

# Halswell Scout Group



## KARERE

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Halswell Scout Hall

**Messenger Message**

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# Halswell Scout Group Committee

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



So far this year we have installed a new pantry unit in the kitchen, with the help of some great volunteers. We have had a very successful fundraiser selling the Cookie Time Cookies thank you to everyone for their support.

**We have also had Harcourt's** re-new their sponsorship for another 3 years and a new sponsor this year from Halswell Timber we would like to thank these companies for their generosity.

Reminder that the Den is available to hire for your private functions!

We are on the lookout for new committee members, with new ideas if you would like to join us please see your child's leader  
This year we are needing

A Den Maintenance Person  
Chairperson  
Grants officer  
General Committee

**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

.Kind Regards  
Jenny Walker  
Secretary

# The New Scout Law which applies to all Sections

## The Scout Law Our Values



### Have Respect

- For yourself and others
- For the environment



### Do What is Right

- Be trustworthy and tolerant
- Have integrity



### Be Positive

- Accept challenges with courage
- Be a friend to all



## Awa-Roa Venturers

The third term involvement has mostly been involving award schemes for the Queen Scout before the behemoth that it otherwise known as exams of term four. However, we fired off with an archery trip, where Jamie could show us straight up and true how it's done. The rear of the den faced whitening as the chair room was skilfully repainted over a couple of weeks as a service project. Ryan and Sam T boarded themselves to the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Japan; only incredibly jealous. Jealously compensation bought us a car that runs as good as it looks, and may feature at the next group camp if you're lucky. Many a kilogram removed for increased speed and paintwork added for attractiveness.

Braveness introduced a guest speaker for sexual education. Learning was globally warmed by the effects of Carbon on the atmosphere, the weather module was tackled front on, and maps contoured back into the mind. Awa-Roa perfected the art of winning the regional Netball Challenge as a bunch of amateurs. The last night of term was a formal AGM with intricacies of a proper meeting adhered to and Mr. Asmussen (Daniel) elected as the subsequent chairman.

We have a new man in charge!

Awa-Roa





# KEAS

Term 3 has been a blast this term. There have been many new keas and invested multiple new kids. We started the term out with a night walk through Halswell domain where many keas had heaps of fun, ending in a lolly scramble in the dark. The badge we all worked on this term was the healthy kea badge that most of the keas were lucky enough to obtain this. To get this badge they had to do various activities at home like tell their parents how to be a healthy kea like brush their teeth, clean and cut their finger nails. Just basic personal hygiene. They also made posters of healthy food which are now displayed on the walls in the den!

Also this term the keas had their male role models come for a fathers day night where we ran multiple activities like piggy back races and paper aeroplane competition with many great planes created by both fathers and kids, this was thoroughly enjoyed by the kids and especially by the fathers.

As we had a fathers night we also had a mothers night closer to the start of the term but in the form of 'Toilet paper Mum-mys' these were a big hit for the keas and heaps of fun.

Another awesome aspect of this term was the games all the leaders ran like Bean bag tag, captains' coming, freeze and battle ships.

Thanks for an awesome term keas let's see you next term for heaps of end of year celebrations and fun





## Kotare Cub Pack

It's been a very busy Term 3 with the obvious highlight going to Geraldine and Tekapo. We are thankful to the Geraldine Scout Group for hosting us for two nights in their scout den. They met us on the Friday night hosting a bonfire down at the river, a game of spotlight and badge swapping our centenary badges. On the Saturday we walked up to Mt John and had lunch overlooking Lake Tekapo. We then did some cool snow tubing, ice skating and the hotpools at Tekapo Springs before heading back to Geraldine to visit the observatory. The weather gods deserted us on the Sunday as it rained out the orienteering in Peel Forest and instead we went to playgrounds in Geraldine and Ashburton before a sausage sizzle lunch and a quick trip back to Christchurch.



This term we did a couple of camp fires cooking dampers and apples. We did some interesting science experiments with balloons shooting across the Den and balloons with skewer sticks. As well as that we built marshmallow towers and balloon towers. We also made Pizzas for the Master Chef Challenge and made some interesting Fathers Day gifts – give Dad a hand and Dad Rocks! We ended the term visiting the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Helicopter.

Thanks for the support from Parents – Regards Kevin and Barry





## Halswell Scout Group AGM

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Come along and support the Leaders who have put so much time into Scouting, which your youth have benefited from.

