



Camp Columba

doing learning growing

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Mission Statement: To provide a high standard of accommodation and adventure programs to promote physical, emotional and spiritual development and in doing so to demonstrate God's love to all who come into camp.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

Firstly, on behalf of everyone here at Camp Columba, I want to express my gratitude to you who are faithful supporters of the ministry here at Camp Columba.

A huge thank you to the Farmers who are part of the 'Stock Grazer' scheme. A very generous amount came in again for this past year and it has made paying back the loan on the new septic system so much quicker. :) We give thanks to God for His provision and for your generosity.

The campsite is utilised so much of the year, and this Winter is popular with the Agri-Kids (Young Farmers) competition being based here from the Thursday to Sunday. While on the subject of the Young Farmers competition, we want to say well done to Pete Gardyne for getting this far and all the best for the finals! GO PETE!

Another big competition happening in Gore in August is Ice Hockey. We have the pleasure of hosting teams from Christchurch and Auckland for this event.

Things are fairly quiet for the rest of August, apart from another Leadership Training Weekend. September picks up again with all weeks full of schools using the campsite and at the end of September, the first of our Ministry Camps, Circus 1, gets under way. Circus 2 is in the second week of the holidays.

During September we will also have a new addition onsite. Little baby Taylor. We look forward to meeting

the new baby and pray for a safe and healthy delivery. All the best Phil and Shelley with becoming parents!

Talking about Ministry Camps, another huge thank you to all the churches who have 'Adopted-a-Camp'. The last two camps were adopted by the Lumsden/Balfour/Kingston Presbyterian Church and St Andrews Church (Gore). We deeply appreciate the prayer, financial support, sponsoring a camper, food donations and encouragement that you give towards these camps. For the Circus camps we have the Gore Baptist Church and Calvin Community Church sponsoring them. Thank you for your support also.

Well, I hope this finds you keeping well and warm. Feel free to pop in and say "Hi". We'd love to see you.

Jo Parish
(Acting Manager)

1 Chronicles 29:14



"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?"

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Upcoming Projects:

* Gas water heating in the kitchen area.

UP COMING CAMPS:

**Leaders Training:
August 2010 for 14yr+**

**Circus 1: 5-9 years
27-30 September, 2010**

**Circus 2: 10-13 years.
4-8 October, 2010**

You can register online at:
www.campcolumba.org.nz

Bike Trailer

Thank you to Bruce Allan for donating a small bike trailer for us to use behind the quad bike. It is ideal for carting the little bits and pieces in one load and more friendly on the 2wheel drive quad bike, as apposed to towing the tandem trailer around.



PLYWOOD

Have you got any plywood lying around that you could donate to Camp Columba?

We are after a piece that is 1.6m x 1.2m of 3 or 5ply thick. It is to replace the deck in our little bike trailer.

Testimony Corner

Testimony from a leader: “Camp Columba is amazing and so much has happened since I started coming. I used to come as a camper and the leaders, speakers and people there were awesome. They showed me things that I would never think of and they taught me things that other people neglected to teach me. I looked up to my leaders so much and dreamed of being like them, so now that I am a leader I try and be a great friend, leader and role model to all the kids. I love working and being with the kids because they teach me so much.”

Testimony from a camper: “Because of Camp, I’m telling others about God. Everyday is a fantastic adventure. I believe there are hard times but God is with us to give us strength. I love being around others that have faith and Camp is an amazing place to make really good friends for life. I know where ever I go God is with me, helping me make good choices. I can pray in good times and bad times. This helps me feel better.”

Fencing off the wastewater disposal fields.

Thank you Tom Falconer and John Gow for all your labour with putting the fence up around the wastewater disposal field. A big thanks also to the people who donated materials for this job.



John Gow



Tom Falconer

MINISTRY CAMP NEWS

God is FAITHFUL!!

Camp Columba is continually being blessed by His faithfulness. We see so many people influenced by the spirit of God by this place. We see seeds of revival and fruit of past seeds sown. God is Faithful. The ministry programmes over the next year will be impacting in so many ways. We have a Circus camp coming up in the September/October holidays and already we have registrations for it, and they just keep coming in. God is Faithful.

We have so many campers that are connecting to God in personal ways. I have the privilege of being the Chaplain at Longford Intermediate

and I get so many chances to connect with these campers and pray with them. God is Faithful. The leaders at Camp Columba are growing out of their comfort zones. Some of them went to Tonga with 3D in Riversdale, and still other Leaders are planning on going to Cambodia in September and Sri Lanka in 2011. God is creating hearts that will beat for HIM. It is amazing to see His glory revealed in the lives of people that are touched in this place.

On the Home Front: Philip and I are experiencing the love of God in new ways by having a baby grow in my womb. God is Faithful. We are so excited to

have a little person of God that will one day step on the enemy and be the person that God has called them to be. We are excited to be a part of this miracle and find our life's true purpose by being godly parents to our kids.

Thank you for all who are praying for us as we begin this new adventure. Please pray for Philip as he is looking for a job as a teacher next year. Please pray for me as I prepare my mind, body and spirit of becoming a mother.

Remember, GOD IS FAITHFUL!

Be blessed today.
Shelley Taylor
(Camp Co-ordinator)

