

Dear Parents / Guardians

A new year is upon us and the youth ministry is good to go! I am very much looking forward to this year. Amongst many other tasks, the past couple of months of settling in has involved cementing an intentional leadership team. With our fully established team, we will be able to work together to take on the privileged role of supporting you with growing your youth and point them to Christ.

This year we will spend a lot of time beginning to understand the big picture narrative of the bible and what that has to do with us. Our goal is to learn about different aspects of life in light of a biblical interpretation towards these issues. Through this process the youth will discover what living within the Christian worldview will look like. And of course during this learning process we will play a ridiculous amount of games and go visit some pretty funky places such as the ice skating ring and the local mini golf arena.

A new initiative is also starting up this year. The youth ministry will include a Friday Fortnightly Prayer Meeting for the youth. We will gather in the lighthouse every second Friday at 7:30. After talking a bit about prayer and who God is, we will then spend time praying for one another, waiting on God and watching what He does amongst us. Exciting times!

Furthermore, there is a parents night beaming on the horizon. In a couple of months we will run a parents only evening which you are encouraged to come to. You will get to meet the leadership team and hear a bit about what we are doing in the ROBC youth ministry and how we are going about this. This will be a safe place to ask any questions and even begin to see if you might be interested in lending a helping hand towards the ministry too. More details on this are to come.

Oh, and a bit of a heads up: As per usual, Easter Camp is happening. Five days of epic times for the youth. We all jump in a bus, make our way down to Mystery Creek with another 4000 odd youth from around New Zealand and celebrate the author of Easter together. There is far too much fun to be had here and endless stories of people discovering who God is are created. The early bird price for Easter Camp is \$149 up until the 26th of Feb. Or \$134 per child if you have more than one going. Then the price jumps up to \$165 until the 25th of Mar. After that it's too late. So it's best to get in quick.

If you are looking for any extra information about the youth ministry you can checkout the brand new website www.robc.org.nz and click the Church Life link, and then Youth. On the website you will also be able to download the term plan so that you can stay in the loop with all that is going on. Otherwise feel free to contact me on 624 3357 or 027 416 1336.

Peace,

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