We would like to invite people to join the Scout Group Committee to support the Leaders provide a solid back ground so the Leaders can continue to provide the great programmes you can all see in this Newsletter.

Meetings are once a month for 1– 2 hours,  
Positions we would like filled are  
Chairperson— just to make sure it happens  
Grants officer– to overseas the forms applications for sponsorship and grant applications  
PR officer– recruitment, news articles  
Quartermaster– to oversee the QM store.  
Scout Hall Handyman– to oversee maintenance of Scout Hall  
General committee members– to lighten the load.

**Regards**

**Allan Burt 322 5276 waiting to hear from you!!!**  
**Halswell Scout Group Leader**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Scout Jamboree 2016/17

We are now rapidly heading towards the Jamboree year. The 21<sup>st</sup> Scout Jamboree will be held in Blenheim 29 December 2016 to 7 January 2017. Jamboree will be the highlight of most scouts time in scouting. Jamboree is open to all Scouts who will be in school years 6 to 10 in 2016

If you want to see what is happening with Nationals planning and get information there is a website you can visit. <http://www.jamboree.org.nz>

We have had two Jamboree meetings to date and will have more as we get further information from the organizers. What we have covered so far is a brief over view of how Jamboree's work, finances, fund raising opportunities and a call for volunteers to help organize the fund raising. Jenny Walker kindly volunteered to organize our sausage sizzles but I would suggest that a group of parents who would be prepared to share this load would be a wise step. Remember there is an organizers allocation of 15% so it is well worth getting involved.

One of the fun things about being this early organizing is coming up with a Troop theme and a Troop badge design. I would really like all the scouts that are going to put forward ideas for these and get involved with the design and planning of the theme and badge development

We are also looking for Patrol leaders, this is the time for those Scouts who are attending Jamboree to step up and take leadership roles. The Adult leaders will be looking out for those who make this step up.

There is plenty of work to do and with the support of all the Scouts attending and their families the work can be fun and rewarding. Remember most Scouts get only one opportunity to attend a Jamboree as a Scout, so make the most of the opportunity that is in front of you.



## Group Leaders Report

A great big thankyou to all the Leaders for running once again such great programmes for the youth.

We have a little gain in numbers this is because of the programmes we run!!

As by the photos below we have had a couple of working bees in which a kitchen update is nearly finished , just a bench top to be fitted, bit of filling painting and a electric plug to be put in. Also our Manuka shed has had a make over and thank you our doors even work !!!

Scouting New Zealand has introduced a OSM data base which Scout Groups through out New Zealand will be using, which includes badge work & awards. Scouts can keep their own Award records on line!!!

You may soon if not already get a invite to update your youths details, please do so one less job for the busy Leaders.

Next year Group Camp is already booked Glenroy 18th 20th March 2016.



## CHRISTCHURCH GANG SHOW 2015

In term two the three Halswell Cub Packs were asked if we were interested in participating in the Christchurch Gang Show, there was some interest, but unfortunately it was during the Term 3 Holidays, so there were alot that **couldn't make it. Black Plume Cubs practiced every** Monday night and they were very impressive. In the end we had 3 Leaders and 5 Cubs that attended the Show on Friday 2nd October with great support from Family and friends. And we all enjoyed putting on the performance. Front Row Left to right: Henry Prior (Black Plume), Ethan Elliot (Riro Riro), Jake Orpwood (x Black Plume, now Pioneer Scout), Joshua Sanders (Kotare) and Jackson Spicer (Black Plume)



## BLACK PLUME CUB PACK

Can you believe Term Four already – where has the time gone ???

In Term Two we started with 19 Cubs. Our Leaders are myself (Jo Burt), Lynn Torgerson, Daniel Tredinnick, and Richard Neeson.

During term two we welcomed Nathan Woods, Matthew Cleverly from Rimu Keas and Josh Moth who is new to the movement. We farewelled Jake Orpwood who moved through to Pioneer Scouts, Brayden D'Ath who transferred to Rolleston Scouts and Jack Walls who left the Movement due to other activities.

During term two:

We had Mr Ron Fensom talk to our Cubs and Pioneer Scouts about Anzac Day.

