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From Richard's Desk:

"do this in remembrance of me' Luke 22:19

In my life there have been many significant worldwide events where I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing. The death of Princess Diana, 9/11, the Japanese tsunami, and I vividly remember as a 8 year old hearing on the radio that Prime Minister Norman Kirk had died. There are other events that I don't remember because I wasn't born but nevertheless they were major for other people. Death of JFK, and the atom bomb on Hiroshima are just a couple. Because I wasn't around I have no remembrance. When Jesus was in the upper room the night before he was crucified, I sometimes wonder if he was thinking of our fickle remembering skills when he taught us communion. It's like he was saying to us, "I know you won't really remember

my death because you weren't here, but I'm showing you a way that you must always remember me. Please never forget me, don't ever let my sacrifice be in vain , please remember me". By the partaking in communion Jesus has provided us a way to remember and to never forget. The love of Jesus in dying for us makes us who we are today. We can have the strength and courage to conquer and move ahead in life because of what He has done. Let us always remember.



Holiday Camps were once again amazing - Vikings all over the camp. We had kids becoming Christians and handed out new Bibles to others who haven't had one before, or who may have had a borrowed one.



As well as our holiday camps, our Term 4 school camps began, we managed to squeeze in 4 schools before the end of October, plus a Church camp, Community group and Elevate.

Elevate is one of our longest running camps and this year we had over 300 here. The weather was great over the weekend especially when the Top Town was on.



As the end of the year comes closer - schools are continuing their end of year camps. We have 10 schools, 2 craft groups, and 2 community groups coming to visit us here.

We are also starting to prepare for Youth Sports camp which happens the 6-8th December. If you are able to help out with refereeing a sport please let us know - we are always looking out for new refs!

Totara Springs Family News:

As with any business we have staff who leave and after just over 9 years, Mark (or Mork as he is also known) is leaving us. Mark & Siobhan (his wife) are unsure where God is leading them next and we know that it will be just as exciting.

What else is happening?

Mini golf progress has slow downed at present as it's all hands on deck with the Hydroslide build.

See the progress photos below.





Hydroslide Update

To all our supporters

As you'll be aware, in April 2017 our much loved and main outdoor activity, the Hydroslide, was damaged beyond repair by remnants of Cyclone Cook. Over the past 18 months we have been working with hydroslide experts from around the country to design, build and soon install our new hydroslide.

I am pleased to advise that this project is no longer a consultation and no longer in a design phase - we have now moved to a manufacture phase. This is incredibly exciting and whilst the process has taken a little longer than first envisaged we are now at the business end. This type of project, however, does not come without a financial cost. We have been able to raise over \$415,000 to date plus we have the guarantee of an interest free loan for \$100,000 should we require one. The slide costing has been set at a little under \$600k and therefore we have a short fall of approx. \$100,000 (double that if we did not require the interest free loan). We can raise a bank loan for the short fall if required, however this would be a last resort.

We would therefore ask that you pray and as God prompts, consider whether

you are able to donate to this venture If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the hydroslide, our bank account details are:

020360- 0012224 -00

Totara Springs Christian Centre

Don't forget to use the word "hydroslide" as a reference.

Prayer

- Safety with the Hydroslide build
- Youth Sports camp
- Staff as they finish a busy year.

Praise

- Good weather for Elevate Camp
- Our staff and their families
- For God's presence at camp.