

From the Board



When was the last time you played follow the leader? You watched the leader, did what she did, went where she went, and probably laughed a lot. You can't follow Jesus like that though, because you can't see him. So how do you follow Jesus?

There are different ways to follow people. When you follow your friends after school you stick with them because you want to be with them.

When you follow Mum or another adult around a boring shop, you do it because you have to. That's different, but it is still "following." If you had a choice you'd do something else, but what you follow out of obedience.

You might follow a sports team. You have probably never met them, but if you follow the Silver Ferns you yell at the TV screen when they are doing well, you hold your breath for every shot at goal, and you groan when they loose the final to Australia. But whatever, you make sure everyone knows they are your team!

You can also follow a group like One Direction: again you probably haven't met them, but you listen to them, talk about them and perhaps even think about them when you're supposed to be doing something else. If you follow One Direction, you memorise and sing what they sing.

Here's a riddle: following Jesus is like, and not like, each of those ways of following.

You can't see Jesus, but the Bible tells us what he was like as a kid and as an adult. So you can do Follow the Leader with Jesus even though you can't see him. There are lots of things Jesus did you can't do (try walking on water!), but here are some of the things Jesus did that you can do: Luke 2:51, Mark 8:2, Luke 15:2. Luke 5:16.

Sometimes life for kids is as unexciting as shopping with adults in the wrong shops. Jesus obeyed his Father, suffered harm, and died on the cross, even though it didn't make him happy at the time. He also had to listen to mean stuff like you sometimes have to listen to: check it out in **Hebrews 12:2**. He endured unhappy stuff "for the joy that was going to come". Which part of you has to change before you can follow Jesus like that? You might be surprised, so don't guess! The answer is in **Philippians 2:5**.

Jesus isn't a team you call "your team," but he leads a huge international team of people who believe in him. Here are two ways (or is it three ways, or maybe really just one way?) people can know that Jesus' team is your team: Luke 10:27 and John 13:35.

There is no way you can sing the songs Jesus sang. Well, actually, we know he sang a lot of Psalms, but we don't know the tunes! And of course you can memorise and sing the songs Jesus' team sings today. But there is something else you can memorise and repeat. Jesus did this lots: **Psalm 119:9-13**.

But above all, following Jesus is hanging out with him! Since you can't go to Jesus to spend time with him, he has to come to you. Look what he calls people who want to be with him: **John 15:15-17.**

Our GBNZ motto is "Seek, serve and follow Christ". You follow Christ when he comes to you, makes you part of his team, and spends each day with you. Seek him, ask him to come to you, follow him.

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Through a series of misunderstandings, Alvin, Simon and Theodore come to believe that Dave is going to propose to his new girlfriend in New York City... and dump them. They have three days to get to him and stop the proposal, saving themselves not only from losing Dave but possibly from gaining a terrible stepbrother.

In Cinemas Boxing Day 2015





Welcome To Awakino

A Post Office was opened in 1889 and by 1898 there were 52 settlers and two storekeepers. Cattle sales were held in the Awakino sale-yards and still continue to be held today. It is recorded in 1903 that cattle buyers came from New Plymouth by boat to purchase cattle. A photo taken in 1904 shows a wharf and goods shed at Iredale Quay. In 1907 the steamer Pitoctoi of 45 tons made her first of many visits to Awakino with supplies for the settlers and store-keepers.

Settlement began in the area, by Europeans, in 1888 and in 1889 flax was being shipped out from the Port of Awakino.

In 1911 a public Hall was built, and this is the hall where 1st Tainui Girls' Brigade meets every Tuesday.

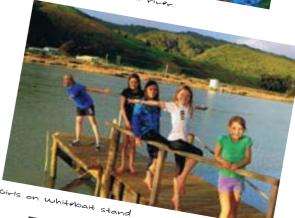
Today Awakino is famous for its many whitebait stands which are built every 30metres along both sides of the river.

There is also a notable horse arena on the north side of the river. The owner won 'The New Zealand Horse of the Year' with his horse.















Adventure

May 2015 saw our girls showing off their creativity, through choreographing their own dances in their coloured teams, with the goal of performing them in front of their whānau at the end of the term. They each had a list of moves that they had to incorporate into their dance to go along with a song that they pulled out of a hat.