We had 11 Cubs attend Anzac parade. We made

Pop Up Mothers'

Day Cards, We had 6 Cubs attend our Group Jolt Walk to the Halswell Quarry, We biked from the Den to Westlake Reserve and collected Rubbish (this was part of our Cyclist and Conservation Badge). We made Passports as we are trav-



elling the world by having a person from a different Country come and visit us each term. We had our Pack Camp at Blue Skies which we did an orienteering course, confidence course, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, visited the Scout Museum and also the local Cemetery. We learnt how to set a table, wash, iron and fold our scarves ( This was part of our Home Help Badge), and to finish the term we had a visitor from Zimbabwe.

In term Three we started with 18 Cubs, we welcomed Nadya and Rafael Anggawijaya from Rimu Keas, Oisin Jones transferred from St Nicholas Cubs, and Nicholas Indrawan, Finn Pearce and Thomas Kennedy who are new to the movement.

In term three we had a combined night with Kotare and Riro Riro which was a quiz night with Riro Riro winning. We watched a DVD on the Gang Show, we did a night orienteering around the domain, we had a visitor from the



USA, we learnt how to fix punctures on our bikes (part of our cyclist badge). We had a camp at Rimu Park in which we made acorn men, tool boxes for the Dads for Fathers' Day. Listened to a interest-



ing story about some people buried in the cemetery and then visited it, also did some fire lighting. We cooked lemon chicken, beans and rice with lemons. We had five Cubs and 3 Leaders participate in the Christchurch Gang Show. We did air-soft shooting and finished the term off at Laser Strike with Pioneer Scouts (80

people in attendance).

Yours in Scouting

Black Plume Cub Leaders Jo Burt (Akela), Lynn Torgerson



## How to build a campfire:

Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.

Bandage left thumb.

Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.

Bandage left foot.

Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in the hand).

Light match.

Light match.

Repeat 'A Scout is cheerful' and light match.

Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flames.

Apply burn ointment to nose.

When fire is burning, collect more wood.

When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.

After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps

## 2nd hand uniforms

If your child has out grown their Scout shirt, I can sell on your behalf.

When wanting a bigger size please ring 322 5276 or email Jo Burt

[allanjoburt@clear.net.nz](mailto:allanjoburt@clear.net.nz)



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# Renwick confirmed for 'tent city' jamboree

Renwick has been finalised as the host of next year's National Scout Jamboree, which will more than double the town's population. Marlborough Mayor Alistair Sowman signed an agreement with Scouts New Zealand on Friday, confirming the 10-day gathering in Renwick from December 29. Organisers expect 4000 youth members, aged between 10 and 14, and about 1500 adults to attend. Scouts will come from across New Zealand and from other countries including the Cook Islands, Samoa and Australia. Jamboree director Guy Beatson said a public meeting on Friday to update the Renwick community went well. About 15 people, as well as council representatives, attended the Giesen Sports Centre in Renwick. "The level of enthusiasm from the wider Marlborough community and Renwick was just stunning," Beatson said. "We're wanting to engage with the residents and keep them informed." Jamboree spokeswoman Jane Hansen said the scouts would be putting up a "tent city" at the Giesen Centre.

Beatson said a major issue was the amount of water the scouts would use, more than a million litres a day.

Drinking water would come from Renwick's main water supply, as it would take less than 1 per cent of the town's total supply.

Water for washing and cleaning would come from a separate aquifer beneath the Giesen Centre, Beatson said.

Thirty-five people from the jamboree management team were in Blenheim at the weekend. Beatson said the jamboree was "for scouts, by scouts". "The scouts are doing as much as possible for themselves, with our help," he said. Jamboree youth services director Helen Warriner said the jamboree programme would be split into six lots of activities, including the "water pod" in Picton where they would go sailing, rowing, rafting and swimming, and a "bush pod" at Pine Valley, in the Mount Richmond Forest Park, which would include orienteering, a confidence course, night hikes, shooting and archery. Warriner said there would be a set of activities at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, near Blenheim, and hopefully all of the scouts would get up in the air. She thought this jamboree would be the "best ever". The venue, the activities and the community support gave it the "wow factor", she said. A jamboree patrol of 12 scouts had been picked to suggest ideas for the organisers to consider.

Patrol member and Renwick School pupil Jono Poswillo, 13, said it was great having a say in what the scouts would be doing at the jamboree. "It's really fun, and I'm really pleased I got into this patrol," he said.

