



TAUHINU SEA SCOUT GROUP

PO Box 15 Greenhithe, Auckland



Newsletter June 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new Keas and Scouts. We've had quite a few new members invested this term. We hope your association with Scouting is a long and happy one.

Unfortunately, we've also lost our Kea Leader, Rich Rowley. Rich had heavy work and home life commitments and was unable to continue as a Leader. We wish Rich well for the future.

We are happy to welcome Daniel to the Scout section as assistant to Sean. Daniel comes from a military background and we have already seen the benefits of this within the group.

In keeping with our commitment to provide quarterly newsletters this letter is our third for the year. If you have any queries or need information please contact, initially, your child's section leader, secondly, Colin Mansfield.

Who does what...

There has been an update in roles throughout the group. Since Rich's resignation, Colin is now leading both the Kea and Cub sections. Although Colin is perfectly capable, it is really a lot to ask of him considering his huge involvement at all section levels. Therefore we really implore you to think hard about stepping up to become either a Kea or Cub leader. Or if you know of anyone who might be willing to help, please have them contact Colin. In the interim we are adopting a parent roster for both the Kea and Cub section to help ease the burden on Colin. Thanks for your cooperation.

Our current Leadership structure looks like this:

Group Leader – Colin Mansfield

Kea Leader – Colin is the temporary leader of this section – assisted by Stephen and Korey Jaym's Dad, Marty

Cub Leader – Colin is the temporary leader of this section – assisted by Alastair and Kimberley

Scout Leaders – Sean Harris – assisted by Daniel Watson and Paul Newman

Venturer Leader – Craig Philips – assisted by Mike Simms

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There have also been some changes to our Committee Members as, Deane Compton resigned as Chairman. Earl Simpson whose son is in Scouts and who was a scout himself has stepped in to fill the Chairmanship role until the next AGM.

Chairman/Hall Maintenance – Earl Simpson
Vice Chairman/Boat Storage – Charles Kirkby
Treasurer/Secretary – Chiara Gauld
Fee Collection – Anoushka Hatch
Scarf Making – Joanne Fairley

Fees...

Anyone joining the group will be asked to pay their child's remaining annual fees in total by the end of term 2.

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).

Term dates...

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

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

Fundraising...

The Group's annual Pancake Breakfast date has been set for Sunday 8th September. We are hoping that the earlier date will ensure a bigger turn out than in previous years. The Scouts will hand out flyers and we hope to pre-sell tickets, however, we'd love it if you could set the date aside and get as many of your friends as possible to come along. This is the groups major fundraiser for the year. Funds raised go towards the maintenance of both the Ship and boats.

Boat Storage...

The committee has been working hard to find a suitable solution to our boat storage problem. Currently the boats are stored outside under tarpaulins on Mike Simms's lawn. The committee has applied for a grant to purchase two 40 foot containers which we hope to put on the grounds of the Riding for the Disabled Wainoni Park. We hope this will all come together in the next couple of months. Watch this space!

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Winterising the boats...

The boats have now been cleaned up and stored for the winter. Thanks to Harry and Earl, Tom and Bernie, Connor, Adam and Sean for giving up a couple of hours of your Sunday to do this task with Mike. A stocktake of things needing repair and replacement was done. Replacement and repairs will be done in time for the boats' next WOF's and in readiness for the new boating season.

New life jackets...

In readiness for the 2013/2014 boating season the committee has decided to replace its existing stock of life jackets with 50 new ones. Quotes have been obtained and the committee is going to apply for a grant for these as the cost runs into several thousands of dollars.

What has been happening in each section and what is coming up...

Keas...

The Keas had a visit from the Greenhithe Volunteer Fire Brigade. Colin is also planning a visit by another City Community Service – either Civil Defence, the City Council or Motorways Control Centre.

Cubs...

The Cubs shared in the visit from the Greenhithe Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The Cub camp has been delayed probably until August or September. The delay is because of heavy training, jamboree and fundraising activities of the Scouts.

We are planning to present Jennifer Neads (Kohekohe) ex Kea leader with her Medal of Merit at the Kea/Cub sleepover. Any ex Keas/Cubs/Scouts who enjoyed Kohekohe's great leadership are welcome to join the ceremony.

Scouts...

The scouts competed in the Auckland Regatta on 5th -7th of April, 2013.

A total of nine Scouts plus a guest scout from Mayfield and eight Venturers attended Auckland Regatta this year. This was our best turn out for a number of years and enabled us to compete in most of the events from rowing and seamanship to sailing in both Cutter and Sunburst races.

This year we won the most number of pennants for a number of years.

We came **first** in the **Intermediate Cutter Sailing** and won the **BASCOMBE CUP**. Well done to Cassie, Tom and Stephen for achieving this. The cup was original awarded by Cassie's relatives, so it is lovely to have that won by the troop.



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We also received **second place** in the **Junior Sunbursts** – well done Tom and Adam. The troop came **second** overall on **camping standards**.

Well done all for also coming **second** in the **Caterpillar Race**.

We came **third** in the **Aggregate Sailing** which is unheard of for Tauhinu for as long as Colin can remember.

And finally we received a **fourth** place in the **Junior Rowing**. Well done to the boys and, had we not lost a couple of oars, it could have all been different. Next year...we need to beat the Orewa!

Overall Sean was very pleased with the way the Scouts competed in everything and gave it their best shot. For a small troop we do punch above our weight. Thanks to Colin, Craig and Paul for their help over the weekend.

Future events

Motutapu Trip 6-7th July

Zone Swimming Champs 3rd of August

Jamboree -Eight scouts have signed up to participate in the 2013/2014 Jamboree to be held in Fielding. They are planning many fundraising activities to cover the cost of this trip. One such event is a Kea/Cub sleepover and movie night at the Ship. More details will be coming up about this soon.

Venturers...

Tauhinu Venturers **won** the **Leys Tramping Competition**. They also received **first** place in the **Senior Kayaking**, **second** place in the **Senior Rowing** and another **second** place in the **Senior Seamanship** at the Auckland Regatta. Well done to all those who competed.

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.

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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.

Kind regards,

Your Committee

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