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New Zealand



GROUP LEADER – Cliff Brown



Term 3 was certainly busy across all Sections.

My thanks and congratulations to all those Leaders and helpers who made everything happen. 1DSG has grown and we now have 92 active youth members, with quite a few others waiting in the wings.

News: For quite some time SCOUTS New Zealand has been working on a new structure for the core Scouting programme. The actual content of the Programme has various updates and tweaks, but the main changes are to bring more clarity and consistency to

the Programme's structure and the requirements for achievement, across all Sections. The changes follow similar shifts in Australia and Ireland among others, so NZ is well positioned to adopt best practice and be ahead of the pack while not being a guinea pig. A few Scout Groups (not 1DSG) are trialling the new Programme in Term 4 then the rest of us will be phased on stream during the course of 2020. Group Leaders have been introduced to the new structure and having seen it ready for launch I think it will be a big positive step forward. More details will come later.

Meanwhile, let's attack Term 4 with gusto. As well as the weekly Programme there are camps to be done (notably the Scout's final pre-jamboree camp) and there'll be our AGM/Awards night, Devonport Santa Parade and Xmas Tree fundraiser events to look forward to. So keep an eye on emails, make sure things are in your diary, get involved, "Be Positive" and have fun!

COMMITTEE Chair – Anne Lofts



Thank you to everyone for getting involved with our annual Mudslide day. This was great success

Thinking ahead, we're now only a few months away from Christmas (!) – please don't forget:

- Christmas Tree delivery and collection orders will open in late October
- Devonport Santa Parade is on Sunday 1 December
- our Den is available to hire for parties - please contact Rachel Beer for more information on 022 639 0181

These Christmas activities are a HUGE fundraiser for 1DSG and make a significant contribution to the programmes we run for our young people. We really appreciate the continued support we receive from parents to help make these a success.

Our amazing Committee continue to provide great support to our Leaders – applying for grants, maintaining the Den and coordinating events. Congratulations and a massive thank you to Kate Parker (Secretary) and Katherine Downs (Grants) who we recently presented with their 5-year service awards.

URGENT help needed please – do you enjoy running small projects, or love numbers? We have a couple of Committee vacancies - for a Treasurer (Xero experience helpful) and someone to support our current team with Christmas Trees and Den hire. It's only a couple of hours per month and loads of fun, so please contact either Cliff or me on 021 240 7661 to find out more.

Diary Dates



Term 4

9-week term

Starting

Monday

14 October 2019

until

9 December 2019

Committee

Devonport Santa
Parade
Sunday
1 December

Den Hire

Rachel Beer

1dsg.denhire@gmail.com

or

022 639 0181

4 hours for \$80.00



KEA Section Leader – Nikki Dodd



Wow, what a Term at Keas!

The visit to Devonport fire station was a real highlight. The fire crews made us truly welcome with a tour of the station, the fire engine and most excitingly the hoses! The Keas were ready for the challenge and the firefighters had to cope



with some probing questions... including wondering what would happen if the fire station caught fire (apparently it did, few years ago now); whether there is a pole at the fire station (sadly not); and whether the fireman has a wife... no clear answer on that one!

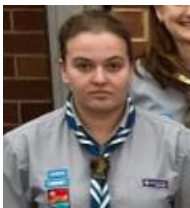
The other big event was our sleepover at the Den, with Calliope Keas joining in. It's a great place for a Kea's first sleepover as it's familiar territory and not too far from home. By the time our Keas fly up to Cubs they are keen and eager for their first outdoor camp.

The theme was Koa Kea's 40th Birthday and we blew out 40 candles on a special Koa Kea birthday cake. We played party games and excitedly pitched our indoor tents to set up 'camp'. We all had a great time – even if our sleepy eyes didn't quite make it to the end of the Muppet Movie (also 40 years old this year!). Insomniacs please contact Kiwi for advice!



Next Term we have the Zone Kea Hike on 3 November to look forward to, then the final Koa Kea 40th Birthday Event at Motu Moana Scout Camp on 16 November. Both are family events, with more details to come.

CUB Section Leader – Olivia Stacy



This term has been fun-filled and action-packed with a wide range of activities, including making bug hotels, playing wide games, celebrating the National scarf day and Campfire week, working on the Artist, Book Reader and Gardener badges and more.



Also, six Cubs had a weekend at Camp Makarau at the annual Scout & Cub (SCUB) "link" camp. The aim of this camp is to help Cubs in year 6 at school to get to know some of the Scouts and Scout Leaders before transitioning to Scouts and to have a go at



some of the activities Scouts do as well as to continue to develop their outdoor skills. Over the course of the camp, Cubs had a go at cooking on outdoor stoves, following trails, building 'A' frames using knots and lashings, and exploring and building shelters in the bush.

