



TAUHINU SEA SCOUT GROUP

PO Box 15 Greenhithe, Auckland



Newsletter April 2013

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great Easter Break. The group certainly has been busy throughout term one.

Auckland Anniversary day Regatta...

Sean said "They have all learnt a lot more skills, had fun, got wet (some more than others) and actually raced in a sailing race. Something some of them have never done before. Being a small troop we can't do these functions without the support of the leaders and the parents. Today the help of Blair (Connor's Dad) and Bernie (Tom's dad) transporting the boats and crewing the safety boat (which was called into use later in the day). The other Leaders Colin and Paul your help and knowledge is invaluable ."



It's a Breeze

The Family Camp...

Run by the Venturers and their leaders at Shakespeare camp ground on the weekend of Feb 9th and 10th was a great success. Here is what the father of one of our scouts had to say..."As newbies to sea scouts and to NZ it was a timely event to meet a few more families and get a little closer to the scout group. I appreciated the warm welcome extended by all and I was struck in particular by the helpfulness, thoughtfulness and playfulness of the venturers in making things happen. I am really heartened to see such good role models for [my daughter]." A big thank you to: Craig Philips, Mike Simms and Kahu.

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Founders Day Award...

Our own past Kea Leader - Jennifer Neads received a special service award – Medal of Merit – for her outstanding contribution made over a period of time. Jennifer was a Kea leader for 10 years. Kahu will be presenting Jennifer with her Medal soon.

Also our Zone Leader – Wayne Philips – congratulated all the Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers who attended and competed in the Founders Day activities on Sunday 24/2/13. He wrote “To all the youth members, Leaders and family who turned out on the day. BRAVO! Thanks to you all, for making the day a success.”



Cub / Kea Sand Sculpture Team Founders Day

Youth Awards...

Congratulations to Dion Mansfield who has gained his Queen Scout Award and to Elliot Winstanley who has passed his First Aid Course.

Just a reminder about term dates...

Term 1 – 4/2/13 to 19/4/13

Term 2 - 6/5/13 to 12/7/13

Term 3 – 29/7/13 to 27/9/13

Term 4 – 14/10/13 to 12/12/13

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Just a reminder about fees...

Thanks to everyone who have paid their whole annual fees up front. This has meant we can cover the cost of the groups insurance and the Scouting Association Fees of New Zealand. We are pleased to report that everyone is paid up for term 1. If you are paying by term then you will receive a statement via e-mail. Payment for the next installment is May 6th.

Please make payment either by cheque directly to your section Leader or directly into the group's bank account 12-3072-0371947-00. If you do make payment into the account please reference your child's surname and section (Kea, Cub, Scout, Venturer). Please let Chiara Gauld know that you have made a payment by e-mailing her at: bctandc@xtra.co.nz

Just a reminder about Uniforms...

Please ensure your Son/Daughter turns up to meeting nights appropriately dressed in the following uniform.

Keas – Group activity shirt. Any shorts and shoes are acceptable.

Cubs – White long sleeved shirt, black or navy shorts, ¾ length black socks, black shoes, group scarf

Scouts - White long sleeved shirt, black or navy shorts, ¾ length black socks, black shoes, group scarf

Venturers – White long sleeved shirt, black trousers, black tie.

Leaders – White long sleeved shirt, navy trousers, group scarf.

Activity Shirts...

All sizes now available for purchase from our Treasurer, Chiara Gauld, for \$30 each.

As your son/daughter outgrows his/her blue activity shirt we would like you to consider donating it back to the group for use by other Keas, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers.

Scarves...

We'd like to adopt the same recycling system for our scarves that your child has outgrown. We make 3 sizes, Kea/Cub, Scout, Venturer/Leader.

Keas...

Six new Keas have been invested, WELCOME ABOARD.

What is coming up:

Kea Sleep-over at the Ship in term two.



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Cubs...

We are still looking for a full time Cub Leader. Kahu is getting pressure from his family to reduce his work load. If anyone knows of somebody, family or friend, who would like to be our new Cub Leader please contact Kahu on 416 4451.

What is coming up:
Cub Camp 19/20/21 April

Scouts...

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Auckland Regatta 5-6-7 April
Jamboree Cossgrove course 12-14 April
Anzac Day parade 25 April

Venturers...

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Auckland Regatta 5-6-7 April
Cooksey Course

Event Photos...

We have only included a few of the many photos that were taken at the various events during the term. If you would like more then please let Chiara know and she can e-mail you a copy.

And lastly PLEASE KEEP OUR SHIP CLEAN...

If you could spare a little time, when collecting your child please help the Leaders to clean up the Ship/Den. It only takes a few minutes to sweep the floor, wash, dry, and put away any dishes, and make sure any full rubbish bags are put out in the orange council rubbish bags for collection, Thursday morning.

The task of keeping our ship clean has been left to a handful of people. It would be nice if we all chipped in. If there are no volunteers then we will adopt a roster system.

Kind regards,

Your Committee

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