We practiced each week throughout the term learning different aspects of dance each week, from Māori waiata to ballet. With games to inspire getting comfortable sharing dance moves and loosening up those dancing shoes!

What we got was four very different styles of dance! What impressed us the most was how well they all worked together as team mates, learning to work to each other's strengths and supporting each others weaknesses.





Challenge

This term we have embarked on our Indoor Sports badge and the girls have loved trying new high energy games and this week we had a surprise for them.... ZORB BALLS!

They were pumped to get to try them out and we played Indoor Soccer twoa-side. Although they started out a bit timidly but the end of each game their focus had changed from trying to score goals to bumping each other out the way with hilarious results. Highly recommend this activity to anyone looking for something extremely fun!!











Word of Frends USA

Winter Fundamental Wellington

This year our girls have been working on their Gold World of Friends badge. In Term 2 we learned about Native Americans. The photo shows girls wearing their headbands which were made out of calico and decorated, they also made Dream Catchers and painted their faces. The Seniors cooked yummy small bite-size corn fritters for the company.

It was lovely to have a visit from the Captain of 1st Feilding Company, Lynne Prior and her daughter - they stayed and helped with our Dream Catchers that Monday afternoon.

Ann Booth Company Captain



World of Friends Europe

1st Paremata Company has been on a whirlwind tour of Europe, earning our World of Friends Europe badge. We applied for our GB passports, booked our tickets with GB Air, packed the necessities and we were off! Each week we boarded our GB Air (cardboard box) aeroplane for a new destination in Europe.

Our first stop was England where we saw Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and London Bridge. We enjoyed tea and scones and had a look at Girls' Brigade in England.

Next we flew off to France. We saw the Eiffel Tower, smelt some lovely perfumes and spotted some famous artworks. We also tried snails! We weren't too keen on trying the usual garden variety, so made some peppermint dough snails instead. They were quite delicious!

Holland was blooming with tulips when we arrived, so many lovely colours! We had a look at the windmills and tried on some traditional Dutch wooden shoes called "clogs". We also got to try some Dutch liquorice. The double salted kind didn't taste good, but the sweet kind was nice.

We had a brief stop in Italy to check out the Tower of Pisa, and found out that Italy is where pizza was invented. We had a look at some of the ruins around Rome, and were amazed by the city of Venice and its gondolas.

Scotland was our last stop before heading home. We saw some amazing castles and beautiful landscapes. Some of us even spotted the Loch Ness monster! We also tried some traditional Scottish Shortbread, but passed on the Haggis! We found out that there is Girls' Brigade in Scotland and ad a look at what they do.

Finally we flew back home to New Zealand. It was a great trip around Europe. We had lots of fun and (thanks to the joys of Photoshop) have a keepsake album of photos, recipes and information we learnt along the way.



On the 1st night of term three 19th Wellington Company held a Winter themed fun night for the girls. The girls enjoyed playing pass the parcel, making newspaper hats, creating snowflakes and making fruit Kebabs for supper. They also enjoyed some girly time together doing nail art!





Survivor Camp

GB & IFG Northland and Auckland Areas Camp









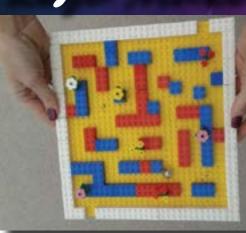








By Michelle Martin Materials: Lego board, Lego pieces, a small marble or a large bead 1. Using a Lego board first make a boarder accorded the president was a poor of the second first make a boarder



- around the outside to keep your marble in the maze (shown in the picture by the white Lego
- 2. Then build your maze out of Lego pieces, make sure to test that your marble will fit
- through the spaces as you make it.
- 3. When you have finished place the marble at the start of your maze and tilt the board from side to side to move the marble through
- 4. Once you complete your maze you can add or move Lego pieces to make it harder. Most importantly don't forget to be creative!

Craft Making

We have been busy making lots of crafts over the last term. At Easter the girls all made gorgeous crosses by glueing buttons onto a small wooden cross. These were then sprayed either gold or silver, if they wished, and a ring was attached to the back of it to hang up on the wall.

We then concentrated on "paper crafts" and these included: suncatchers, chatterboxes, corner bookmarks, snowflakes, wreaths, bunting and paper patchwork patterns. It is always amazing to see so many different creative things made from one idea! Here are a few photos of our creations.



