



TAUHINU SEA SCOUT GROUP

PO Box 15 Greenhithe, Auckland



Newsletter December 2013

Dear Parents,

The group has had a very busy year and now it is nearly at an end. This is our final communication for 2013 which includes a few reminders for 2014.

Committee...

At the recent Annual General Meeting the following individuals were elected to the group committee:

Chairman – Earl Simpson
Vice Chairman – Charles Kirkby
Treasurer/Secretary – Chiara Gauld
Scarf making – Joanne Fairley
Boat Maintenance – Bernard Hyde
Communication and Newsletter officer – Mike Gilby
Equipment officer – Geoff Lowe
Hall Maintenance – Greg Ranson

We farewell Anoushka Hatch and Mike Simms and thank them for all their hard work over the years.

New Leaders...

We are pleased to welcome three new leaders to the group. They are:

Keas - Jody Hurcum
Cubs – Mike Gilby, Kimberley Rolland
Scouts – Alex Smith

Uniforms...

For our newer members below are the uniform requirements. Please ensure your Son/Daughter turns up to meeting nights appropriately dressed in the following uniform.

Keas – Group activity shirt. Any plain shorts and closed-toe shoes are acceptable.

Cubs – White long sleeved shirt, navy shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ length navy socks, black school shoes, group scarf

Scouts - White long sleeved shirt, navy shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ length navy socks, black school shoes, group scarf

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

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

You can buy an activity shirt from the Treasurer for \$30. These are used for more rough and tumble

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activities and your child's leader will let him/her know when to wear it. The activity shirts are quick drying, blue polo shirts with the Tauhinu Sea Scout name printed on the back.

The group scarf is given to your child when he/she is invested.

Term dates for 2014...

The group's terms run to coincide as closely as possible with the public school terms and are as follows:

Term 1 – 3/2/14 to 17/4/14

Term 2 – 5/5/14 to 4/7/14

Term 3 – 21/7/14 to 26/9/14

Term 4 – 13/10/14 to 12/12/14

Upcoming Regattas for Scouts and Venturers...

Auckland Anniversary Regatta – Monday 27th of January, 2014

Kai Iwi Lakes Regatta - 7,8 and 9th of March, 2014

Auckland Regatta - 4,5 and 6th of April, 2014

National Regatta – 27th December 2014 to 4th January 2015

Other Important dates...

Working bee at the den – 15th and 16th of February 2014. Please come and help do some maintenance on the den. A roster and jobs list will be circulated closer to the time.

Family Picnic - 2nd of March 2014 – all parents, and children welcome. Time and location to be advised.

Fees...

No newsletter would be complete without a quick mention about fees! Therefore, a reminder that fees for 2014 will be invoiced by the 31st of January, 2014 and the Scouting NZ levy plus term 1 resource fees are due 4th of February 2014. Annual fees are as follows: Keas \$200, Cubs \$200, Scouts \$280, Venturers \$280. More details will be on the invoices about the due dates for the other term resource fees. **Please remember that if payment is not received your child will not be insured and therefore unable to participate in camps or water based activities.**

Queen's Scout Award...

Sean Philip recently received his Queen's Scout Award, the top youth award. It was presented at the recent AGM by Zone Leader, Danny Wrigley. Danny noted that only about 35-40 Queen's Scout Awards are awarded annually. The award is very special and not easily achieved.

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Another Grant received...

The group has been fortunate enough to obtain its third grant this year. This was gained from the ASB Community Trust and will be used to purchase new life jackets in readiness for the 2014 sailing/rowing season.

Future Communication...

We will continue with our newsletters in 2014, however, with the appointment of Mike Gilby we are excited to add an electronic mode of communication. Yes, we've finally moved into the 21st century! More on this in the New Year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous 2014.

Kind regards,

Your Committee