



NORTHTRIDGE NEWS



Term 1 - 2014

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Parent Committee

Chairperson

Christine Ward

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Diary Dates

March

9th

14th -16th

28th-30th

BBQ Fundraiser @ Modbury

Zombie Camp, Scouts

Revolution Camp, Joeys & Cubs

KYTONS order forms due

April

4th-6th

6th

Air Activities Camp, Scouts

Military Vehicle Museum, Joeys

KYTONS orders available last week of term 1

Term 1 ends

Easter Venture, Venturers

Easter

Term 2 starts

11th

18th -21st

28th

May

3rd-4th

7th

24th-25th

Leadership course @ Roonka for PL's & APL's
AGM

Range Camp, for scouts & venturers (rifle
shooting program)

Comedy Capers - Performances

23rd-31st

June

22nd

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

July

4th

21nd

31st

Term 2 ends

Term 3 starts

Australian Scout Medallion, Baden Powell &
Queen Scout Award application deadline

August

10th

25th-31st

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

Scout in Action Week

September

3rd-6th

23rd-27th

26th

Scouts Shouts - Performances

Adelaide Gang Show - Performances

Term 3 ends

October

13th

17th -19th

19th

Term 4 starts

Group Camp@ Port Hughes

to be advised - BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

November

16th

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

December

5th-7th

12th

Supersplash, Venturers

(last day term 4) Christmas break up/ End of
year celebration

Any feedback in regards to the newsletter is very and always welcome. What would you like see in it? Please e-mail submissions, feedback, suggestions, photos etc. to craig.4@bigpond.com. To advertise items 'For Sale' send to same email address or leave hand written notes or photos in the secretary tray at the hall.

Hi and welcome back to a new Scouting Year at Northridge. It's great to see you all again. To all children, youths and their families who joined our scout group since the beginning of the year or visiting in the moment a very warm welcome too.

Northridge Para Vista Scout Group has now its own website. In the moment it's very basic with the intention to add information, events and possibly photographic images gradually over time. The link is as follows:

<http://northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au>

Due to an increase in the Scout Association Membership Fee from 1st of April 2014 and the scout groups operating expenses fees will increase by \$5 per child from Term2, 2014 (first increase in 6 years).

This is a quick reminder for all parents or caregivers to return the filled out record sheet given out recently by your section leader. If you haven't received one yet please ask your leader for one at your next section night. If your child has been enrolled with scouts at the beginning of this year you do not need to fill out this form. The information you provide will help to update our database which is very important in case we need to contact you and will help to cater for medical and dietary needs for your child when required.



Port Hughes Jetty

As mentioned at the diary dates - group camp date and destination are set. Please mark the 17th-19th October (first weekend of term 4) in your calendar. This time we will be off to Port Hughes <http://stayporthughes.com.au>, an easy 2 hour trip from our hall. As it is on the coast of the York peninsula the theme of the camp will possibly have something to do with the wet element water.

At the moment estimated cost will be around the \$55 mark plus \$20 bus fare. Once all the nitty gritty details have been finalised forms will go out.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that families who are able to help out at the 3 upcoming BBQ Fundraisers before the camp (March, June & August) will receive a \$10 discount for a 2hour shift per day attended. If we are low in numbers additional shifts can be picked up.

Bits from 2013

Break up/ End of year celebration



our new group leader

At the beginning also the formal part of the evening Trevor has been officially invested as our new group leader. He takes over from Platypus our Joey Scout Leader who took on the additional roll of the acting group leader over the past 3 years. We would like to thank Platypus for his tremendous and ongoing efforts which kept our group up and running.

Gecko (AJL) has received his Gilwell Woggle for completing the Basic Level Wood Badge training. Congratulations!

The informal part kicked off with the draw of the raffle which took a while as there were 28 prizes to give away - all donations came from the scout community. The committee would like to thank everybody who slipped something into the donation box.

Not sure what happened to Santa's Helper's method of transport as he arrived on the back of a tow truck. But he was on time and he brought a little present and a blanket badge for everyone.



Gecko's Gilwell Woggle



First Aid Training

Last November leaders and venturers spent a very long Saturday at the hall and completed a '4 life' first aid training. Everybody went home with their senior first aid certificate in the pocket. First aid qualification is a requirement for all leaders. Venturers can use it as part for their work towards the Queen Scout Award.



2014

People's Choice Undies Run



Under the banner of Northridge Scouts with the team name 'Paranickers' 13 members of our scout community - leaders, committee, parents & friends - walked the 2 km long 'People's Choice Undies Run' on the 19th of January in the city.

