



“FROM THE HEART”: Some people make a fuss about New Year’s resolutions and often these disappear at the end of January. However I believe we need to have aspirations and goals that drive our actions and prayer life. It is true that we all want our life “to count” and to make the most of the years that God gives us. What better way than to invest in the life of a boy who is looking to you to show him how to become a man! That is the core of our ministry and drives what we do. With this in mind it is our **leaders** that enable us to bring this ministry to the boys of NZ, and it will be the encouragement and building up of our leaders that is a focus for BBNZ for 2016. Often the only input we give leaders is “training” and this is with the expectation that they will use this to “give out”. We want to provide some special events this year for leaders which will just build them up, physically, emotionally and spiritually, without the expectation that they must “give out” - **Michael Good – National Director**

THANK YOU!!

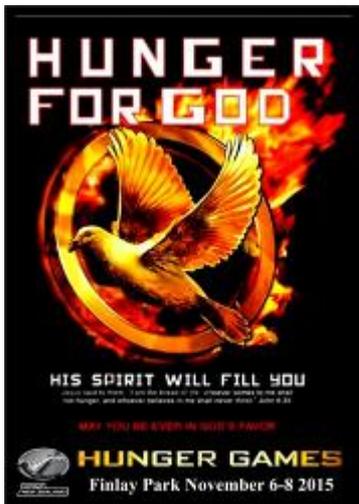


A big thank you to our Northern Area BBNZ Rep **Brett Otto** who finished serving on the Executive at the end of 2015. Brett is the Hauraki Area Community Policeman, is heavily involved with their work in BlueLight, and sees the work of Boys’ Brigade and ICONZ as vital in their local communities. Brett is also the Coordinator of the ICONZ Unit at Paeroa.

LEADERS: *If 2015 was the last year for you as an Officer or Leader at BB or ICONZ may I express on behalf of BBNZ our deepest gratitude for your service and know that your time of investing in the lives of boys will reap those special rewards both in your life and in theirs.*

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH

Each year hundreds of boys gather from around the upper North Island to attend the two regional camps at Finlay Park Adventure Centre on Lake Karapiro. The focus for the Northern Region (Auckland/North) was to have an adrenalin filled Hunger Games weekend with a focus on developing that hunger for a relationship with God and growing in Him. With over 350 boys and leaders it was full on with a fun weekend where relationships were strengthened and boys encouraged.



Waikato/ BOP Survivor Camp at Finlay Park

We had 130 campers in camp November 13-15 with the highlight being the input of new young leaders who did a fantastic job. Needless to say all the other adult parents and leaders were fantastic as well. Weston Saville was our Chaplain for the weekend- outstanding. Oh, the boys enjoyed themselves too! – Stu T





IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS (PETER) VELTOM

Part 5 of the life of Peter Velton as told in his own words.

Then came Hitler's war and I joined the RAF not through any great upsurge of patriotism, but because I was afraid of what others would say if I didn't. This was an event which I am prepared to believe had no significant effect on the ultimate outcome of the war. During the war I behaved as did the majority of RAF officers. I travelled around the world quite a bit, got drunk fairly regularly, was pulled out of some rather regrettable places of ill-repute in Africa and on the Continent – and between times, directly or indirectly killed Germans.

When the friend who had sat next to me at breakfast was dead by lunch time, I drowned my sorrows at the bar and drank to the next man to die. We tolerated Chaplains, attended church parades when we couldn't get out of it – and wished we were RCs or Jews because they always fell out before we began our particular rites. I never knew quite what happened to them.

BB Captains/Officers & ICONZ Coordinators/Leaders

Now is the time to prepare your boys for the best leadership training experience of their lives!! NLDC is THE premier training course offered to both Boys' Brigade and ICONZ boys ages 16 and 17 years of age (Year 12 and 13).

ICONZ Leaders, if you have had boys go through ICONZ and are now junior leaders or are involved in your church, what a wonderful opportunity to prepare them for leadership!

Dates: July 10-17, 2016

Location: Lake Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre

Cost: \$550/person (subject to final confirmation for 2016)

WANTED: STAFF: We are looking for two young men to come as SMT (Support Staff) and also for a Stage 1 Adult Leader. Please contact William Drury Turnbull on 027 334 6881 or e-mail: drury.turnbull@xtra.co.nz



LEADERS RETREAT – “Down is the new Up – Discovering the joy of letting go”



The purpose of the BBNZ 2016 Leaders Retreat is very simple, to **build up** and **encourage** our leaders. We want to do this in a weekend retreat where leaders can relax in a great environment, connect (with God and one another), enjoy some great activities and be fed spiritually. (Title a little tongue in cheek, but you'll get it!!) We have invited **Richard Fay**, CEO of Centre for Men - Australia, to be our retreat speaker/facilitator. Richard loves what we want to offer our men over this weekend and is excited about being involved. **PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW: SEPT. 16-18!!**

PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Pray for each of our Companies/Units as they recommence the New Year. Pray for new Leaders if they are required, great relationships with parents and of course the boys.
- Pray for our Leaders specifically in our Year of the Leader. Pray they will be encouraged in their ministry and that their church will provide the support and relationship that sees them as an integral part of their ministry.
- 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, Greerton, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Titahi Bay, Elim Tauranga, Elim West, Titirangi, Glen Eden, Remuera(Akld), Whangarei, 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); **TBA**(Northern Rep); **Brian Best** (Central); **Jorgen Hansen** (Lower South), 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:

1 Thess. 5 v 11: “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”.
Michael Good - National Director