

Halswell Scout Group

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Halswell Scout Group Committee

The Halswell Scout Committee meet monthly to discuss what the needs are in the Halswell Scout Group and how we can assist by fundraising, applying for grants and supporting financially with training for the scout leaders and scouts when required.

So far this year we have had several working bees at the den in preparation to install a new pantry unit, repair the odd leak and make it a more functional area for the many kea/cub/scout and venturer meetings that are had there every week. The den is also available to hire for your private functions!

We are always looking for new members with new ideas, if you feel you would like to join us please make contact with us via your child's leader.

Kind regards

Sue Culham

Chairman



Halswell Scout Group ANZAC Parade 2015



Halswell Scout Group had 109 Youth and Leaders attend the Parade this year. Photo shows them lined up ready to March around to the Parade.

Halswell Scout Group has a Kea Club, 3 Cub Packs, 3 Scout Troops and a Venturer Unit.

Activities range from Crafts, Camping, cooking, Tramping, canoeing, biking, map work, Games, pioneering and Teamwork to name a few.

But most important to have fun.

If you are interested in getting information on Scouting either as a youth to join or an Adult Leader, please contact Allan or Jo Burt 322 5276 or have a look on our web site

www.halswellscouts.co.nz/

Halswell Ellersmere Scout Group Camp 2015

27th March – 29th March Held at Waddington St Johns Camp.
15 Keas 38 Cubs 29 Scouts 8 Venturers 21 Leaders 17 Helpers
attended camp.

Arriving Friday Night senior Cubs Scouts and Venturers had to set up 15 tents finishing off in the dark. Cubs in the bunk rooms. Saturday morning the youth woke up the local birds while it was still dark, breakfast was cereal baked beans spaghetti toast which went down well.

Keas arrived Saturday morning to stay Saturday night.

9 bases based On The Movies Theme of Camp were run during the day, each base was developed set up and run by the sections including the Venturers. These included Raiders of the Lost Ark Monkey and 2 rope bridges, Chariots of Fire - chariot building riding, badge designing included in this was doing your sheet to choose what was in your hamburger with chips for evening meal which also had apple crumble or peaches ice cream for dessert. Another base was Mission Impossible counter balance into an inflatable boat of water guess some got wet. S.W.A.T Archery, making a very short movie, Which Movie am I in pictures quiz, Indiana Jones Volcano - team work lift the object out.

A walk down to Local cemetery with some history on what is inscribed on some head stones, then a challenge quiz to find information history from the Head Stones.

Kangaroo Court after dinner and a movie for those who wanted.

Sunday morning Cubs Keas a few Scouts made rafts and floated them in the water race over the road from camp

36 Scouts Leaders Ventures and Parent helps went through cave stream Broken river very fresh, took 45 minutes to walk through after a walk down to show where they would climb out.

Allan Burt
Pioneer Scout Leader

Picture below of the Group that went through



KEAS

The keas have all had a great start to the year, with many new keas coming to join in on all of the fun filled activities that we have had. One big night that all the keas had heaps of fun at was at our big water fight, where all of the leaders ended up soaked. Another memorable activity that most keas attended was the group camp at Waddington. As this was the first of many camps to come for many of our keas, it stuck in a lot of their minds, from Making boats and racing them on the river to shooting zombies and enjoying the kangaroo council that the venturers ran. This camp was an amazing event that all the keas raved about afterwards which is an amazing event to start their scouting career off with. All in all we have had a good start of to the year. Bring on the rest of the year!!



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Samantha Strangman Halswells Newest Queens Scout





Halswell Scouts Chief Scout Awards.

Halswell Scout Group one of the Largest Scout Groups in NZ has 1 Kea Club, 3 cub Packs, 3 Scout Troops and a Venturer Unit with around 130 youth and 20 leaders.

This year we have had 7 Scouts achieve the Chief Scout Award, which is the Highest Award a Scout can earn in the Scout Section. Josh Carlile, Rebecca Meachen from Explorer Troop, Ben Cairns, Daniel Asmusson, Adam Strangman, Samuel Hammond and Ashleigh Odams from Pioneer Troop all achieved this.

The Chief Scout Award includes in the requirements, 10 hours community service outside of Scouting, Service within Scouting helping for 20 weeks in Cubs or Keas. Arranging and planning a 4 day trip of 150km using 3 different modes of transport and visiting places of interest and upon return must give a presentation on the journey. A number of personal challenge badges must also be earned along the way including a First Aid Certificate.

