



SCOUTS[®]
New Zealand



GROUP LEADER – Cliff Brown



Term 2 was another busy one as you will see by reading the Section reports below. Camps and expeditions form the heart of Scouting and although they involve lots of logistics for the Leaders to deal with, our magnificent team is up to the task and we know that the youth love to get out there.

The wide range of other activities is also very satisfying. Crafting Koas, Scientific Sleepover, Clip 'n Climb, the Monster Hike fundraiser, bike rides, Community service, Mid-Winter Warmer, Sausage sizzles... the list seems endless. If you have a great activity idea for any of the sections or have a skill/talent that you could demonstrate one evening, talk to your Leader.

We are keen to ensure that we keep the youth Programme full and varied and to do that we need to maintain a strong Leader team. We've welcomed Carl Howcroft to Wednesday Cubs but we need more Leaders to provide for future changes. Please have a think about saying "Yes" and offering some time to the Group, whether in Keas, Cubs or Scouts. All sections have openings!

The Den is always on the lookout for donated gear, so if you have anything you no longer need which you think might be useful to us, do please ask a Leader before sending it to landfill. It could be anything from a metal BBQ spatula to a newish spare laptop computer! And if you are renovating your kitchen and can give us a wall cupboard... well that would be very timely :-)

During the Mid-Winter Warmer we awarded three Long Service awards:

- Nikki Dodd, Section Kea Leader – 3 years' service
- Kate Parker, Secretary for Committee – 5 years' service
- Hayley Law, Assistant Group Leader – 5 years' service

A reminder that we had to lift Term fees last term and the current structure is:

Keas = \$95

Cubs = \$115

Scouts = \$115

Venturers = \$85

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Diary Dates



**Saturday 21st
September
Mudslide Day**



KEA Section Leader – Nikki Dodd



It's been a 'Happy Birthday' kind of a Term at Keas in Term 2. Our jolly little Koa Kea mascot is celebrating his 40th Birthday this year, marking 40 years of Kea Scouts in New Zealand. Traditionally, worldwide the youngest Scouts carry the name of one of their country's memorable creatures – Beavers in UK, Joeys in Australia... how very appropriate that in NZ we use the name of a creature known

for its exceptionally cheeky nature, natural curiosity and remarkable intelligence!

This Term our Keas have risen to the challenge of completing 20 different activities to earn our Koa Kea 40th Birthday Badges. We have named 40 countries; kept balloons in the air for 40 seconds; made our own Koa Keas out of pom poms; practised signing our names using NZ Sign Language – to name but a few. We will be continuing the challenges into Term 3 so that by the time the actual Birthday comes around in October we will all be proud owners of the Birthday Badge. We still have a Birthday marshmallow roast to look forward to which will round off Term 2 nicely this week.



Term 3 sees us without our Takahe (Joseph) who is heading South to continue his studies for a couple of Terms – but we are pleased to say that Pukeko (Hayley) will be filling in for him on Wednesdays. We are looking forward to some more 40th Birthday activities and also a sleepover at our Den, and we will be working on our Conservation Kea badge together.

CUB Section Leader – Olivia Stacy



This Term has been a fun filled and action packed one for both Cubs and Leaders. Our programme included Sparks in the Heart, Cubs learning about domestic jobs, talking about what makes Cubs so special for youth week, and celebrating Matariki. The Term also included a rather wet combined night Scavenger Hunt around Devonport and our annual "3 Volcanoes Hike".



On Queen's Birthday Monday for our annual "Monster Hike" a group of Cubs and Scouts and their families walked the Auckland Coast to Coast trail, raising a total of \$1,800 for Westpac Helicopters. Then on Mid-Winter weekend we had a Den Camp that saw 21 Cubs and 4 Leaders brave the wintery cold to sleep out for a night, and fun was had by all. I would like to thank all the families who gave up their time to help out at camp - without this we couldn't have run the event.



I would like to welcome Carl Howcroft who has joined the Team of Cubs Leaders on Wednesdays. And Kevin Law, after nearly six years with Cubs, will be moving on to Scouts next Term. His dedication to Cubs and the huge effort he has put in over that time both as the Section Leader and as an Akela will be missed greatly and we wish him well in Scouts.

Kea Section



Cub Section



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SCOUT Section Leaders – Moira and Jason



A flurry of camps marked April and May. Term 1 ended with a Cossgrove Camp at Riverhead, where our Scouts learnt how to set up and run a standing camp.



Term 2 began with a number of Scouts participating in the Sandford leadership course held at Camp Maynard. At the Sandford they learn lots of tricks for managing a Patrol and have heaps of fun along the way. These are both Zone-organised events which are vital to the learning path our Scouts undertake, so please support them with their attendance when they are invited.

Our Jamboree Scouts attended their first pre-Jam camp, and we also ran a very successful weekend

Award Scheme camp at the Den. It was a flat-out weekend run by Jason and Alec with some fantastic support from Rebecca and our warranted adult helper Rixt. If you would like to help out at any of our camps, hikes and events please let me know and I will get you the forms for a police check. Being a police-checked parent helps us out when we need extra parents for camps and outings or if a Leader is unable to make a session. Your support is greatly appreciated.

At our Scout nights we have been busy with community service, learning about our local history with our local history hikes, and some mystery box cooking – always a great evening of innovative cuisine. We have earned our Civil Defence badge and will end the Term with a great night out at JUMP!



