

1st HORNBY HEIGHTS HOWLER



The happenings of Term 3 - 2013

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NEWS UPDATE

Salvation Army -- Tinned Food Drive

Term 4 will again bring on the tinned food drive. Once more, we are collecting food for the Salvation Army at Hornsby who distribute these items to local people who are in need and/or homeless. This collection helps to top up the Salvation Army food cupboards, before Christmas, when they see a significant rise in requests for assistance. It is a great opportunity for our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and

Venturers to learn about being in a community and to help others.

Last year we collected over 4,000 items with our Scout Group taking out top honours.

Boxes will once again be placed in the hall and a running tally placed on the door. Have a word to your leaders, see if you can come up with new ways to collect. The aim is to beat the previous years tally, so get collecting.

Madge

Tamara Dudfield -- Blue Cord Hike

On the 21st to the 22nd of September I lead my blue cord hike starting at Fullers Bridge in Chatswood and finishing at Silver Crescent in Westleigh. Jack Moran, Freja Bennet, Aiden Hose, Josh Tompsett and Grug as our leader accompanied me on my hike.

On the first day we were all excited to get started, however we soon became very tired as we were walking up fairly steep hills. When we stopped to have lunch, we found some wildlife. There was a lizard who we called Dave, an eel

called Geoffrey & a bush turkey called Kevin. While Grug was eating his lunch Kevin (the bush turkey) decided to also have some & had a small bite out of Grug's leg.

When we finally reach Penant Hills Scout Park (where we were camping for the night), we set up our tents and started cooking dinner. I prepared a gourmet dinner of pasta, chicken and bacon which was enjoyed by all.

Once dinner was finished we sat around the fire talking. We soon went to bed. Most of us couldn't get to sleep; this was because of the 'kind' Rovers who were having a party with extremely loud music!

In the morning we all got packed up and were ready to go by 8:00 AM. When we started walking we had a few minor injuries. One of these included me sliding down a slippery rock and nearly falling into the river. This was pretty funny and we were soon back on track.

My Blue Cord, was amazing fun and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Special thanks go to Grug who was our leader on the hike and Freddo and Chip who helped with all the planning.

By Tamara Dudfield

CALENDAR

2nd - 3rd November	Family Camp, Crosslands. Come for the day or the weekend. RSVP to Alan Todd for catering Saturday.
10th November	Salvation Army can collecting outside Woolworths
2nd - 3rd November	Relay For Life
16th - 18th November	Ventout
24th November	District Fun Day Scouts
14th December	Christmas Tree sales at Rofe Park.

Now WITH 300% MORE MICHAEL

JOEYS

Of all the terms that the Joeys have reported, that, "this was a busy Term", THIS one takes the cake.

We Joeys also made a 1st Hornsby Heights first, this term with five Joeys linking, to an already full Wombat Cub Pack. It was literally a case of a Joey moving up, only after a Cub had linked. Farewell, Ryan, Owen, Max, Declan G and Declan W L

We buddied with 1st Waitara Joey Scouts this term, with half the mob achieving their Buddy Badge. J We made Pizzas in a milk cartons, always

a hit, and had a very piratical term (coincidentally falling over International Talk like a Pirate Day - 19/09/13) leading up to Joey Fun Day which (surprise) had a Pirate theme ;-)

The Term ended on a very high note with our joint mob activity at Mini Golf – Brickpit Park Thornleigh. Think of a reason to go guys..... Just brilliant!!!

Hint ;-) Eighteen holes is not enough! Too much fun to be had – Go for thirty-six



holes!
YIS - HOP! HOP! HOP!

Ainslee Furnell
"Garumunda"JSL -

CUBS

Tall Ship Visit

On the 17th and 18th of August Cubs from the Wombat Pack and Koala Pack went on the Tall Ship the James Craig in Sydney Harbour.

We slept overnight in hammocks which were not that comfortable and freezing cold, but a great adventure. We had lots of jobs to do before it was lights out such as: Daisy chaining our luggage down the stairs, learning how to tie all types of knots and tying up our hammocks.

