

April 2016

Newsletter



Scout'n'About

Welcome !



Welcome to our Term 2 newsletter. We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter break, with not too much chocolate being consumed —although some of our members say there is no such thing as too much chocolate!

The year got off to a flying start with the Region Swimming Carnival on 20 February. Lots of fun was had by all—although I am pretty sure our Group Leader had the most fun of all. See inside for swimming carnival photos and the usual update from our Sections.

GROUP COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

The Group Committee this year is seeking to expand, adding a dedicated Fundraising Co-ordinator to our ranks. If you are interested in assisting the Group with this key activity, please contact Pumbaa.

CULTURAL FEST

As some of you may have seen, Cultural Fest will be held at JCU this year, from 17 to 21 August.

We will be holding our first Cultural Fest meeting for the year at **7pm on Tuesday 12 April** at the Den. All are welcome to attend.

Please remember Fundraising is everyone's responsibility.

We hope you enjoy this Term's newsletter.

The Group Committee



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 learnt about the environment during Term 1, including air, water and natural disasters.

The Joeys also participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Loam Island, and had a wonderful time exploring the coastline at Rowes Bay with special guest Kirralee Donovan from NQ Dry Tropics.

Important Dates for Term 2:

18 April: Joeys returns

25 April: Anzac Day

14 May: JOTT

4-5 June: CuJo Games, Ingham



Cubs

The Cubs continued working on their Boomerang badges in Term 1—particularly our Cuboree Cub Scouts who must all attain their Silver Boomerang by September.

Highlights for our Sixers and Seconds included the Cub Scout Leadership course and Pack Council. A great experience for all.

Just a reminder that our leaders always welcome parent helpers—if you can stay and help out, it will be very much appreciated. And its lots of fun, too.

Important Dates for Term 2:

13 April: Cubs returns

23-25 April: Region Cub Camp / Anzac Day

14 May: JOTT

4-5 June: CuJo Games, Ingham



Region Swimming Carnival

The Rovers again hosted the Region Swimming Carnival in February. This year the carnival was held at the Northern Beaches Leisure Centre—a great venue. A wonderful time was had by all. Huge thanks to the Rovers for such a fantastic event.



Scouts



During the term Scouts worked on their Scoutcraft and Campcraft badges—this also seemed to involve playing lots of games and making quite a bit of noise.

Later in the term Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders had their annual leadership camp.

Last newsletter we congratulated Ella Morton on being elected to the Queensland Branch Youth Council. In this capacity, Ella attended her first BYC meeting in Brisbane in March—what a fantastic experience for her. Ella got to meet (and have breakfast with) the Australian Chief Commissioner of Scouts. Well done, Ella.

The Scouts enjoyed Kung Fu Panda 3 at the term break up movie night, which (as far as I could tell) required them to eat their body weight in popcorn. Or maybe that was just my Scouts?

Important Dates for Term 2:

14 April: Scouts returns

16-17 April: First Aid course

25 April: Anzac Day

29 April—2 May: Hidden Valley camp (hikers only)

14 May: JOTT

3-5 June: Jourama Falls Camp

25-26 June: Nighthawk



Florence Bay Rovers



This newsletter we would like to introduce you to the Florence Bay Rover Crew. Rover Scouts is open to young adults from 18 to 26 years old with a focus of community engagement and service.

The Florence Bay Rovers provide invaluable support to our Group during Cultural Fest (they are the ones you see hauling drinks from pillar to post); they also organize the Kennedy Region Swimming Carnival and the fantastic Christmas in July event at Tamaroo; they regularly help out at camps and do lots of other cool stuff like the upcoming RoVenture.

Billy Woodhead is the Rover Crew Leader. Other Rovers include Marcus Phelps, Nick Webster, Anita Horton, Patrick Rice, Brad Sinclair, James Harton and Laura Spivak.

The Rovers (despite their name) are based in Hyde Park. Over the past year the Rovers have begun renovating their Den in McKimmin Road, starting with a new roof. This was fortunate given the recent rains when 100 mm fell in 45 minutes, causing water to come into the Den—but not from the roof! Luckily the Rovers were at the Den at the time, otherwise some very expensive equipment would have been ruined. A working bee the following weekend cleaned everything up, including removing two trailer loads of leaf litter from behind the Den.

The Rovers meet every second Monday and new members are welcome. The Rovers can be contacted by email at Florencebayrovers@gmail.com.



Venturers

Term 1 was a huge term for the Venturers, truly living up to the motto "Look Wide".

In January, Amy Kerswell and Michael Carroll participated in the Canoeing Level 1 course at Loam Island. Thanks to Pumbaa and Keego for helping out the instructors.

This term we welcomed Larni Wallace back from her stay in southern parts—we note she returned just before the weather started to get cooler down there.

Larni and Davis Johnson attended the Unit Management course at Loam Island in February. Our Venturer Leader Bilyana (Tim) presented one of the sessions.

Larni also attended the Venturer leadership course in Mackay in March.

Ella and Davis also helped out at the Scout Leadership course in March.

The onset of the wet season (if only for one night) gave the Venturers the opportunity to show their creativity, as they constructed temporary shelters to protect the Joeys and parents from the torrential rain. I'm sure everyone was very grateful!!

The Venturers also participated in Founders Day, visited the Woodlands Unit, did a walk through West End Cemetery (at night—not creepy at all) and, finally, attended the movie night break up.

That's a hard act to follow, but Term 2 looks equally amazing!



Venturers

Important Dates for Term 2:

8-10 April: Venturing Skills Hike (Hidden Valley)

11 April: Venturers returns

16-17 April: First Aid skills course

22- 25 April: Region Venturer Camp / Anzac Day
(Magnetic Island)

7-8 May: Canoeing Level 2 course

13-15 May: RoVenture

27-29 May: Bushwalking Level 1 course

25-26 June: Nighthawk

2 –9 July: Queensland Venture



CULTURAL FEST 2016

INFORMATION MEETING

12 APRIL AT 7PM

ALL WELCOME

Important Dates—Term 2*

April

- 8-10 Venturer Skills Hike (Hidden Valley)
- 11 Venturers—Term 2 commences
- 11 Group Committee Meeting
- 13 Cubs— Term 2 commences
- 14 Scouts—Term 2 commences
- 16-17 First Aid Course
- 18 Joeys —Term 2 commences
- 22-25 Region Venturer Camp (Magnetic Island)
- 23-25 Region Cub Camp
- 25 Anzac Day March

May

- 7-8 Canoeing Level 2 course
- 9 Group Committee Meeting
- 13-15 RoVenture
- 14 JOTT
- 27-29 Bushwalking Level 1 course

June

- 3-5 Jourama Falls camp (Scouts)
- 4-5 CuJO Games, Ingham
- 13 Group Committee Meeting
- 20 Joeys / Venturers Break up Term 2
- 22 Cubs Break up Term 2
- 23 Scouts Break up Term 2
- 25-26 Nighthawk



July

- 2-9 Queensland Venture
- 11 Group Committee Meeting
- 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*

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