During their time in Scouts they have also planned and run camps and activities, arranged a Guest Speaker and helped the younger Scouts with the Bronze and Silver Awards.

Some activities included tramping into Lake Daniels, camp at Lake Clearwater boating biking, Survival camps, cooking on fires and sleeping under the stars in a hammock made from a tarp, tooltime sleep over making silhouettes and knotting boards, guest speakers including a professional diver, Mountain Safety, army personal, a big favourite was the walking wheelbarrows' in which the Scouts had to build a fire while the wheelbarrows were moving and boil water, middle of winter it was a great conversation starter that night as they walked around the Halswell Domain.

Scouts must also present a Scouting CV which covers their time in Scouts which is presented to The Zone Scout Leader during their interview to determine if they are at the right standard. This includes photos, programmes training aids, workings of how they ran camps and activities. During the interview the Scout discuss the Scout Law and Promise and how it plays a part in their life.



Halswell Scout Group wishes to thank Halswell Harcourts for their continued sponsorship of the kitchen trailer

Pioneer Scout Troop

Pioneer Scouts attended Staveley Adventure Camp, Founders Day which included Halswell Scout Groups 60th anniversary celebrations. Plunket Appeal, Leadership course Cossgrove Course Aviation Camp and ANZAC Parade.

Lake Daniels Tramp was planned end of term 1 but bad weather meant that only the Senior Scouts went. The Tramp was re held 27th Feb 1st March in which all walked in Friday night arriving just after 10 o'clock, great weather cheese cake for dinner, up and on the track walking out Sunday by 8 o'clock.

A bike challenge around Aidsfield was a great success with cryptic clues.

Patrol Night at 3 different families homes, these were all planned, evening meal and Scouting paperwork by the Scouts and feed the Host family, also during the night each patrol made a Ginger Beer Bug. This was bottled a week later. We had a tasting evening to see who has brewed the best, pleasant surprise all well done.

Josh Hammond did a presentation of his journey towards his Chief Scout Award.

We recently welcomed Grant Matheson as a Leader, Lachlan MacDonald, Emma Bennett, Matthew Lowery, Danielle Odams .

Darryl Taylor has been presented with his Wood Badge a world-wide recognised training award. Scout Badges Awarded Marcus Walker - Swimmers, Computer, Chemistry Badges, cycling, Aircraft technical Knowledge stage 2 and 10 nights camping (in tents at Scouts)

Allan Taylor - 20 & 30 nights camping, Fire Fighting, Airmanship One, Aircraft Technical Knowledge, Air Navigation and Meteorology One also Cossgrove Badge

Samuel Burt - Fire Fighters Riley Matherson Book Readers

Ieuan Edwards - Swimmers

Pioneer Troop has a great bunch of youth and a few more are in the pipeline to come through from Cubs shortly. As always the parents caregivers are always welcome to join in the activities, and share in the fun of Scouting

Allan, Phil, Darryl, Grant Pioneer Troop Leaders.



BLACK PLUME CUB PACK

Term One 2015 our first night back for the year we started with 14 Cubs. Our Leaders are myself (Jo Burt), Lynn Torgerson, Daniel Tredinnick, and David Walls.

During the term we welcomed Matthew Hoskings and Ben Aldridge from Rimu Keas and Cameron Gilmore and Jack MacDonald who are new to the movement. Also Richard Neeson who has decided to become a Leader.

During the term: On our first night back we explored Halswell Domain with a Questionnaire Scavenger Hunt. We went to the S.P.C.A to meet the animals and learn very important things you need to give them. We went to Spreydon School, did our Swimmers Badge and finished the night with Fishn' Chips. On Founders Day we had 8 Cubs attend (due to sport) then after lunch we had 12 Cubs attend Mud Slide Day. We had 18 Cubs doing their Service by collecting for the Halswell Plunket and receiving a Badge. We had a combined night with Kotare and Riro Riro Cubs having swimming Races at Starfish Swim School – we won the shield this time. One week the Cubs planned to do grocery shopping at new world with a budget of \$3 per Cub and then the following week they bought the groceries and cooked up yummy meals. We had our Big Group Camp at The Guy Dunlop Centre, Waddington this year with 130 Youth and Adults in attendance, we had 12 Cubs, 2 Leaders and some great Parent help from Black

Plume. A really big THANK YOU was the Team effort that went into the Kitchen especially on Saturday night making Hamburgers – can you believe 130 in 1/2hr. The Bases on the Saturday were great and enjoyed by all, very tired children (and Adults leaving Camp on Sunday at 2pm (or later). Then of course we didn't have Cubs on our last night – we deserved a rest – oh no hold on my faithful Leaders came round to my place and we did our program planning for term Two . . . Watch this space.