We were made to lower a bucket overboard, pull up the bucket full of water and throw it on the deck and scrub it clean. They taught us about when the James Craig was

out at sea and when it carried cargo in the 1800's. We had great fun exploring the ship and watching a spectacular display of fireworks over the harbour.

We had a quick game of tug-of-war with 1 against 6. Surprisingly the 1 person won with the help of a pulley system. In the night we had some trespassers come onto the boat. Luckily Jacala was still awake and held them captive until Security arrived – it was an exciting twist to our adventure.

By Katie Fogden

Koala Pack

On the first Wednesday of school holidays, I went with

four other scouts (Nick from Normo Scouts, Mitchell from Laylor Park Scouts, Aiden Drinkwater and my broTom) on a Green Cord Hike in the Blue Mountains.

In three days we managed to walk 30km. Along the way, we saw many snakes and a lyre bird and Aiden got a tick (nobody got leeches, yay!).

We saw Clarinda Waterfall, we walked along Sassafras Creek and saw massive valleys. Some of us learned how to use a map, compass and a G.P.S.

We didn't have enough water to survive three days, so we collected water from the creek and had to use purification tablets. Although, the water still didn't taste nice, so we used cordial sticks (we had raspberry and lime, but my favourite flavour was raspberry). We could make mobile phone calls on most of the 3 day hike.

On our hike we had no leaders or parents to boss us around and we didn't fall off a cliff, get bitten by a snake or lose our equipment (we only lost a funnel we did well!). We finished the hike 5

hours early! And then caught the train back to Hornsby for pizza to celebrate!

By Meg Judge

Wombat Pack

Wombats get bigger and better

This Term saw us expand our Pack, by opening up a 5th Six. Congratulations to Cameron Drake as Sixer and Isabella Tombolato as Second of the new Grey Six. Also, congratulations to Michaela Becchio as Sixer and Lachlan Barke as Second of Tawny Six.

Jarod's Grey Wolf Hike - Saturday, 7th September

On a very hot Election Day, we set out on the Jungo Walk Pennant Hills Circuit with 7 Cubs, Chil & Kanga.

We had a nice break in the 29C shade and found someone had very conveniently



left their sprinkler going – so we cooled off.

Swimming Badge with Koalas - Friday, 13th September

We hired Loretto Normanhurst pool for the night and invited the Koala's to join us. 10 Level 1 & 11 Level 2 Swimming Badges were earned on the night. 1,2,3 Wolf!



tents we danced till late, some talked till very late. Thanks to Chip for setting the mood for our evening. In the morning (and I mean REALLY EARLY morning) we cooked

bacon & eggs in Brown paper bags. 4 Cubs completed their Gold Cooking by preparing a full grilled breakfast for the Leaders. We packed up, played and went



ison Roberts - Second of Black Six.

Welcome to the Pack

New Chums Alex Noot, Daniel Marten, Noah Lees and Joey Charlie Thompson !1,2,3 Wolf

Mykaela

We celebrated Mykaela Lehrer's Grey Wolf Achievement on Friday 23rd August with Mary Robinson – District Commissioner presenting the Award.



End of Term Disco and Sleep Over - Friday, 20th September

We started the evening by investing New Chum Noah Lees by disco light! After putting up the



on a bush walk before farewelling Brody Pearce of to Scouts. Badges were presented and new Sixers & Second appointed.

Congratulations to Jarod Baxter – Sixer of White, Monique Dever - Sixer & Mad-



SCOUTS

Term 3

We started the term preparing for State Rally - putting up hiking tents, gear and packing, and some food and menu ideas.

That was followed by a musical evening, some Scouts bringing along their own instruments, and everybody also making their own from a va-

riety of materials. The concert at the end was quite interesting.

We had three patrols go to State Rally, an easy hiking and activities event at Cataract Scout Park. We had our best result for some time, Billy Moran's patrol getting 3rd in Sydney North Region – excellent work by Billy and the



patrol.

We had a Dili dollar night to support Scouting in Dili, Timor. Everyone dressed up in the colours of the Timor flag and donated \$2. Combined with some money left over from the Jamboree reunion, we collected \$172, which was send to Scouts NSW.



themselves, and no major stacks.

