

February 2016

Newsletter



Scout'n'About

Welcome !



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016 and Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a restful break, and that you are all ready to get back into another exciting year of Scouting.

In this newsletter we have a “special feature” on AJ2016—the Australian Scout Jamboree. Attended by over 11,000 members of the Scouting community, the Jamboree was an action-packed event which the Scouts will never forget.

You will find a list of Important Dates for Term 1 inside this Newsletter, as well as a few snaps of our Sections’ activities from last term.

Our first major activity for this year is the Region Swimming Carnival which is on 20 February 2016; its always a lot of fun so make sure to come along.

Our next Group Executive Committee meeting will be on 15 February 2016 at the Den. All parents are welcome to attend.

Remember that you can always to check out our Sections on Facebook—we have lots of photos and news about each of our sections. Just search “Pimlico Mundingburra” - it’s a great way to keep in touch with what is happening each week.

The Group Committee



Kennedy Region Scouts departing for AJ2016

PIMLICO MUNDINGBURRA DEN
McIntyre Street, Mundingburra

Meeting times:

Joeys—Mondays 6-7.30 pm

Cubs—Wednesdays 6.30-8pm

Scouts—Thursdays 7-9pm

Venturers—Mondays 7-9pm

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME**

Joeys



The Joeys had a fun-filled Term 4 with a highlight being the Joey Jaunt held at the Den on 31 October. Lots of activities for Joeys, and Leaders too — in fact, I'm not sure who had the best time; possibly an assistant Cub Leader?

The Joeys also worked hard earning their Buddy badges. Well done, Joeys!

Joeys return on Monday 1 February 2016.





Cubs



The following Cubs completed their requirements for the Grey Wolf Award during Term 4:

Kaelah Whittaker, James Low and Luke Carroll.

Matthew Nielsen also completed his Grey Wolf hike and will no doubt be receiving his Grey Wolf award soon.

Each of these Cubs had to plan and lead a hike of at least two hours duration. Every one displayed leadership skills and a maturity beyond their years. We are very proud of them and look forward to them enjoying their time with the Scout section. We would also like to thank the Leaders (especially Pumbaa and Keego) who supervised the hikes.

As you can see from the photos, the Cubs enjoyed their Term 4 break up at Putt Putt Golf immensely!

Cubs returns on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 6.30pm.



Scouts



The Scouts were very busy during Term 4, with Patrol activities, JOTA/JOTI camp and getting ready for AJ.

Each Patrol conducted an overnight activity based at the Den. Some opted for pizzas and movies, others for a BBQ lunch at Sheriff Park. A group of Scouts also camped at the Den for JOTA/JOTI before heading off to Pallarenda to help with the Great Barrier Reef clean up day at Pallarenda.

Huge thanks to Quokka and Kiara for spending many nights at the Den so that our Scouts could enjoy these activities.

The Scouts had their traditional end of year break up at the Barra Farm, as you can see from the photos below.

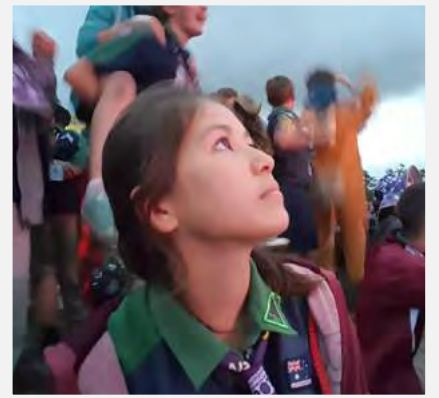
The Jamboree Scouts completed their final preparations for Jamboree with a briefing session on 10 December. Turn the page to see some Jamboree highlights.

Finally, a big congratulations to Ella Morton who has been selected to represent the Kennedy Region at the Branch Youth Council for the next 2 years.

Scouts return on Thursday 4 February at 7pm.



AJ2016



After more than a year of fundraising, and probably nearly as long packing their bags, on 2 January 2016 our Jamboree Scouts embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. Despite some soggy weather, the Scouts had an awesome time at Cataract Park in New South Wales, camped for 12 days with over 11,000 fellow Scouts, Leaders and helpers.