They and their sponsors raised together \$1655 for Cancer Council SA to help fight Bowel Cancer.

Fun event for a very good cause!

Investiture and 'going up' ceremony



Matthew, new joey



Jayde, Lachlan, Josh, Olli & Gus going up from joey to cubs



Kate, new cub



Skye, Shay and Leah going up from cubs to scouts

A combined joey, cub and scout ceremony night was held first week back this year and was well attended (& hot) 1 joey, 1 cub and 1 leader were invested. 5 joeys moved up to cubs and 3 cubs moved up to scouts. Everyone had fun walking the rope. The evening had a very official and festive atmosphere.



Trevor crossing over from committee member to scout leader

Fundraising

* This term we have planned to run a KYTONS Easter Fundraiser. Order forms will be given out soon. Delivery of orders will be in the last week of this term.

*Our first **BBQ sausage sizzle fundraiser** was on the 9th of February, with lots of luck a cool breather between two over 40degree days. Many home improvers where paying Modbury Bunnings a visit and stopped by for a sausage. A big thank you to everyone, who came and helped out on that day. The profit made was *about* \$800.

The next BBQ fundraiser will be held on the 9th of March at Bunnings @ Modbury. If you can help, please put your name and contact on the roster by the entrance. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you are planning for your child to attend our group camp a \$10 discount of the camp fee is offered for a 2 hour shift.

From the Group Leader

Hi all and welcome to 2014 - another great year in Scouting at Northridge Para Vista. I hope you have all had a good break and come back enthused and ready to be a part of our Scout Group in 2014.

By way of introduction, my name is Trevor Thompson, and I came into the Group as Group Leader in late 2013, taking over from Peter Hooper who has been fulfilling the role as well as being Joey Scout Leader for the last couple of years. I come to Northridge after a period as Group Leader at One Tree Hill and a number of years before that as a Venturer Leader and a Joey Scout Leader at various Groups. During the course of the coming year I hope to meet everyone, and to this end will be in attendance at section nights on a regular basis, so please come over and have a chat.

We ended 2013 on a high with our end of year break up attended by a few families. Thanks to all those who came along. We are currently planning a range of different activities in 2014 for families to be involved in - more on those later.

While most people have been on 'holidays' your Leaders have been busy putting together programs for Term 1 - as always a big thank you to our Leaders for all their work they do in this regard. The new year gives new opportunities for many - for new members the opportunity to learn about Scouting and join in the excitement and adventure. For the older members in each section the opportunities come along for you to take on more senior positions - whether it be as a Sixer or Second, a Patrol Leader or Assistant PL or even the Unit Chairman in Venturers - these sort of opportunities are part of what Scouting is about - leadership, friendships, fun and working with others - I encourage you all to do your best and lead your Sixes, Patrols and Units well!

Our 2014 is going to be busy - our Joeys and Cubs will shortly be attending Revolution 2014, our Scouts have lots going on and our Venturers are preparing for AV2015 at the end of the year that's going to be Heaps Good!

With such an active program of youth and family activities we will be looking again for the support of ALL families to assist in our Group. We are always looking for new Leaders, Committee Members, Adult Helpers in sections, Helpers around the hall and much more. The support of our members and their families is critical to enable our Group to continue to grow - please help us out - your support will mean that we can continue on our main objective - that is helping young people to flourish and do it all with Scouts! Feel free to drop me an email, give me a call or have a chat with me at the hall if you like too!

As always I ask families to please keep yourself updated by checking our notice board regularly and also visit our website at www.northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au

Looking forward to a HEAPS GOOD year in 2014!

Joey Mob

Wow what a start to the new year.

We bid farewell to those going up to cubs in a great ceremony held in the first week of term where a number of investitures occurred across Joeys, Cubs and Scouts. Fortunately we already have some new chums who have been 'testing the waters'. Never ceases to amaze me the difference in attitude and capacity of our youngest members. We have the full range from outgoing to shy. I am hopeful that by end of term all would have agreed to join our merry band, repeat the Joey Promise, be presented with their neckie and heard the 'click' of their woggle confirming they are now a Joey.

We began the year with our welcome back to find out just what our young people get up to in the long break. It can take a bit of teasing out but most indicated they did something of particular interest. We normally keep this meeting fairly low key introducing the importance of the sign when a leader or adult helper needs to have the attention of the mob, teaching the significance of the circle and reaffirming what being a joey is all about i.e. caring and sharing.

This term we plan a busy time. The weather has already caused amendments to the program with the demise of the 'hot' spell meaning a move of the planned wet night to a more reasonable night.

