



**“FROM THE HEART”:** February has come and gone and where did it go. We have so much going on we have decided to run back to back editions for February and March given the delay in our February issue. Our Companies/Units have got off to a great start, making the most of this beautiful country God has gifted us. This is the time to enjoy the great outdoors and it has been fantastic to receive pics and stories from you. When we commence a new year we meet, we plan, we get excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, and that is definitely true for BBNZ. In doing this we need to be drawn back to our Object “the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom...” and all that that entails. We invite our God to be in front, directing; beside, strengthening and encouraging; and behind, “taking our back”, protecting. Let’s commit ourselves to be Jesus followers and the boys God has given us might just perhaps choose to follow too!

**Michael Good – National Director**

## PLANNING MEETING TIME

Coming up with creative ways to bring your leaders together for the first planning meeting of the new-year is a biggie and we all know that men are boys at heart. Take a look at how **Northpoint ICONZ** does their planning meetings. Give them a taste of adrenalin!! Go Mike and the rest of your team!!



## C.A.T.A.C. CAMP 2016 – WAIPARA ADVENTURE CENTRE MARCH 4-6

**180 plus (BB & ICONZ) Boys & Leaders attended a fun filled weekend at this year’s C.A.T.A.C.**

**Activities included:** 4wheel driving, Banana Boat, Swimming, Confidence course, Flying Fox, Water Slide, Air rifles, Storm the height’s, Canoeing, Ga Ga Dodge Ball, Including a Sunday Church service.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH



### TAURANGA CITY ICONZ:

One of the City Iconz Xtreme activities had for Term One was to climb Mount Maunganui. Each of the boys brought a bucket to carry a load of water to the top of the 232m peak. We proceeded to



boil their water, have a drink then go back down carrying the remainder of their load. The purpose of the hike was to help us appreciate that we shouldn't take for granted that we have water on tap to put out fires, to drink, wash in, play with and live and that millions of people around the world must carry their water to be able to use it. After the exercise the boys really understood the point of the climb and all enjoyed themselves. Further reinforcing the point that we must value of clean water, our swim in Pilot Bay was cancelled due to a sewage spill closing the harbour for bathers. – **Stu Thompson - Xtreme Leader**

**WELLINGTON SOUTH ICONZ:** In March, the Wellington South Iconz Anchor Boys' had an awesome trip to Tapu Te Ranga Motu, the small island that Island Bay is named after. The weather was perfect & the kids had a fabulous time! We collected a big bag of rubbish off the island, walked up to the top, got to ride in both a dinghy & a fishing boat, and saw lobsters up close - so much fun! The fishing boat skipper is keen to do it again and I know the boys certainly are too! – **Mel Heaphy - ICONZ Anchor Leader**



### RECOGNISING SERVICE:

Mr Paul Beaumont has retired as Captain of the 14<sup>th</sup> Christchurch Boys' Brigade Company, after 52 years of faithful service. A celebration service was held at Beckenham Methodist Church led by Chaplain Rev Melema'u Molitika and a special Excellence Award for Outstanding Service was presented by BBNZ National President Paul Blackler. Mr Stephen Gregory succeeds Paul as Captain of 14<sup>th</sup>. ChCh.

### PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Pray for Mr Graeme Everett, Xtreme leader at ICONZ Whakatane, who is recovering from a severe stroke. Graeme has been moved to a special Unit in Auckland for his rehabilitation.
- Pray for our special Leaders Retreat in September at CYC Ngaruawahia.
- For our Development Managers **Andrew Marquet** and **Leon Schoeman**, **ICONZ Director Stu Thompson**, **Executive Officer Richard Ooi** and for churches in Alexandra, Cromwell, Queenstown, Wanaka, Blenheim, Kaiapoi, Elim & Chapel Hill (Hamilton), Putaruru, Lower Hutt, Petone, Titahi Bay, Elim Tauranga, Elim West, Titirangi, Glen Eden, Remuera(Akld), Kerikeri, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Dargaville, Ruawai, Maungatoroto, Caversham, Brockville, George St, Dunedin South (Dun).
- Our BBNZ/ICONZ National Executive: **Paul Blackler** (National President); **Ken Morris** (National Treasurer); **Shane Cross** (Upper South); **Ian Foster**(Northern Rep); **Brian Best** (Central); **Jorgen Hansen** (Lower South), and new Youth Rep **Cameron Schaw**, that they would provide vision, innovation and direction to our movement.

**If you have special prayer requests, i.e. upcoming events/camps, let us know so we can pray.**

### IT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT:

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." --**Phil Jackson**  
**Michael Good - National Director**