



### From Richard's Desk:

But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for Him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life. I Corinthians 8:6

So another year is almost at an end and I have to say that 2018 has not been easy on so many levels however this verse is a reminder of why we are called to do what we do. When you put your trust in God, the one who created us in the first place, you have no option but to serve him in the capacity he calls you to. We can get upset that His plans don't meet ours or we can get frustrated when it seems we don't hold all the control. Yet when you strip back all reasoning, we only have what we have because Jesus through his love has given us life. This life that the writer is speaking of in this verse, is not just eternal life, but it is having an abundant and purposeful life today. As we enter the summer holiday season let us all be the ambassador that God has called us to be. Pray that at Totara Springs we will represent Him well as we are provided with opportunities to share His love.

Summer is a busy time at camp and we do thank you and value your prayers and your messages May you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to 2019 and partnering together in His service



What a busy month November ended up being - it was getting close to being a similar number of guests to our February bookings with over a 1,000 guests for the month. And, once again much variety with community groups, primary, secondary and day groups. It's great to be able to accommodate so many different groups at Totara Springs.



December - a time of youth sports, final school groups and a short break before Christmas. December is also time for us to make some great memories with families with our first Family Camp.

As this is our last newsletter until February we will give you a glimpse of January as well. Our second Family Camp, Suzuki music, 3 x school holiday camps, our biggest camp of the year - Elite Sports camp and 2 school groups. The end of the year comes around quickly - however in that last sentence we can see how fast time goes by with "2 school groups" coming in - school holidays done and dusted.

Please remember to pray for our school holiday camps in January, it's a great opportunity for kids to come and do activities, hear about what God has done for them and have fun with others their age. It's also an opportunity for older kids to lead at the camps and learn leadership skills and connect with younger kids on a different level.



## Totara Springs Family News:



### Prayer

- Staff as they take a well earned break
- Family Camps, Holiday Camps - guests and speakers
- Safety travelling for guests

### Praise

- Volunteers helping out with sports camps, family camps and holiday camps
- The weather not doing what it was forecast to do
- All of our amazing staff and families.