CD Maze

Materials: an old CD case, Plasticine (modelling clay) or blue-tac, a small round bead

1. Roll strings of plasticine to about the size of spagnetti. 2. Open up your empty CD case and carefully press your strings of plasticine into the base of the CD case (the part where the CD normally goes). 3. Once finished place your bead inside the maze, close the CD case and try to crack your maze. 4. If you don't like the first maze you design simply roll up the plasticine and start again.

You can also try taking the plastic disk holder bit out of the case so that you have an empty CD case with a square base to work from. The possibilities are endless; try adding a couple of beads and create little cup shape with plasticine to catch the beads in, you could also give each cup a point value.



Our Seniors and Pioneers have been finding out about our local community Foodbank. We made a trip to the Foodbank where they learnt about how it operated, what kinds of food are most needed and a look at the room where it is all stored. Following this, they raised money by doing chores, and with donations as well, they had \$190 to spend on food for the Foodbank! A trip to Countdown resulted in all the goodies above which were then gratefully received by the Foodbank.

First Aid Course

1st Paken

Otago Area Girls' Brigade had a four hour basic First Aid course on Saturday 25th July and Caitlyn Kilner and Amy Hinch (from 30th Dunedin company) are showing their certificates from the course. 13 Pioneers and Leaders



Heping The Community



Early this year 4th Rotroua participated in the Keep NZ Beautiful 2nd National Annual Graffiti Free Week 16-22 March 2015. We were fortunate to be involved with Keep Rotorua Beautiful again this year, with paint and T-Shirts organised and ready to paint a Graffiti wall in the city.

One afternoon, after school the girls turned up very excited and each put on a Keep NZ Beautiful T-Shirt and armed with a paint brush in hand, they were into a bright colour bucket of paint supplied by Resene. The girls had a great afternoon having fun painting the wall. We were initially asked to paint over the graffiti on the wall, allowing an artist or well-known person in the city to provide a quote or paint an artwork. The reason is to discourage Graffiti.

However to our surprise we were asked to provide a quote in keeping with the idea of the theme of National Graffiti Free Week. It was a blessing to be given this amazing opportunity. We jumped at the chance of this promotion and managed to incorporate Girls' Brigade into the quote while keeping within the guidelines. Hence the quote on the wall

ICONZ 4 Girlz Whangaparaoa enjoyed doing their Trax badge out at Shakespear Regional Park. They spent time scavenger hunting on the beach and learning about the sanctuary with a SOSSI volunteer. There was much hilarity when our Ruby was asked to pretend she was a sheep about to be shorn. Everyone was keen to be photographed holding a stuffed pest as well. We also took the opportunity to join the Chinese community on their planting day and planted several native trees on the steep bank. We hope we will see the bare hillside turn into something special in a few years



Queen's Award

Celebrating 2 Years

At Paeroa IFG we have recently celebrated our 2nd Anniversary and have approximately 25 girls attending each week.

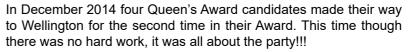
Last term the girls did the "My Community Badge" and the "Cake Decorating Badge" and we also held a baking fundraising for the Blind Foundation annual #BikkieDay guide dog appeal. We set up a stall outside the local ANZ Bank and some girls took the morning off school and we raised \$275.10 for the Blind Foundation and received a certificate. Two of our IFG girls won a prize in the colouring competition that the Blind Foundation held and each won a soft toy Guide Dog.

For the Cake Decorating Badge the girls iced biscuits and cupcakes and we invited Sally Dustow from Sallys Cakes come and show the girls different methods of icing and the girls had a great time.

We also learnt a lot about our local community in Paeroa and our theme was "Paeroa past, present and future", so we visited the local Paeroa and District Historical Museum and we had a quiz night for Paeroa present quizzing girls about our local area, schools, churches, retailers and people. We organised with the Principal, Doug Black from Paeroa College to visit the local college and enjoyed a night of finding out about different occupations what skills were needed, they enjoyed lots of games and treats too.

We are so thankful of the Ministry and for the support of people in our community and for our wonderful Leaders and Helpers and of course the girls who come to IFG. This term the girls are working on their "Biblez Badge" and we've played some great games and teaching about the Bible and invited our local Bible in Schools teachers, Vic and Val Bowen (who have faithfully served Christ over many years running youth groups etc.) and the girls learnt about "Tarore and Her Book".