I would like to thank all of the Leaders for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for Cubs and the time they put into planning, running weekly meetings and attending weekend camps. Without this we wouldn't have been able to continue to run the programme that we do! I would also like to acknowledge our two Venturer Programme Activity Leaders Elliot and Max for the time they put in each week. And of course, a big BRAVO to all the Cubs' families for their help and support this term.

Kea Section Diary Dates

Zone Kea Hike
3 November

Koa Kea 40th
Birthday Event
Motu Moana
Scout Camp
16 November



Cub Section

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SCOUT Section Leaders – Moira and Jason



Winter has been super-active and fun with two Gold camps at Rangitoto, a 'Scub' Link camp at Makarau, and Sandford leadership courses for APLs and up-and-coming PLs. A Cossgrove course and the 2nd Pre-Jam camp will round off Term 3's outdoor activities. We visited the Traffic Management Centre at Smales Farm and our end of term activity will be a strike at

Tenpin bowling. Of course, Mudslide day was on Saturday 21 September! Whew!

This term's Conservation badge focus included gathering several kgs of rubbish at beach clean-ups. Scouts must undertake the other projects for this badge under their own initiative, to be tested by the Leaders. At campfire cooking nights Scouts consumed over 4kg of marshmallows and even the elusive "purple soup" was served on one occasion.



We welcomed Jari, Max and Edward and now have 30 Scouts. The Den can get really busy/noisy when we are all inside, so we have regularly split the Patrols between in-Den and around-Devonport activities. We also welcomed Kevin Law who 'retired' from the Cub section to join our existing four Scout Leaders.

A special thank you to the parents from all us Leaders. Without your help, such as presentations on Conservation and Science as guest speakers as well as providing transport, we simply could not run our events.

Parents and caregivers can also help Scouts by helping them review their award scheme book and confirm what they are working on for bronze, silver and gold awards.

Jamboree – The Phantom Panthers

By outward appearances it's been very quiet on the Jamboree front. No camps, no outings. What's going on? LOTS! The Jamboree organisers have been finalising awesome activities, tasty menus, sites for each Troop at Mystery Creek and advertising for adult helpers. Thank you to our very own parent Scott Read who has given up his summer holiday and signed up to help on a base. Anyone else keen to support our youth at Jamboree please let me know and I'll get you signed up.

Our campsite is some of the best real estate at Mystery creek, a flat sunny, corner site with water to the boundary. Anyone from last Jamboree will remember the long haul down the dusty road to fill our water containers.

1st Devonport Scouts have also been busy with an array of fundraising initiatives: pamphlet drops for local politicians, manufacture and sale of amazing wooden creations (see Keiran Koit for some great gift ideas), cards and fabric gifts (see Nevan Koit), a deep clean for your car wheels & tyres (see either Koit brother), and a Hypnosis Comedy Night coming up on Friday 18 October (see Siena Blackhall for details or the poster at the Den.)

Scout Section



11-13 October:
Pre-Jam 2 camp



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The badges are being sewn, the shirts are being manufactured, shorts and hoodies and scarves have been purchased. Warkworth have constructed a super cool gateway and everything is coming together. Our next camp is 11-13 October - remember this is a compulsory camp. Compulsory fun!



Hypnosis
Comedy Night
Friday
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VENTURER Section Leader – Cliff Brown



The Drift-Kart racing which capped off Term 2 was a huge success, drawing out the competitive spirit in us all. Then early in Term 3 the Venturers put their presentation skills to the test by hosting a “Venturing Explained” session for over a dozen senior Scouts from 1DSG, Takapuna, and Tauhinu Sea Scouts. They did exceptionally well in giving the audience a taste of Venturing and we hope all the visitors were

left keen to progress up to our Section in due course. Term 3 is also time for our Annual Formal Dinner at the Den. This year, three of our wonderful hard-working Committee members were guests of honour, treated to a home-made feast in an elegant setting enhanced by the soothing noise of torrential rain on the roof. Tenpin bowling with the Venturers from Rangitoto Combined Unit (based at All Saints Birkenhead) was a fun outing for a few of us but attendance this term has been limited by a couple of our number busy with sport, and now we’re into the delights of NCEA exam mocks which clearly must take priority. We’ll finish this Term with a social meal out somewhere and see what Adventuring can be dreamed up for Term 4.



Venturer Section

National Photography School

Matthew attended this year’s school and reports: “In the July school holidays I went to photography school and had lots of fun. We spent 8 days at Brookfield Outdoor Education Camp in Wellington. Each day we learnt about a different photographic technique and then went out and practised it. I really recommend this national school for anyone who likes photography.”



Matthew Hoyte
Patrol Leader
Scouts