Emily organized an ice skating trip to Baulkham Hills, twenty three Scouts attended, had a great time and also, no major stacks.

Grug organized another bike hike in the Blue Mountains, seven Scouts and five parents had a great day following The Oaks Fire Trail from Woodford to Glenbrook. I understand it is mostly downhill, but some comments indicate there is some hard work to do as well. Everyone enjoyed

Three of our troop attended the district Construction and Pioneering course, learning about many different types of knots, lashings and other *pto*

pioneering activities. I am looking forward to seeing the construction models they bring in to complete their badge work.

We visited the Venturers for a combined evening, where the Venturers ran a very interesting "Minute to Win It" evening. A wide variety of interesting games kept everyone amused, and we ended with slide show of various Venturer adventurous activities.

A special evening was had at Bunnings, helping build possum boxes for WIRES. Almost the whole troop turned up with Bunnings providing hotdogs and soft drink to start with. A representative from WIRES gave an interesting talk about their work, and then

it was box building. Bunnings provided all the material and tools, enough sets for each patrol and lots of enthusiastic advice. We got 6 boxes assembled, now we just need to put the hole in and complete. Many thanks to WIRES, Bunnings and Madge for organizing.

Six of our patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders – some of next years leadership team – attended the District Leadership course at Crosslands. Learning about Scouts, leadership, teamwork, how a troop is run etc. they are ready to take a stronger role in running the troop.

We finished off with a wide game around Asquith. It was organized by Bucket, who

unfortunately couldn't make it on the night, but the directions and instructions must have been good as no-one got lost, although some navigating was a bit haphazard.

It was quite a small team that went on the Scout ski trip in August, but Eddie, Oscar, Chip and I and a good time, and got the best snow of the season, although Sunday's blizzard limited skiing options.

We said farewell to Daniel and Kyle to Venturers – all the best in the future guys.

A special mention to the following Scouts who did some great things:

- Daniel Hose was presented with his Adventur-

er level badge and cord, and Scout Medallion. These are highest awards a Scout can achieve.

- Aiden Hose attended the Sydney North Region Scout Youth Council, a forum for Scouts to have their say in how the organization is organized and run

- Thomas Judge completed his Adventurer level hike. In the Blue mountains, in the heat of the school holidays, 2 nights and 30 km. Great work to the 5 Scouts in the team.

- Tamara Dudfield completed her Explorer level hike. From Lane Cove to Westleigh. 1 night and 15 km. Well done to the team.

Freddo
David Sutton

VENTURERS

Venturers Term 3, 2013

People often ask me if I am having fun being a Venturer Leader and my reply is always yes! It is a pleasure being a Leader of such a great bunch of young adults. Where else can you have a three course meal cooked for you, play glow in the dark games, learn how to tie dye a t-shirt or be entertained by watching the hysterical scene of Vennies trying to act out names of films and songs while playing charades! Whether it's trying to beat them at bowling, abseil down a 60 meter rock face or attempting to sound like you can sing with "Sing Star," Venturers is full of different and interesting challenges!

This term we had the pleasure of the Hornsby Heights Scouts join us for a "Minute to Win It" night.

It was a great opportunity for the Scouts to meet and mingle with the Venturers. I hope the Scouts had fun.

Congratulations to Brodie Miller (Normo), Matt Miller (Normo) and Imogen Hicks (Hornsby Heights) for the completion of their Queen Scout Award, we are very proud of you. All have been presented with their awards in ways chosen by the recipient varying from a ceremony in the hall, to being half way down a cliff face at North Head as the sun set or in the pleasant surrounds of the bush at Crosslands. It is a great achievement, BRAVOOO!

I would like to welcome Kyle O'Neill and Daniel Hose to Ventures, and say a fond farewell to Austin Carey and Rebecca Mabbott who have moved onto Rovers. (You

will be greatly missed) May all your adventures, wherever they may lead you, be interesting ones!

Term 4 is full of activities - Relay for Life, Canyoning/abseiling courses, a caving weekend, Ventout, our "Chill Out" weekend and that's just what is happening on the weekends!

Thanks to all the Venturers and Leaders who have made this year an awesome one!



I'm looking forward to 2014!

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