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Dear Youth and Families

We are really excited to journey with you in 2011 and grow together as followers of Jesus. Here is a snap shot what's on this term!

**FUEL** Discipleship Teams have started for year 7 to 11 students during the 10.30 service. Your leaders are preparing challenging and fun discussions on what it means to Love God, Love Self and Love Others.

This year senior youth (**Year 12+**) will be given exciting opportunities to help shape and be a part of the 10:30 service. We need you! Year 11 students can choose to stay in Fuel or be involved in the service. We have several teenagers wanting to get **baptised** and are hoping to have baptisms on the 27<sup>th</sup> March during the 10.30 service. If you would like to know more about baptised get in contact with Dave or Andrew Norton.

**BASE** for year 7 to 9 youth is kicking off from **Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>** with a Boys vs Girls challenge. BASE will run every fortnight during the term from 7 to 9pm unless advertised otherwise for special events. Year 10 and older students can apply to Dave to be involved as junior leaders at BASE.

Dave and Elmarie are excited to run a **home group for senior youth (Year 12+) and young adults** on alternate Wednesdays at their house. This starts Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Get in contact with Dave or El if you're interested.

**Kick Off** and **Leadership** which ran on Monday nights last year in partnership with Young Life are on hold for term 1 as we seek to secure financial support to fund staff. We will keep you posted with start dates for these programs.

A reminder to think ahead to **Easter Camps from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Easter camps provide awesome opportunities to grow in your faith as a camper or leader. We will post more info on these camps soon.

Parents don't forget the great resources and seminars available at the parenting place **www.theparentingplace.com**. As a new dad I have just finished reading Ian Grants' "Raising Great Boys" which was full of encouragement and practical ideas.

Attached is an outline of events for term 1, but please check the website regularly for any updates: <http://www.stcolumba.org.nz/connect/youth-programmes>

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any questions about the year. The youth leaders are fully looking forward to catching up with you and hearing about your adventures over the summer!

Blessings  
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