

1st HORNBY HEIGHTS HOWLER



The Happenings of Term 1 - 2014

CLEANING ROSTER

Weekend	Family 1*	Family 2**
17-18 May	Kiss	Lees
24-25 May	Johnston	Johnston
31 May - 1 June	Italiano	Pearce
7-8 June	Powell	Bennie
14-15 June	Martin	Noot
21-22 June	Norrie	Parise
28-29 June	Becchio	Khurshed
5-6 & 12-13	July School Holidays	
19-20 July	Baran	Ford
26-27 July	Abbott	Barker
2-3 August	Baxter	Beckett

***Family 1:** Sweep the main section of the hall and hallways. Wipe the tables that are in the main hall.

****Family 2:** Clean the kitchen and toilets and basins and mop the floors.

UPCOMING EVENT

Fri, 30 May	Blue Mountains Wombat Pack
Sun, 15 June	Grounds Working Bee
Tue, 24 June	Committee Meeting
Fri, 27 June	Gang Show Start
Tue, 29 July	Committee Meeting

All contributions for the newsletter can be emailed to Petra Holland.

Committee News

Welcome all to another year of Scouting. We would like to welcome Petra Holland to the team as our new Newsletter Editor. We would also like to thank Mel Sexton for her many years of service as the Newsletter Editor but we have not lost her yet as she is still staying on as the Publicity Officer.

Darren, our electrical guru, has been hard at work updating the lighting in and around the Hall so we should find it a lot easier to see going down the driveway and moving around the hall at night.

Chip's son Matthew Todd has been hard at work re-developing the 1st Hornsby Heights Scouts website. Why don't you take a look at www.1hscouts.org.au. There is now an online calendar for

what is happening with each Section.

By the time you read this Newsletter the new heavy duty doors will have been installed downstairs. We are still working on pricing and ideas for a new floor in the kitchen. The camp fire site (at Hall) has been moved but there is still a little more work to be done to finish its re-development. Any members who may have skills or know of someone who could help us out with this please get in touch. Thank you to Peter Speight who arranged the Bobcat and driver

Just a reminder the Committee meets each month and all are welcome to attend.

Until next time, take care
Anna Broady
Secretary.

Working Bee

Sunday 15 June - 1-4pm

General pruning and tidying up of the Scout hall grounds. Everybody welcome, any time you can spare. Please bring your gardening tools for cutting back bushes and weeding.

Anzac Day March



Joeys

Term 1 was all about 'self' and Caring and sharing. We also completed our Scouts in Action points. We tasted and touched unidentified objects and listened and looked at interesting stuff. We learned about self-confidence personal appearance and street safety. All coming back to our Joey scout Law of Caring and Sharing.



YIS – "GARUMUNDA"
Ainslee Parsons



Cubs Koalas

During Term 1 the koala cubs were really on the go. We had 7 of our older cubs go up to scouts and 6 newbies join us (some up from joeys). We had one leader go overseas, one leader doing a repeated shuffle to Melbourne and our new leader (new to cubs) Sharon Schweisfurth – Raksha join our team.

We started off learning some old fashioned map reading (for when the GPS isn't working) and then all the sixes were sent off to Woop Woop to find their way back to the hall again using the maps by various buses and trains.

We had a bushwalk in the dark from Galston Gorge up, up, up to Hornsby Heights. A most adventurous evening – thanks to Madge for being an extra leader helping out.

Then we got creative and screen printed our own Awesome koala cubs activity t-shirts because Koalas do all their own stunts!!!

We braved the elements for a fun family day at Palm Beach where we discovered lots of little creatures.