Activities included Jamberoo water park, a tour of Sydney city and a ferry ride, water activities on Botany Bay and of course all of the adventures at Cataract Park—challenge activities navigating through the bush for the day, abseiling, rock climbing, orienteering, playing in the mud, flying foxes, laser skirmish, water slides, more mud, trampolining, stilt walking, pioneering, a play in the mud, exploring a colonial village, learning a trade and sooooo much more. Oh, did we mention mud?

A special mention must go to all the Leaders who looked after Troop A203— and especially to Tiger— for ensuring our Scouts had a safe and thoroughly enjoyable experience, putting up with them on the plane and bus and taking lots of photos!!





Cuboree 2016

Cuboree is a camp for Cubs aged 9 – 11 held over 6 days and 5 nights in Maryborough, from **18—23 September 2016**. The Cubs participate in a range of fantastic activities, and will meet, camp and play with Cubs from all over Queensland. For more information see cuboree.scoutsqld.com.au.

For those who have already registered, don't forget your second payment is due on 1 March 2016.



Venturers



Stella Rapson's Venturer Skills Hike on Cape Cleavland was a highlight of the Venturers' Term 4. The hike included some "added extras", such as Aaron's water-based extraction. Well done to Stella and those who accompanied her.

Aaron has just returned from the New Zealand Venture, no doubt with lots of stories to share with his fellow Venturers.

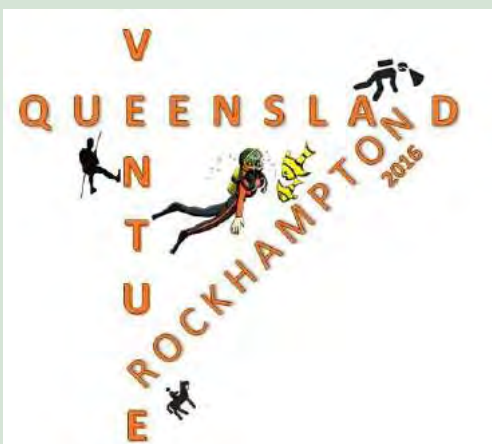
The AJ Scouts were delighted to receive a visit from our Venturer-in-absentia, Larni Wallace at AJ2016.

QV2016

Don't forget that Queensland Venture 2016 will be held on 2 - 9 July 2016. The base camp will be located at Seonee Park, Rockhampton.

Queensland Venture is a branch event that runs every three years. The camp consists of an expedition phase and a venture phase and the options that are available for the 6th Queensland Venture will accommodate the interests of all Venturer Scouts and Leaders in Queensland.

More information available at scoutsqld.com.au.



Important Dates—Term 1*



January

- 27 Cubs— Term 1 commences
- 28 Scouts PL/APL to Troop Council

February

- 1 Joeys and Venturers - Term 1 commences
- 4 Scouts Term 1 commences
- 15 Group Committee Meeting
- 19 Founders Day
- 20 Region Swimming Carnival
- 27-28 Cub Scout Leadership Course

March

- 6 Clean Up Australia Day
- 10 Joeys excursion to Rowes Bay
- 12-13 Scout Leadership Course
- 12-13 Venturers Leadership Course
- 18-20 Scouts PL/APL Camp
- 21 Joeys Break up Term 1
- 23 Cubs Break up Term 1
- 24 Scouts Break up Term 1

April

- 11 Venturers return Term 2
- 13 Cubs return Term 2
- 14 Scouts return Term 2
- 18 Joeys return Term 2

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

Other key dates for 2016*:

- 23-25 April —Region Cub Scout Camp
- 14 May - JOTT (Joeys, Cubs & Scouts)
- 13-15 May—Roventure (Venturers)
- 4-5 June—CuJo Games (Joeys & Cubs)
- 25-26 June—Nighthawk (Scouts & Venturers)
- 2-9 July—Queensland Venture (Venturers)
- 25-27 July—Central Coast Venture (Venturers)
- 29-31 July —Region Camp (all sections)
- 17–21 August—Cultural Fest
- 3 September—Region Regatta (all sections)
- 18-23 September—Cuboree
- 15-16 October— JOTA/JOTI
- 14-16 October—Region Scout Camp (JOTA/ JOTI)
- 29 October—Joey Scout Jaunt/Cubs Treasure Hunt
- 3-4 December—Abseil Proficiency badge

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