

July 2014

Newsletter



Scout'n'About

Welcome !



Well, Term 2 was HUGE, there is no other word for it. The Scouts seemed to be camping every other weekend, culminating in Nighthawk on 28/29 June; the Venturers were victorious at Roventure; the Joeys and Cubs travelled to Ingham for the Cu-Joe games, and families and Leaders enjoyed Family Camp at Hidden Valley over the June long weekend. Look inside for more details of our Sections' activities.

Term 3 also promises to be awesome, with Region Camp on 2—3 August. We are also in the final countdown to Cultural Fest, which is on from **13—17 August**. Remember to put your name on the Roster in the Den as we need all hands on deck for this important fundraising activity.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter. As usual, please let us know if you have any items you would like to include in our newsletter, and photos are always very welcome! Email to calypsogold13@yahoo.com.au.

The Group Committee



PIMLICO MUNDINGBURRA DEN
McIntyre Street, Mundingburra

Meeting times:

Joeys—Mondays 6-7.30 pm

Cubs—Wednesdays 7-8.30pm

Scouts—Thursdays 7-9pm

Venturers—Thursdays 7-9pm

Joeys



This term the Joeys learnt about Anzac Day (thanks Jakala) and participated in the Anzac Day March on the Strand.

The Joeys also hosted some special guests at the Den to celebrate Mothers Day, and explored Jezzine Barracks with the Cubs for Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT). In May the Joeys helped our environment by planting trees at Oak Valley and had a blast at the Cu-Joe Games at Ingham.

The term ended with the Joeys being awarded their badges in recognition of all their hard work.



Congratulations ...

Kelisha Lynch (Scout name Budgie) was invested as a Joey Leader at Family Camp.

Kelisha is a long-time member of the Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group. She earned her Grey Wolf award in 2007 and her Australian Scout Medallion in 2010.

Kelisha is now ready to face her hardest challenge yet—the Joey mob!





Anzac Day 2014

All of our Sections were represented at Anzac Day ceremonies this year, at several locations across our region.

Joys and Cubs marched in Townsville, the Scouts attended the Dawn Service on Magentic Island and Venturers marched at Charters Towers.



Cubs

The Cubs also had a busy Term 2, with the Region Camp at Tamaroo quickly followed by the Cu-Joe Games in Ingham. Thanks to our Cub leaders for an awesome effort with both camps, and special mention to Larni Wallace who helped out with Region Camp.

The Cubs continue to work on their Boomerang badges and learnt about camp craft this term, including the all-important skills of pitching a tent and lighting a campfire. Mothers (and some Fathers) helped celebrate Mothers Day and the Cubs enjoyed their JOTT around Jezzine Barracks.

The term ended with a sleepover and movie night at the Den. We also said farewell to Jakala, who will be moving to the Bluewater Group. We will miss him and wish him well with his new Group.



Scouts



Where to begin ... Term 2 started with a three day camp at Magnetic Island over the Anzac Day long weekend. The Scouts attended Dawn Service (yes, they can get out of bed before sunrise), did the Forts walk, fished at Picnic Bay and swam at Florence Bay. This was followed by Region Camp at Paluma Dam, where everyone got a little bit wet.

Other activities included bowling, laser skirmish and a movie night. The term ended with Nighthawk, where Scouts competed against Scouts and Venturers from the Kennedy Region. The Scouts had to complete a 12 km course at night using a map and compass. Along the way they faced a range of challenges at various checkpoints to test their problem solving abilities.

Green Level Hike

Before



After



On the June long weekend, a group of Scouts led by Larni Wallace completed their Green Level hike, a 3 day hike through 30km of unfamiliar terrain which the Scouts must complete without the assistance of Leaders. The hike traversed rugged country around Hidden Valley, including some very steep and rocky sections. It was made much more challenging by the wet and foggy weather, which not only reduced visibility but made rock climbing very treacherous.

Throughout the hike, the Scouts demonstrated courage, resilience and ingenuity, and made their leaders very proud.

Thanks to Panda, Quokka, Dom and Dee, and all the Scout leaders for supporting the Scouts in this achievement.



Know your Scout leaders ...

Scout leaders must be adaptable, flexible and possess the ability to power nap whenever the opportunity arises.



Kiara



Pumbaa



Tiger



Bear



Panda

Family Camp 2014



Family Camp this year was held at the Hidden Valley Cricket Ground, in the hills behind Paluma. It was a great location for a camp, and many thanks to Yogi and Sue for finding such a brilliant venue. There was plenty of room for all the campers to spread out. Yes, it did rain but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm one bit.

Activities over the weekend included a very interesting talk by Joanne Drew about the local environment. The younger participants especially enjoyed catching insects and observing them in Joanne's special containers. The insects probably didn't enjoy it so much.



Joey Leader Budgie challenged us mentally, with tricky treasure hunt questions, and physically, with obstacle courses, taco sword fighting, doughnut eating and a host of other games. Pumbaa and Keego continued the tradition of screen printing camp shirts. Echidna put in a huge effort to make four fantastic piñatas—the Venturers piñata was so well made that they resorted to using it as a baseball to try to break it open.



Big thanks also to Bear and Budgie for a scrumptious Mexican feast on Saturday night and to Kaa for the Campfire on Sunday.

And while we were relaxing around the fire, a group of Scouts spent the three days doing a Green level hike in very challenging conditions. More about that on the Scouts page



Venturers

After receiving a stern email from the group leader earlier this term, the unit spurred into action to clean up their act and the Venturer den as well. Not only did they clean it, the Venturers removed every item from the room, swept, gurneyed and mopped the floor, walls, windows, footpath, outside wall, the door and, of course, each other. The result: a sparkling clean den and one very impressed Group leader!

This was not a one-off occasion. Certain members of the Unit were also sighted washing dishes at the Family Camp. Perhaps it's a trend ...?

Other highlights this term include the amazing race 'roventure', family camp, and the Kennedy Regional Venturer Camp at Charters Towers for the ANZAC Day weekend.



Recently the unit has said good-bye to some of its long serving members as they have finally come of age. Billy Woodhead, Nic Webster. SE Qld uni students Anita Horton and Patrick Rice have also finally turned 18 (to the surprise of many).

With their departure the unit is now looking for new members, to step up to the challenge of Venturers and do things that they didn't think they could, because they were too dangerous.



Cultural Fest is on from Wednesday August 13 to Sunday August 17 2014 at Jezzine Barracks.

The Roster is at the Den now—remember to put your name down!



Important Dates—Term 3*

July

- 16 Cubs Term 3 commences
- 17 Scouts /Venturers Term 3 commences
- 16 Group Committee meeting
- 21 Joeys Term 3 Commences

August

- 3-4 Region Camp (Tarmaroo campsite)
- 13-17 Cultural Fest
- 18 Clean up Cultural Fest venue
- 19 Group Committee meeting

September

- 6 Scouts Region Regatta (Loam Island)
- 7 Fathers Day
- 15 Joeys last day Term 3
- 17 Cubs last day Term 3
- 18 Scouts and Venturers last day Term 3
- 21-26 Cuboree

October

- 8 Cubs Term 4 commences
- 9 Scouts and Venturers Term 4 commence
- 13 Joeys Term 4 commences

** Please note dates/activities subject to change—always check with your Leaders*

Don't forget ...

Make sure your child takes warm and weatherproof clothing when they go on camp. It can get cold and wet out there !

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