION/ICONZ – Canterbury Battalion, including Ashburton, held their WINTER CAMP at Waipara BB Camp site – 120 in camp –WOW! These guys are inventive – cooked pikelets on the open fire down on the river bed (gives sausage sizzle a new meaning).

YOUTH COUNCIL: For seniors, 17 years of age – no older than 21 years. To be held from Friday 8 December to Sunday 10 at Silverstream, Lower Hutt. Captains – please submit names of suitable candidates to Murray Donovan for consideration. ICONZ leaders in the age range will also be welcome to apply. Fee per attendee is \$80. All travel costs are paid by BBNZ. The fee includes the Saturday night banquet joining with the Queens Award men in Wellington. This is an inspiring weekend of fellowship and brainstorming about BB/ICONZ led by Ross McCarthy. A youth rep to sit on the Executive for 2007 is chosen at this gathering. Numbers are limited so please send in names of suitable applicants quickly. Those attending the Queens Award events and who would also qualify for the Youth Council are welcome to apply to join the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions of Youth Council, at no cost.

BOY’S BRIGADE BROCHURES: AT LAST!!! Watch out for the new Boys’ Brigade brochures coming your way soon. The brochures are about BB, designed to hopefully attract the 6 -11 year age group, while at the same time giving information to parents about BB. There will also be an accompanying poster for your church (or the neighbouring church!).

EVENTS NEAR YOU! Please don’t forget to drop me a quick three line note of any event in your area – we all want to know about it. ‘80 Seconds’ is the means of letting us all know what’s happening.

GOVERNOR GENERAL: It has been a month for Governor-General changes. President Les Bouterie attended the farewell at Parliament for outgoing Governor-General Dame Sylvia Cartwright on 2 August. I had the pleasure of representing you all at the swearing in ceremony at Parliament House on Wednesday 23 August of our new Governor-General, Anand Satyanand. What a regal occasions it was.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: *"Some people say, "God will never ask me to do something I can't do." I have come to the place in my life that, if the assignment I sense God is giving me is something that I know I can handle, I know it is probably not from God. The kind of assignments God gives in the Bible are always God-sized. They are always beyond what people can do, because he wants to demonstrate his nature, his strength, his provision, and his kindness to his people and to a watching world. This is the only way the world will come to know him."* Henry Blackaby; Experiencing God

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