



“FROM THE HEART”: I don’t know about you, but as we count down these final weeks to Christmas, I’m feeling pretty tired and in need of a rest! This seems to be reflected in many of the leaders I have spoken to over the last few weeks. I am grateful that God understood our need for rest and from the beginning in Genesis created that Sabbath Day of rest. It is good however to reflect on the year gone by, and to give thanks for some of the amazing things we have seen our God do through our ministry. I have no doubt whatsoever that the boys of NZ need great men in their lives, and if you are an officer/leader, then you have my grateful thanks for joining us in this ministry. Your commitment and devotion to the boys God has given you is second to none, and I know that God will honour that service. On behalf of the BBNZ Executive and Staff may I wish you a blessed Christmas, a relaxing time of refreshment, and then an expectant New Year where we wait to see what God has for us next!

Michael Good – National Director

WELCOME



ICONZ EDGE Waihi East Primary School: As promised in last months “80 Seconds” some pics of the boys and leaders **Alan Pfeiffer** and **Wayne Bjerring**. They kicked off in the first week of November with the help of ICONZ Director **Stu Thompson**.



FAREWELL



We farewell **Ward Fischer** (Captain) and the officers and boys of 7th Hamilton Boys’ Brigade Company, who have closed their company with a special celebration on November 28. Ward grew up as a boy in BB and has devoted his life to Boys’ Brigade over many years and was instrumental in the development of our National Leadership Development Course (NLDC) which is going from strength to strength. Ward, we acknowledge with thanks the service of you and your officers. The boys will be moving up the road to join Ross Cochrane at Fairfield ICONZ.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH

Paeroa ICONZ Pinnacles Expedition

We had 11 boys, Brett, Joshua, Steve (Leaders) and a couple of parents stay at the Michael Stead Memorial Lodge on Friday night and they hiked up the Pinnacles and back on the same day. What a mammoth effort of endurance and a great outdoor experience. I have posted photos on our Facebook page if you want to have a look. This is part of the Bushmanz badge the boys have been working on. - **Brett Otto**, Coordinator



Wakari ICONZ – Dunback Camp Weekend Away

And so another exciting season of activities come to an end. Great time had at Dunback Camp over the weekend. A special thanks to Andrew Sims, Craig Bennet, Jesse Charteris, Lander Schoeman, Nicolas O'Neill and Ariel Zhang who give of their time so generously. We remember fondly Campbell, Tyler and Calvin Hale who have moved away.



The end of November saw our You Tube Channel launch competition judging of our entries. While entry numbers were low, excitement among participants was high and of course the winners now have an awesome Gopro Video Camera to film their future exploits and post them on their Facebook page and the BBNZ You Tube Channel.



Results are as follows:

- 1st. place Wakari ICONZ with 104 views and 44 likes.
- 2nd. Place Mission North ICONZ with 104 views and 15 likes.
- 3rd. Place Tauranga City ICONZ with 118 views and 12 likes.

Congratulations to the leaders and boys at Wakari ICONZ and you can view them receiving their prize on this Facebook link.



https://www.facebook.com/ICONZOTAGOSOUTHLAND/videos/1666633716907984/?ref=notif¬if_t=like

2016 sees the launch of the BBNZ Facebook Leaders Group which we are looking to use to provide an extra means of communicating and sharing information with leaders and for leaders to share information with each other

PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Give thanks for the amazing time boys and leaders had at the recent “Hunger for God” and “Survivor” camps at Finlay Park on Lake Karapiro. The boys were very responsive to what god had to say through the camp speakers and we look forward to seeing the fruit in their lives.
- Pray for our boys over the summer holiday period as they spend time with their families. Pray God’s protection on the adventures and for them to return to us safely in 2016.
- Pray for rest and relaxation for all our officers/leaders over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Pray that they will have a great time of connecting with their own families and just taking a break.
- 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, St Albans, 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); **Brett Otto** (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.

We will look to publish our December Issue prior to Christmas however if this does not eventuate, on behalf of the BBNZ Executive and Staff may I wish each of you a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

IT’S WORTH THINKING ABOUT:

Exodus 33 v 14: *The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*

Michael Good - National Director