Yours in Scouting
Black Plume Cub Leaders
Jo Burt (Akela),
Lynn Torgerson (Jeebi),
Daniel Tredinnick (Chil)
David Walls (Baloo)
Richard Neeson (To be labeled)



Kotare Cub Pack

Girls are into scouting

At Kotare Cubs 2015, is not the year of the sheep but the year of the girl cubs. Kotare had 7 cubs at the beginning of 2015: four boys and three girls. At the time of writing our numbers have swelled to 18 cubs: 10 girls and 8 boys. This has resulted in two things: a remarkable improvement in behavior and an increased in the average height of our cubs - go figure.

Our cubs are enjoying the multitude of outdoor activities that have arisen from the great weather. We began the year with the swimming badge at the Halswell Pools, completed the bike badge around the domain, enjoyed kayaking at Lake Rua, played cricket to celebrate the world cup and did the range of activities to completed the athletic badge. Term 2 started with Anzac Day biscuits, the \$10 food challenge at New World supermarket, building camp fires then doing camp fire cooking, hobo stove cooking, a night walk up to Kennedys Bush track, making flowers for Mothers Day, a clear night viewing the stars at the West Melton Observatory and the Jamboree on a Trail walk to Godley Head/camp at Cashmere Term. All this and we still have a month of activities still to go in Term 2. Looking ahead we are planning weekend camps in Term 3 and Term 4 with one of the camps expected to be on the West Coast.

Thanks for all of the support from our parents - Akela (Kevin) and Chil (Barry)

Barry Bragg receiving Medal of Merit for Services to Scouting



Riro Riro Cub Pack

This term we have celebrated Anzac Day with parade at the Halswell Domain and on our Cub night gave the Cubs some Anzac Day history. For Mother's day we made cards to take home.



Our Camp this term was co-ordinated to fit in with the JOTT walk which we did at Godley Head and then spent the night at the Cashmere group den.

We followed this with building a rope monkey bridge in the den and teaching the Cubs some essential knots. This worked well as everyone including leaders crossed it safely.

One of the highlights was the visit to West Melton ob-

servatory. A fine clear night made for good viewing of the moon and closer planets.

We have done work with the Cubs to obtain the Conservation badge. This was started with a behind the scenes visit to the Botanic Gardens, visiting the usually out of bounds glasshouses.

This led nicely into an Arbor Day talk by Glen one of the Tuesday night Scout leaders and Allan our group leader on NZ fauna and flora and types of NZ trees and wood.

We round out this term with a night walk, volcano building and a fun Kiwiana night for our last night.



Group Leader

I would like to make mention as National Volunteer Awareness Week has just finished, all the hard work and many hours our Leaders Activities and Committee put into Scouting so your youth can do so many great activities which we can see through out this newsletter. A special mention to our teen age helpers who are a great asset to the Group, Thankyou all.

Now the **“but”** we need some new members for the committee, most of the present committee will be finishing this AGM as their youth have finished Scouting. A meeting each month to keep the Group running so the Leaders can keep giving quality programmes to the youth.

I have been part of this Scout Group since I went through Cubs (picture below left side) Scouts, youth Leader onto a Adult Leader a total of around 48yrs and the thing that has made the Group what it is have been the Leaders and committee, believe me you get a lot out of these roles yourself, so give me a call on 322 5276 if you can give time as a committee person or Leader and would like some information, Scouting will support you with training courses and tools your may need.

The Scout Group is 60yrs old this year and we would like to make sure it keeps going strong.



TE AORANGI SCOUT TROOP

We have had a fun term and the scouts are really working well as a team. Ross has been a great leader with lots of new ideas and enthusiasm. We also have a Venturer helping Ryan Culham who won't believe me when I tell him how great he is with the kids.

Well what did we do this term?

There was a video night where we watched Spike Milligan videos and other comedies based around the war for ANZAC day. This was then followed by attendance at the ANZAC Parade.

We had a walk from the Scout den to Halswell Quarry with the whole group.