Though small in numbers we had 5 strong brave koalas who competed in the District swimming carnival and took turns to still represent us in every event (the Awesome more than Foursome!). Congratulations to Nick Binham, Ryan Browne, Ben Moralas, Hayden Speight and Declan Wagschall on fabulous

swimming in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, noodle races and Rescuing the Leader. To top the day off our Ben Moralas was the overall winner

of the Iron Cub event involving 6 laps, different strokes, part fully clothed, part with snorkel and flippers and changing gear while treading water. Ben won by nearly 2 full lengths of the pool – **A HUGE 1-2-3-WOLF to Ben.**

We finished the term in party mode with a Grey Wolf presentation to Katie Fogden. A huge Congratulations to you Katie, as the Regional Commissioner commented she has never before seen anyone with so many badges or heard of someone who would stand aside as a Sixer for someone else to get a turn.

Good luck to Georgia Clements, Pete English, Max Freeman, Noah Johnston, Lilly Judge, Jack Norrie and Lashay Schweisfurth in Scouts and welcome to Koala Cubs to Anaaya Baran, James Firth, Ryan Fogden, Daniel Greer, Harper Johnston and Jazzy Schweisfurth.

We look forward to an absolutely Awesome Term 2.

YIS - Mary-Jo Ison "Rikki"



THE HUMBLE ROLL Adapted by Sean Broady



There's a toilet roll hanging right and wrong
so next time you go to the loo 'cause you have something big to do

please consider the humble roll.

And make sure you consider your goal.

Keep it turning up and over and you will use so much less.

Maybe you need just a wee.

That's a two piece, maybe three or maybe a riddle is more.

So don't you even care if I start at four

but nobody should see me wee.

And don't you dare see my pee.

So you should stay right outside because I'll stay on the inside.

And that's how the humble roll goes.

Cubs Wombats

The Wombat Pack kicked off 1st Term 2014 with a knotting blitz, Cubs refreshed their knowledge on basic knots before setting out on a rope obstacle course. This led them through bushes over and under fences, around trees and under Chil's car – where most collected a leech or two! We also welcomed New Chums Abbey Barker and Madi Drake and Venturer Helper Daniel Hose to our Pack. We began our Athlete Badge at Montview Oval for which we will follow up on progress later in the year. Founder's Day was celebrated by a program based on the Promise & Law and the left handshake. Cubs heard the story of B-P meeting Zulu Warriors and then made their own shields and headdress for a very quick mock-war. Special guests were invited this night to congratulate Baloo & Kanga on being awarded the Wood Badge, the pinnacle of Adult Leader Training. Following on in celebration mode, we had an outdoor cooking night for Chil's Birthday, the Cubs cooked upside down fruit cake – Yummo! For this Term's Investiture of Abbey & Madi the Pack followed the weird and wonderful Chalk trail of Stumble



(Hayden) and Kermit (Daniel) to arrive at our mystery Investiture destination – Chip's Backyard. The weather was unkind to us yet again and so Fishing was postponed twice and in the end cancelled altogether – we will try again later this year. We ended the

Term with a sleepover at the hall – still raining, ho hum – so a few brave Leaders put the tents up while the Cubs played inside and then we watched a movie. The morning saw marginally nicer weather and so a hot breakfast was cooked on campfires, Gold Compass Courses performed and wet tents hung up to dry!

Cameron Drake took Cubs from Mt Kurringai to Bobbin Head for his Grey Wolf Hike only to be



caught in a freak thunderstorm – so we arrived saturated, and Monique Dever lead a 'Girl's Only' Grey Wolf Hike from Pennant Hills to Epping Stations, the girls had fun playing in puddles – so they too arrived home wet & dirty.



Congratulations go to Charlotte McStravick on completing her Gold Boomerang and Sarah Hughes-Narborough for earning her Silver Boomerang

Term 2 is fun filled and with our upcoming Pack Holiday to Mt Victoria we will have more stories to tell.

Kanga
Larissa Tompsett

Scouts

This term we had a lot of outdoor activities.

We started with a troop camp at the Colo River. On the way in the rain was really heavy, but fortunately stopped by the time we got there and set up. We had a good attendance and had great fun swimming, cooking interesting dinners and hoping the rain would stay away.