We are just about the start the "Funky Mosaicz Badge" which is exciting too. Dorothy Otto
Paeroa IFG Unit
Backed by the Paeroa Bible Chapel



Having finished their Award it was time to rock up to Government House and be presented with their Queen's Awards. After a quick uniform inspection and a quick drill practice it was up the driveway and into the ballroom at Government House. Sir Jerry Mateparae welcomed the Queen's Award recipients, their families and other supporters, and then Lady Janine Mateparae presented the Girls' Brigade recipients with their certificates.

After two years of hard work, deadlines and lots of learning, the Queen's Award candidates enjoyed every second of their Award ceremony. At the finish of the ceremony everyone moved through Government House to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea served on fancy china next to the giant (real!) Christmas tree.



Hayley Posthuma, Georgia Phillips, Jovita Manickam, Saasha Dodge

The afternoon finished with a parade of the colours and the recipients being inspected by the Governor General and Lady Janine. On Saturday evening everyone gathered again, this time for a Celebration Dinner. The food was yummy, the company great and the speaker for the evening, Isabel Ross, was fantastic. For the recipients though the highlight of the evening was finally being presented with their Queen's Award badges! To finish off the weekend there was a Celebration Service on Sunday morning. This was a time of thanksgiving and to honour the commitment of the candidates in achieving their Queen's Awards. Then it was time for everyone to return home, their badges safely and proudly on their uniforms.

From NQAC - Congratulations to all our 2014 Queen's Award recipients!! You earned it!! :-)

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GB Teddy in a T-Shirt (GBT) 20cm Bear wearing a GB T-Shirt. **\$10.00 each**



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GBNZ desk set with yearly planner and post it notes. \$6.00 each



GB Xmas Card Packs (CC)
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\$2.00 each

Giraffe (TTG14)

20cm Soft toy in bright colours.





GB Wrist Band (WB2) Plastic wrist band "Seek" \$2.00 each



GB Wrist Band (WB3)
Plastic wrist band "Serve"
\$2.00 each



GB Wrist Band (WB4)
Plastic wrist band "Follow"
\$2.00 each



Cool Stuff Monkey (TTM14) Brightly coloured plush soft toy. 20cm in height. \$5.00 each GB Kev Chain - LED Torch (KCT01) Available In various colours. Same of items, Quantity of Items, Item Codes NZ Postage Prices Guide 2015

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The Word 4U2Day

Renovate Good Times

Ever watch those daytime TV shows where they try to decorate a house before the owners arrive back? They're always the same, you get the stressful middle bit, the overly emotional ending, and at least two garish 'feature walls'. And sometimes our lives are the same: that bit in the middle where everyone stresses out, followed by an emotional fallout.

When we're so keen to see ourselves change (to quit that habit, to be more Christ-like, to pursue what's holy - all good things) we can forget that it's only possible with God's Spirit. We try it alone, we stress and pressure ourselves to improve, which can send us crashing into all sorts of negative places.

Just like the makeover shows, though, God wants to 'renovate' you. Take a look at what's on offer in Philippians 1:9-11 NIV: '...depth of insight', 'pure and blameless', 'filled with the fruit of righteousness'. Sounds kind of huge. But God's a renovation pro. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can renovate and refresh you, and make you more like the Christian you desire to be. When you allow God's Spirit to work on the stuff that you can't, you'll begin to see change.

So what now? When you're done pondering over the things that might need renovating in your own heart, find something to renovate for someone else. Clean up something that you don't use - a techie gadget you don't use anymore, some decent clothes that you never wear - and give it to someone who really will use it. Think big, and get creative.

Competition Winners



The Junior winners were Jolie Taylor and Anna Cotter both of 1st Feilding

Senior/Pioneer winners Melissa Connolly 6th Auckland Anna Pyne 3rd Hamilton Sophie Turley 25th Hutt Valley

Duke of Edmourgh

Jessica Miller, Laura Harkness and Courtney Steele, all from 5th Tauranga company recently received their Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Gold Award. The presentation was made by Sarah Hillary (the daughter of Sir Edmund Hillary) in place of The Governor General who was at the time, welcoming Prince Harry to New Zealand.

Congratulations girls - 4 years of hard work completed.

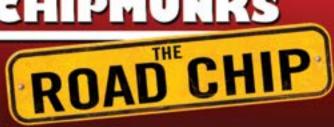
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