



## TAUHINU SEA SCOUT GROUP

PO Box 15 Greenhithe, Auckland



### Newsletter April 2014

Dear Parents,

The group got off to a flying start this year. The Scouts and Venturers have been busy attending and competing at various regattas and the Cub and Kea programs are going along really well with their new leaders Mike Gilby and Jody Hurcum. The group as a whole also had some milestones to report.

#### Here's what has been happening...

##### Keas

Kea and Cub game day pictures link [here](#)

##### Cubs

This term we have invested 6 new cubs and have expanded with a fourth 'Tawny' six being established. We also have 3 new Sixer and 4 new Seconder leaders. Good progress by our newer cubs is being made on the Bronze Award in conjunction with Swimming and Home Help personal interest badges being undertaken. Our theme for Term 1 one was 'Splish Splash' and cubs have been having great fun with a gutter regatta, making water rockets, a water fight and tie dyeing shirts whilst learning about sea life and water safety. Pictures from this term's activities can be found [here](#).

##### Scouts

Scouts have had a busy few months starting with the Scout Jamboree and preparation for the Northland and Auckland Regatta's. Easter was a time for the leaders to take a well earned rest.

January was the chance for the 9 of the senior scouts to head off as part of the Mahurangi Stars Contingent to Jamboree in Fielding near Palmerston North. The experience was rewarding for all of our scouts and all now have friends in the other contingent members Orewa and Calliope. 10 nights under canvas was an experience none of them had done before. The weather was kind to us generally, however, we all learned storm lashings and why Palmerston North requires them. Activities that they participated in were tree planting or weed clearing as a community project, white water rafting, caving, abseiling, sailing, rowing, canoeing, farm activities such as laying a fence, using a digger and riding a quad bike, high ropes and lots of activities involving water and mud.

A great time was had by all and a very tired group of scouts and leaders returned to recover. Thanks to



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Kahu once again stepping up and helping.

Kai Iwi Lakes – Northland Regatta on the 7-9 of March -11 scouts attended –this was another great weekend thanks to the extra helpers, Geoff Lowe (Elliot's Dad) and camp Mums: Vicky Harris and Katrina Barrow. Thanks once again to Kahu and Mike Simms (Arm in sling and all). A second place in the Junior Rowing was a real treat for the scouts and rewarded their persistence and hard work. The key take away was the number of scouts we managed to get on the water sailing. Adam Curlewis, Bethany, James, Connor and Adam Harris all got some real time on the water. Photo in the link [here](#)

Auckland Regatta – Shakespear Reserve on the 4-6 of April- 15 scouts attended with us being able to put in three teams for most activities and even enter an intermediate team in most activities. Mayfield Land Scouts also joined us. The Junior rowing crew could not better the Kai Iwi results and had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup>. However once again our sailing improved and we achieved a second in seamanship for the intermediates. It shows what can be achieved when putting in a bit of work beforehand. Thanks once again to Alex, Daniel, Kahu and the helper parents Geoff and Lindsay for sailing help and camp Mum's: Vicky and Katrina. Photo's in the link [here](#)

Future event dates will be announced following the Patrol Leader meeting on the May 1 but activities planned are for a Survival camp, Shooting Camp, day or weekend hike, Zone swimming sports and Coastguard Day Skipper Course. All in all term 2 promises to be busy to.

### Group Milestones...

#### **Silver Tiki award for Kahu**

After many many years of service to Scouting, Kahu, our group leader, was recognized with a Silver Tiki Award. Many of his family members were present and everyone enjoyed chocolate cake to celebrate.

#### **Working bee**

The group had a successful working bee on the Ship on 19/2/14 (the first in five years). Various parts of the ship were cleaned and painted and a good clear out has seen more room created at the back of the ship, in the ward room and in the kitchen. Parents have also been working at the RDA site where our storage containers are housed. The containers will soon be painted to blend in better with their surroundings.

#### **Family picnic**

The group met at Christmas Beach on Herald Island for a family picnic on 2/3/14. The children had fun and the parents were able to socialize in the beautiful Sunday sun. Some pictures are on the website [here](#).



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### **58 New Life Jackets**

These were purchased using money granted by the ASB Community Trust.

### **Chocolate Fundraiser**

The group raised \$1,032 from your hard efforts at selling Cadbury chocolate bars. This money will be used towards the purchase of metal for the area at the storage containers and paint to paint the containers. New spare tyres have been generously donated by Philip Heald, one of our Kea parents, from Wheels on Wairau.

### **Reminders:**

#### **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 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 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

#### **Pancake Breakfast date set...**

Please keep your diary free for our annual major fundraiser – The Pancake Breakfast – set for **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**. If anyone is able to help it is never too early to offer. Please contact Chiara to let her know your availability. [treasurer@tauhinuseascouts.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@tauhinuseascouts.org.nz). For on the day help please book onto the event on the website [here](#).

#### **Fees...**

Term 2 fees are due 5/5/14.



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### **Tauhinu goes electronic...**

Most of you will now have accessed our new website [www.tauhinuseascouts.org.nz](http://www.tauhinuseascouts.org.nz) Huge thanks to Mike Gilby for this monumental leap forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Please refer to the website for important information and dates for upcoming events. You can also like our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tauhinuseascouts> that will notify you when any new events or news are posted on the website.

Kind regards,

Your Committee