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

PATRON OF BRIGADE/ICONZ: I am pleased to report that the Governor General of New Zealand, His Excellency, the Honourable Anand Satyanand, PCNZM, has accepted our invitation to be the Patron of Boys Brigade in New Zealand/ICONZ.

REPORT FROM FEILDING: Held a Battalion Garage Sale at 7th Palmerston North's hall, and all the Companies in the Manawatu Battalion contributed and helped. We raised just over \$800 – probably to be used at the Foxton Camp Site.

Blake Nielsen and Gareth Posthuma made BBQ tables with attached seating as their Queen's project. These have been taken to the campsite and will be used for all hiring the camp to enjoy.

SUMMER CAMP: Registrations are rolling in for Manawatu Battalion's Summer Camp 6th - 14th January 007 It is being held at our Campsite Foxton Beach. It is looking like another awesome camp with exciting activities and adventures for all!! For registration forms contact Diana Posthuma on 06 323 8588 or email her at foxtoncamp@gmail.com Officers from all sections welcome to attend too!!

TAURANGA ICONZ BURN UP: Bonfires burning - - over 100 boys from Te Puna, Bethlehem and Tauranga City IcoNZ Units combined for a wild night of dangerous games (the Wimbledon Gauntlet - only for the brave - an Avon Silcock special), paint ball shooting, "spud" bazooka and fire works, plus BBQ sausages cooked by Gary Ball's team plus lamb-tails roasted on the bonfire. A good devotion about how God is keen for each of our boys to become "Kiwi Greats" and Godly men. The finale involved chucking the "guy" onto the bonfire (after a good drenching in diesel) - -so we could finish with a real blaze!!!!!!!!!!!!

BLenheim BUSH ADVENTURE: 1st Blenheim hit the news last month with their weekend Expedition Tramp. Leaving early they missed the forecast of heavy rain and eventually had their retreat blocked by swollen rivers and a hail storm. What a great way to get ride in a helicopter – all part of the Expedition badge? Well done Captain Shane Cross for bringing all trampers home.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE (NLDC). Dates for 2007 are; Saturday 30 June to Sunday 8 July(stage 2); and Sunday 1 July- Sunday 8 July(stage one). Please start encouraging young men to attend this top class training event to be held at Nelson Lakes.

MANAWATU BATTALION CAMP: 47 boys and 11 leaders from **Team Section** Manawatu, and **ICONZ** Himitungi and Levin descended on the Manawatu Battalion Campsite at Foxton Beach. A confidence course, a flying fox, earth ball, stilt making, beach fun, games, crafts, and devotions centered around a Vegetales video with the theme Friendship.

QUEENS AWARD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE: 25 young men plus their guests will be attending the presentation by the Governor General at Government House this coming Saturday. In the evening there is to be a celebration dinner/banquet. On Sunday we join with the Girls' Brigade Queens Badge awardees for a church service.

YOUTH COUNCIL 2007. The date for 2007 is from Friday 4 May to Sunday 6 May at Silverstream in Wellington. (The 2006 Youth Council was postponed to this new date)

REGISTRATION OF OFFICERS AND LEADERS: BB/ICONZ are both professional and responsible youth organisations and as such recognise the importance of Registration of Officers and Leaders. This presents a professional image to our members, parents and the public and shows that we attain to the highest standards. Our funders are impressed with our Registration process. Please – if you have not *renewed* your registration, start the simple process as soon as possible. The BBNZ/ICONZ policy is that all of our Officers/Leaders will hold current registration. **Registration is renewable every four years.** So if your registration is older than four years PLEASE now start the renewal process. There is no cost!

If you need the form please contact Murray at National Office. Any questions please give me a call.

REPORT FROM TE PUNA ICONZ: Our Last night was great - 35 boyz with nearly as many Dads / Caregivers. Bethlehem Baptist Motorcycle group arrived - with about 12 Large machines circling us .Steve Chivers gave the lads a good devotion and then let the boys climb all over their machines. We got Dads in on 4 way tug o war and then made them run the Gauntlet with their loving lads firing tennis balls at them .Matt Elphick Managed to survive the lollyman job- (masked man in trench coat with 155 lollys hot glued onto suitable trench coat running for life followed by mob of lolly starved angry boyz) . Avon Silcock, Leader.

OFFICE OPENING DAYS: The National office will close on Friday 22nd December and re-open on Monday 8 January 2007 (Murray will be back from the 15 January)

FAMILY CAMP: The Waipara Riverside Park Campsite conducts a low key “Brigades Family Holiday” camp from Wednesday 27 December 2006 to Wednesday 3 January 2007. For information about a low cost, free and easy holiday out camping in the Canterbury sun, contact the camp Coordinators, Frank or Adele Morgan (03) 3254-008 or Mal Lloyd (03) 981 3772.

WAIKATO BATTALION: Meeting this Wednesday, 6 December, at Melville Methodist Centre, Bader Street, Hamilton starting at 7:30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON:

“The Word became flesh...and moved into the neighbourhood”. John 1:14 TM

“As you celebrate Jesus birth, remember that many around you are hurting; they’ve lost hope. Don’t forget, “The Word became flesh”, only because Jesus went out of His way to redeem sinners, lift the fallen, encourage the despairing, and minister to the sick, the lonely and the forgotten. And Jesus said, “In as much as you’ve done it unto the least of these...you’ve done it unto me.” (Word for Today)

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and may God’s peace, strength and guidance continue with you all during 2007.

Graham Creahan,
National Director.
4 December 2006

P.S. The next ‘80 Seconds’ will be in February 2007.