



“FROM THE HEART”: We have been reminded this week about the power of an image to impact the heart of a nation. When I reflect on the two images shown here, in one I see brokenness, despair and death, the other vitality, relationship and life. We live in a land of privilege, free from war, terror and destruction, yet we struggle to live in the appreciation of that freedom.

Many of our boys and young men come from family situations and backgrounds that are difficult and destructive and as they grow, the outcomes of this permeate our society. As leaders in Boys’ Brigade and ICONZ, God calls us to stand in the gap for these boys and provide that relationship, guidance, instruction and care that enable them to become men of strength, maturity and love. If an image is worth a thousand words, what image are we portraying to our boys?

Michael Good – National Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PATCH



BB & ICONZ CANTERBURY SUPERHEROES

WINTER CAMP

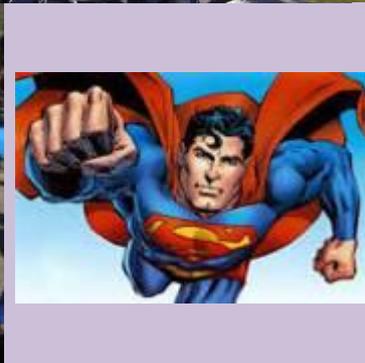
(BB Team /ICONZ Adventure)



97 Boys & Leaders from 6 Canterbury Region BB Companies & 3 ICONZ Units attended this year’s “Superhero Winter Camp” at the “Waipara Adventure Centre”.

Activities included: Sunday Celebration Service, Air Rifles, Archery, LEGO Model Building, Confidence course, Waterslide, Gar-Gar Dodge Ball, Electronics, Movie (with popcorn), Treasure Hunt, Fancy Dress Competition.

The weather was just like in the middle of summer (not winter)...A very successful camp - *Frank Morgan*





TAURANGA CITY ICONZ Swap for Bigger or Better Fundraiser for Tetraplegic Elliott Keys: Project Update



What great support we received from our community for our fundraiser for Elliot. We were able to raise \$500 from the auction of the goods we received from the Swap for Bigger or Better and a further \$200 was raised by Girls' Brigade from the special dinner they held for parents on the same night. A big thanks to all who contributed so that we can assist Elliot
- Stu Thompson



ICONZ **EDGE**; **EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION**

ICONZ Edge is a curriculum specially developed to enable churches to deliver the ICONZ Adventure or Xtreme programmes in a school context. We have taken the 5 key competencies of the National Curriculum and developed specific Term Themes that link our programmes to the outcomes specified in the NC. They enable schools to address specific issues such as literacy, behaviour/attitude and boys identified as "at risk" for various reasons. Programmes operate at the invitation of the school, either after school, lunchtimes or during scheduled class time. We currently have ICONZ Edge operating at Welcome Bay Primary (Tauranga), Kapanui Primary (Waikanae), Henderson Intermediate (West Auckland) and about to open, Waihi East Primary. ICONZ Director Stu Thompson assists at Welcome Bay Primary and we have captured some of the action!!



MSC Outdoor Leader Training Courses

There are two courses scheduled for next year; **Course 1 at Lake Taupo 23-30 April 2016** and **Course 2 at Lake Taupo 15-22 May 2016**. Let me know if you wish to attend one of these. I am calling if you are interested in near free training to suit your interest with me at stuart@bb.org.nz



PRAYER & PRAISE TIME: Please pray...

- Praise God for the lives of boys in the ICONZ Edge programmes that have already been impacted and have drawn the attention of staff.
- Give thanks for those boys who were impacted by the Word of God during Winter Camp and pray that God will continue His work in their lives as they mature.
- 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 (Auckland), Whangarei, Kerikeri, Kaitia, 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.

IT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT: As we think about the image we portray to our boys, can we say like the Apostle Paul "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ" 1 Cor. 11 v 1
Michael Good - **National Director**