On Sunday Aiden Hose ran a great Scouts Own by, and in, the river, followed by more swimming, and then the rain came in time for pack up. We practiced packing in the rain, and made it home safely.

At the camp we welcomed out new leader Mike Wilkinson, and gave him a Scout name of Pyro – for the obvious reason.

To prepare for the Easter camp gadgets lashing requirements, Pyro ran a "tennis ball war" evening, where the two teams had to construct a fort from poles and lashing ropes, and then fought out a war with balls etc.

Thomas Judge was awarded his Green Cord and Scout Medallion, the highest achievements in Scouts, well done Tom.

Farshid organized an evening playing

the stock market, for his Commerce badge. This is the first time we have presented this badge, and it was a fun evening.

We had "fishing and chips" at Apple tree Bay. While the scouts terrified the fish, a couple of BBQs were used to cook some frozen chips, with edible but average results. Next time we might just buy them.

A small group went abseiling one Sunday, having a good time and most getting their abseil badges.

Grug ran an overnight hike, to and from Waterfall railway station via Camp Coutts & Kingfisher Pools. The pools were great fun for swimming, there was a part where you could follow the river up under the rocks and come out under a small waterfall.

Camp Coutts is a Scout camp and was a good place to camp, the weather was great, we only got slightly lost once and the walking was not too bad.

For Easter Camp this year we had twenty nine attend, the largest group we have had for a long time. The main talking point was the great weather, the first time in ages there was no rain. All that wet weather practice we did at the Colo troop camp wasn't

needed.

We did very well in Land and Water Sports and won the can-popping (boiling water in a sealed can to pop the lid) and coded message games – using a pole lashed frame and elastic to send a coded message along a cord, and the de-code it..

Congratulations to Tamara, with help from Madge and the scouts who ran the Scouts Own on Sunday – very well done.

For the leaders the highlight was running the horizontal bungee jumping with a new harness set-up, and not have to have first aid called for at all – a first.

We started May with Scout Hike, the coldest and wettest for a long time. We had 3 patrols, and congratulations to Billy Moran and his patrol for getting a Silver award, and the highest score in Benowie District.

Freddo



Venturers

White Water Rafting

On Sunday 9 February, our Venturer Unit went to Penrith Whitewater Stadium as part of their (belated) end-of-year celebrations.

Thanks to some intrepid parent helpers, the Vennies left early on Sunday morning to head west. An hour later, they were greeted by the super-helpful staff at the Stadium, who were ready to lead them through the rapids.

Though some had rafted before, for most, this was the first time they'd had the chance to jump into a rubber dinghy



and be tossed about in some terrifying water rapids. Fortunately, everyone had a blast.

The weather was perfect – hot and sunny – which meant that people ended up in the water more than they were probably supposed to. But thanks to the knowledgeable staff at the Stadium, by the end of the session, everyone was a pro.

Don't take our word for it – check out the video to see how the day really went!

⇒ <http://1hhscouts.wordpress.com/2014/03/02/white-water-rafting/>

Dragon Skin

Dragon Skin is an annual NSW Branch Venturer Scout activity that is an initiative competition held over four days each Easter long weekend in a forest a few hours from Sydney.

Teams of Venturer Scouts and Guides



from NSW, the ACT and Qld participate in a variety of activities that allow them to test their initiative, leadership, teamwork and technical skills against members of other Units.

High Ropes

On Tuesday the 20th May the Venturers tackled the high ropes course in Pennant Hills. It was a course which challenged nerve and skill and many were quite



'afraid'. The venturers had to 'harness' their skills in order to complete the death defying course. The course was five

obstacles in total and a flying fox zip line, and they were all about 10m

above the ground (taller than you think). The course was 'knot' as easy as it looked and proved quite the challenge. Overall basically all were successful and we all had a blast 'hanging' out and we definitely learnt something. But for those who didn't do it or were unsuccessful in their attempts, tie and tie again.



Tunneling night



at Middle Head (March 26, 2014).

Tiger Snake Canyon



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