



September 2020



From Chris' Desk:

Dear Totara Springs Family,

A huge thank you for all of your support the ministry of Totara Springs Christian Centre through prayer, volunteering, and financial support. I've seen God's hand working through our team in the lives He brings to the Springs and beyond the Springs. Those who support TSCC help make it possible for us to pass on godly virtues in our programs. We strive to be an organization that promotes Christ-centered values using God's Word as our guide.

Due to COVID-19, like many camps and organisations, we have had some of our recent groups cancel, which can put a burden on our hearts for the future. Thanks to our amazingly creative and flexible team who were able to completely reconfigure one of our Sports camps into an alternative program that fit within the guidelines. The schools who were able to attend were so grateful for the care and concern that was put into the people and their fun,

exciting and safe experience they received. Praise the Lord.

During our weekly staff meetings we are going verse-by-verse through the book of Ephesians and it never ceases to amaze me the treasures found within. In Ephesians 1, Paul writes about the blessings from God, the Son, and Holy Spirit. One phrase that is repeated 3 times in this passage reminds us why we are here and what we are to do with God's wonderful blessings. In verse 6 He writes "...to the praise of his glorious grace" and again in vs 12 "...to the praise of his glory." and one last time, lest we forget in verse 14 he writes, "to the praise of his glory." What a blessed reminder that everything we do and have is to be for the praise of His glory! May we always praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

In Christ alone,

Chris Kinman



What an August that was, thankfully we were able to enjoy Auckland Sports camp, two schools, a mini sports camp and Regen. We did have some cancellations also due to Auckland going to Level 3 during the month, unfortunately this was a sports camp and a Church camp.

These times are definitely disruptive for everyone, but we are very thankful for those groups who are able to still come in.

Our mini sports camp was a highlight for the group that was here - their students were able to take part in more sports than a regular camp and they were kept very busy and had a great time.

Some photos below from our mini sports camp



Holiday camps are on their way once again. These start at the end of September and go throughout the holidays. At this stage we are planning on the proceeding as normal.

Due to an Auckland school having to decide not to come to camp due to Covid-19 we are hoping we can fill that week with a sports camp to enable those who

missed out a chance at competing.

Our annual Elevate camp has also decided to go "online" this year due to the make-up of the camp and we will miss this group as well.

Totara Springs Family News:

Tomorrow we welcome Kyan (Instructing team) and Kayla (Housekeeping team) to our staff - more about that next month!

What else is happening?

This year we introduced a new sports to our Sports Camp - speed climb, for the two camps we have had this, it has been well received.

Are you able to donate a cup for this sport? We are looking for sponsorship for 9 cups (one for each of our sports camps)

We had planned to start another sports camp this year (number 9 - Kaimai sports camp) and are also after sponsorship for 40 cups for this. If there is a sports you would like to specifically sponsor a cup for, please email this address letting us know. Although a lot of our sports camps have not been able to proceed the October camp will be called Kaimai sports camp, this will then move to August next year.

Sponsorship of cups is \$50 per cup.

Prayer

- Groups impacted due to Covid-19
- Safety of staff

Praise

- Able to run some camps
- The fine weather we've had during camps