An upcoming visit to the historic Port Adelaide will take in a boat trip on the 'Archi Badenoch', climbing the lighthouse and culminate in a visit to the Maritime Museum.

We have another visit a museum planned this time the Military Vehicle Museum which comes highly recommended. The most significant event this term for our Joey members is participation in Revolution 14. This is a combined Hoporee/Cuboree for Joey and Cub members from across the state and will be a huge event for those attending. The theme is 'Land and Sea' and there is no doubt the weekend 28th - 30th March will conclude with some very happy, excited and tired Joeys. As with all Joey activities, a parent/carer must be in attendance at all times but opportunities will arise for parents assisting with camp duties will be able to enjoy events with their children. I attended Evolution 08 Hoporee/Cuboree as 'grandparent' carer and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. My grandson Zac has progressed through Cubs and I am proud to say he is now a Scout here at Northridge.



Kookaburra (AJL) joined the Joey Leader team in term 4 last year

The Joey leadership group of Platypus, Possum, Kookaburra and I (Gecko) look forward to making this year a wonderful time for all Joeys and seeing them develop skills and attributes that will stand them in good stead for their remaining scouting journey.

Gecko

Cub Pack

What a start to the year, a very hot welcome back night and then a big combined investiture, where we lost Skye, Leah, and Shay to scouts but gained Gus, Ollie, Josh, Jayde and Lachie from Joey's. We also welcomed Kate and said goodbye to Hayley. We also had a change of our regular parent helper, we'd like to thank Sylke for all the work she did for our group and would like to welcome Dee as our new regular parent helper. Dee will be at the desk to take all moneys and forms

We also celebrated our 1st Grey Wolf recipient Leah. The Grey Wolf is the highest badge that a cub can earn. Lots of work went into this so again we would like to congratulate and say WELL DONE LEAH!

This term we have made a Crocodile sewing kit, celebrated Founders day, supported Clean up Australia Day and are looking forward to having a sleepover including gaining our mask and sculpture badge, also having a bike night to work on our Cyclist badge.

We are eagerly awaiting the Cuboree (combined with Hoporee) - Revolution 2014 at the end of March, this being the 1st camp under canvas and without parents for a lot of our cubs.

As we have had to change and cancel a few nights recently, could all parents make sure we have your current phone numbers and emails. We don't like to have to do change nights but don't like it even more when we can't get in contact with parents to let you know the changes.

Singum



Grey Wolf Award presented by Rob Lewer (District Program Advisor for cubs)



Finally! Singum - officially invested as Assistant Cub Scout Leader. She has been on the circle with our cubs for over 1 year - that's how long it took for the paperwork to come through.

Scout Troop

Numbers are good: 22 Scouts, 2 trying out and 2 new Leaders - Gary (Eagle) & Trevor (Penguin sorry Albatross). Skye, Shay, Leah and Hayley have linked from cubs. 4 scouts are well on their way to get their Scout Medallion. We scored 5 stars in the 'Star Rating Review'.

Rifle shooting is still going strong with scores improving. There are 2 rifle shooting camps this year.

So far this term we had water balloon fights, badge work, games and fitness night and most of the scouts went into the water on a cold night at the beach and we had a skit night. Still to come this term is a service night, navigation night, cultural cooking and 'tent set up night'. Scouts will be off to Zombie camp in March and Aviation Camp in April.

Hawk



Fitness night



Beach night



Eagle (new ASL)



Albatross (new ASL)

Venturer Report

Since the last Newsletter the Venturers have,

- Had a night hike at Cobbler Creek,
- Made campfire pizzas using the old wood oven
- Held Unit elections,
- Venturer Council and activities with Angle Vale Venturers
- Visited Black Knight Rovers for a disco
- Went to SuperSplash at Roonka
- Finished 2013 off with our annual visit to the Drive-in followed by asleepover at the hall
- Went to the Ridley District Summer Camp on the river earlier this year



preps & props for Revolution activity site

Most of this term has been preparing for the activity site we are running at Revolution at the end of March for the Cubs and Joeys from across the state, we are the only activity site run by Venturers providing fun and challenges for 2000 kids over the weekend.

Four of our Venturers, Jack, Connor, Tom and Taylor gave up a week of their school holidays to help look after disabled boys at the Jack Roberts Camp for disabled boys. I have had feedback from Ross who runs the camp that they all did a fantastic job, well done guys!

We held a first aid course at our hall for Venturers and Leaders and Taylor, Jack, Connor, Michael, and Damon now have their senior first aid qualifications.

Rod Dunt VL

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Ridley District Camp @ Roonka