On patrol night the scouts planned the night, did the budget, filled out the forms and had a great night cooking a meal and playing games.

Most of the scouts already knew their first aid which was good so they practiced lighting fires and cooking over them. The scouts that needed first aid training received it.

We made Coke-can cookers. This had varying success but was a lot of fun.

We joined Pioneer one night and played games

Our camp this term was on a farm at Mt Grey. We pretty much had the run of the place. Saturday morning we went for walk up Mt Grey to the top. It had snowed lightly the night before so the tracks were a bit slippery and there was ice in places. Once we got to the top we had great views. We had morning tea at the top and then walked back down. We then had lunch and to get back to the farm so we had boys do some downhill mountain biking. It was free time after that so they decided there were too many trees so tried their hand at chopping one down. They used axes and were successful in getting the tree down. They went shooting balloon targets and tobogganing. There were dead balloons strewn everywhere and not a rabbit to be seen.

By this stage everyone was getting hungry so we went up and made tea. The entree was oatmeal pancakes. Followed by a nice roast lamb and vegetables all cooked over the fire. There was cheesecake for pudding. As this was such a large day for the boys they were quick to bed and sleep. On Sunday they did a large orienteering course covering three farms and did not get lost. Cooked up some sausages for a late lunch and went home.

It's been a great term so far and it's not over yet we still have a bridge to build with no ropes (I think the scouts will be testing that one) and a moving fire to light maybe we should make it really hard by getting them to use a flint.

We have been throwing some ideas around for next term and I think one of the problems will be not enough nights

Ian Patterson

Te Aorangi scouts



Awa-Roa Venturers

It's been a pretty encouraging term down at Awa-Roa, starting with a whiz and a bang record turnout at the ANZAC service. The regional Amazing Race was run well with the help from Halswell and some fine weather. Hornby McDonalds found themselves home to a McFormal for a night where some scrubbed up individuals decided the food was better suited to knife and fork and needed dressing up. A Dane visited!

Any individual lucky enough to visit the rear of the den would have noticed an alarm system securely installed, complete with pretty blue lights. Karate lady kicked her way into our program for the second year running, even though the wrong night was given. Just for some good luck, we even threw in a couple of modules!

A visit from zone venturer leader regarding Venture (venturer version of Jamboree: Inferno), which is apparently a pretty hot experience. The venturer room carpet was re-laid and the manuka pole shed re-built in a riveting fashion. Finally, a sizzling fire night cooking kidney ironed out the youngsters.

Finishing the term is a triple header of guest speakers: guns, cars and firetrucks. Who said it was just Keas who enjoyed firetrucks? Well, onto the next venture!

Awa-Roa



Explorer Troop

With this being the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, the term theme of “Military” was quite appropriate. Our term started off with some information about the battle at Gallipoli, preparations for the upcoming ANZAC parade and term planning, part of which which involved the PL’s and APL’s hosting a night for the troop.

Unfortunately, a planned excursion to McLean’s Island, for an off road cycle ride was thwarted by miserable weather, which continued into our back up day.

Our Award scheme continues to progress, with the Bronze youth working with compasses, maps and bearings, while the Silver and Gold youth were tasked with creating different compass courses to take the younger youth on, which will take place when the evening light returns.

The highlights of our term so far have been;

- building ‘Da Vinci’ bridges, which rely solely on weight and friction to stay up.(We found out very quickly that manuka poles will work to a degree, but are very slippery and can cause catastrophic failure if they have bends in them.) and
- A visit from M.A.G. (Military Advisory Group) Veterans Airsoft Club members, Carl (Rogue Trooper) and Andy (Tail End Charlie), who brought along an assortment of gas and electric powered airsoft BB guns.

The youth had a blast firing shotguns, pistols, sniper rifles, assault rifles and machine guns. The paper targets they made were pretty much turned to confetti when they were shown ‘Full Auto’ function!! (My apologies to parents who found a multitude of white, plastic BB’s around the house).

The Youth continue to grow and we hope they are having fun and learning while with us.

Regards, Gordon, Sam (PAL), Jamie (PAL) and Glenn.





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Scouting in Halswell

Good afternoon Sam

I big thank you for your help yesterday at Children's. We all really enjoyed having you as part of team. I was very impressed with your willingness to help, the way you interacted with the young people and just how positive you were all day. Thank you. All the best for completing your Queen Scout Award. Kind regards

Julie Reynolds

Regional Development

Manager

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