Scout Section



Jamboree – The Phantom Panthers

The first weekend of this Term our “Phantom Panthers” Troop held their first pre-Jamboree camp. It was totally awesome! They met their fellow Patrol members and participated in some great activities: learning how to pitch a Jamboree campsite, organising their Patrol chant, planning the gateway, developing essential cooking skills and having lots of fun along the way with slingshots and trebuchets.



Parents – please give your Scouts plenty of peeling and chopping practice to get them up to speed, and get them hand washing dishes too! There are no dishwashers at Jamboree so all Scouts need to learn to wash and dry dishes by hand and to do it QUICKLY!

Everyone has now registered via the Jamboree website – thank you.

Please update your registration if anything changes between now and 28 December.



There has been lots of fundraising happening, which is great to see. The more that Scouts fundraise for themselves the more special their Jamboree becomes. Most recently a number of Scouts took on the challenge of a mid-winter dip in the sea in their uniforms as a fundraiser.



Please let me know of any other fundraisers coming up so I can advertise them to our wider Scout family.



5th July:
2nd \$500
payment due.

11-13 October:
Pre-Jam 2 camp

VENTURER Section Leader – Cliff Brown

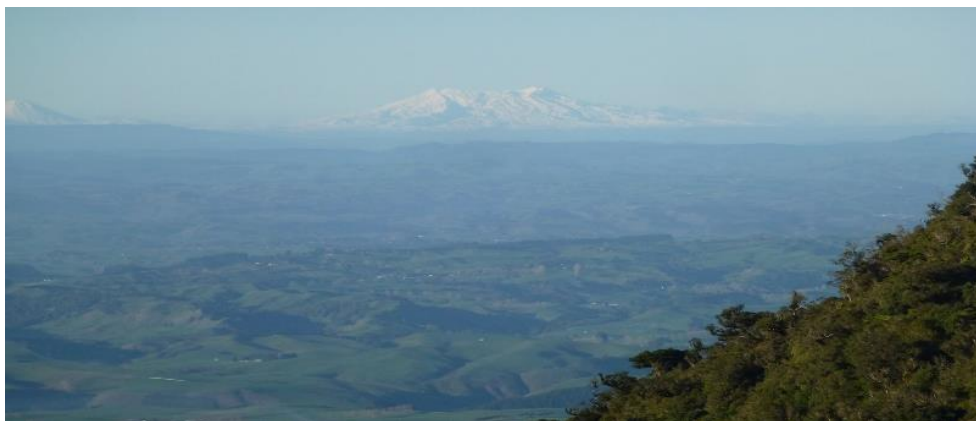


After a small planning hiccup, Term 2 saw the Venturers out expeditioning on two consecutive weekends. For the first, João took six Venturers to the Coromandel, then spent that first day climbing an (allegedly) near-vertical track to the Crosbie Hut, which they had to themselves overnight. Day 2 looped downhill returning back to the coast. Bronze tramp: done ✓

The second tramp involved all 7 Venturers and both Leaders visiting Pirongia Forest Park for a Silver-level 2-nighter over Queen's Birthday weekend. Saturday's hike started with thunder and hail, with regular showers all day to keep us wet. With no shelter at the campsite we cooked in the rain and had an early night, which was very cold.



On day 2 we did the Bell Track, which seems to be the longest, hardest and muddiest way up to the Pahautea Hut. Possibly the toughest day's tramping I've ever done, but the view to Mt Ruapehu 150 kms away was magnificent. Day 3 was a relatively easy descent down the Tahanui Track. These two tramps gave the Venturers good progress in their Award schemes, and during the Term we did plenty of modules to tick off some other elements needed.



The Venturers also ran a fundraising sausage sizzle at the Devonport Mid-Winter Swim to help replenish their Unit funds.

To cap a successful Term 2 we're finishing off with a trip to Henderson for an evening of Go-Kart racing, joined by some parents. Vrooom!



Venturer
Section

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COMMITTEE Chair – Anne Lofts



Half way through 2019! A massive thank you to our Leaders for delivering a fantastic programme and to those parents who have helped and supported them.

From a Committee perspective we've had an exciting Term 2. We sold out our Clip 'n Climb fundraiser (raised \$700) and had a great turnout to our Mid-Winter Warmer, where many 1DSG families connected and celebrated awards and participated in campfire entertainment (and our famous mulled wine!). Thank you to everyone who attended.

In Term 3 we're holding our annual Mudslide Day on Saturday 21 September. Parent help is needed please for the sausage sizzle and baking stall, so reserve the date and sign-up sheets will be in the Den in August. You might try the mudslide yourself!



We're continuing to receive fantastic support from local businesses and organisations. A big 'thank you' to:

- **Pub Charity** – for a \$2,000 grant toward our Scout shirts
- **Fullers** – now offering 10% discount on ferry services to Rangitoto Island when travelling to our 'Scoutsville' bach
- **Devonport 7 Day pharmacy** – quote "1st Devonport Scouts" and a discount is available on some purchases

If your business is interested in contributing products or services to 1DSG this year, please get in touch.

If you are looking ahead to birthday parties or even Christmas parties (!) don't forget our Den is available to hire. Please contact Rachel Beer for more information on 1dsg.denhire@gmail.com or 022 639 0181.

Our amazing Committee continues to provide great support to our Leaders, applying for grants, maintaining the Den and coordinating events. We have two Committee vacancies – one for event support and the other as Treasurer (Xero experience helpful). It's only a couple of hours per month and loads of fun. Please contact either Cliff or me on 021 240 7661 to find out more.

Committee

**Mudslide Day
on Saturday 21
September**

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Rachel Beer**

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4 hours for \$80.00