Beatson said the next stage would be getting the plans and the budget finalised. Sowman said it was a "very exciting" opportunity for Renwick, and an opportunity to market Marlborough.

- The Marlborough Express



## Riro Riro Cub Pack

Over the last term we had some fun activities and a great camp in Geraldine.



Some highlights were winning the trivia combined night. We have some very knowledgeable cubs. A interesting food challenge night where the cubs were let loose in the supermarket and had to purchase food to make a meal, which included a main course, dessert and a drink. There were lots of pizza and ice cream. Cubs really thought about what they had to do with budget and meeting the terms of the challenge. I think we have a few future shopaholics.

We had a fantastic camp at the Geraldine Scout Hall. Travelling down on Friday night were meet by some of the locals who had a campfire going for us, and some of the Geraldine Scouts challenged our cubs so to some local games.

On Saturday we travelled to Tekapo for a gentle stroll up Mount John, then a couple of hours of snow tubing at Tekapo Springs. This was a great activity although I suspect some of the other patrons weren't overly impressed when 30 odd Cubs turned up and tripled the length of the waiting line. Of course waiting leads to mischief and some snow fights ensued.

After the tubing we soaked the aches and pains away in the Tekapo hot springs, nice way to finish an active day.

On returning to Geraldine, our final activity following a fish and chip dinner was a visit in the evening to a private observatory for some stargazing and planet spotting. A very interesting evening had by all even after the fog rolled in.



The following few weeks we made Fathers Day Cards, and had a NZ trivia and gumboot throwing contest.

An entertaining term and enjoyed by all. This term we have more NZ focused activities another combined night challenge to win and another challenging camp in Hokitika.





# TE AORANGI SCOUT TROOP

Hi everyone

Well for the coldest term it's been a really good one  
We finished off term two by making Da Vinchi bridges and  
getting some ideas off the scouts for term three

They decided they wanted to go tramping so we tried to  
organise the term around  
that.



So the first night back  
Catherine ran a P T night  
which the scouts loved  
(maybe we should run  
them round the field more  
often)

We also had them put up  
the patrol tents which real-  
ly had nothing to do with  
the program but they al-

ways need more practice

We went over what food you need on a tramp and brought  
down some different meals to try (The scouts had to cook them  
first which went really well)

Then we had a night on pup tents. We  
worked out how many we needed and  
all the scouts had to put them up and  
check them

Riley Williams ran a night on making  
scoggin bars. I have a funny feeling  
most of them were eaten on the way  
home



Then the weekend of the Tramp finally arrived the weather was  
so bad we had to can the tramp at Arthurs Pass so we went to  
Akaroa instead.

The Scouts learnt how to put up their tents in the dark and rain,  
cook in the rain and get muddy in the rain. Actually I'm just  
kidding it didn't rain all the time it drizzled as well.

The scouts learnt a lot that weekend about how to manage in  
adverse conditions but we all had fun

On the way back we went out to a bay at the heads and had a  
really good snow ball fight up on the Summit Road.

Our last night was at Laser Strike where we all had a blast  
Ian, Ross, Daniel and Ryan



# Explorers Challenge

- Sam, Isaac, Aodhan, Jimmy

What We Did

During the school holidays, three scouts (Sam Burt, Isaac Armstrong and Aodhan Jones) and one former scout (Jimmy Hemera) completed their explorers challenge.

What we did:

On Friday the 2nd of October we went and bought food for the camp and then slept the night in the scout den. The fol-



lowing morning we got up bright and early to catch a bus to the bus depot, then to Lyttelton. We spent the late morning and most of the afternoon sailing with Isaac's sail-

ing club. After finishing, we dropped our gear off at our next sleeping location, Lyttelton Scout Den and then went and had Fish'N'Chips. Sunday the 4th of October we caught the ferry from Lyttelton to Quail Island. While we were there we walked around the island, had lunch and Aodhan went for a swim in the cold water. Following that, we caught the ferry back to Lyttelton and caught another ferry to Diamond Harbour.



From there we met up with the Group Leader who had our bikes. Our journey was then continued by us mounting our bikes and cycling to Orton Bradley. Once we arrived at Orton Bradley we set up our tent, made our Dehydrated Meals and walked around the park. Monday the 5th of October we got up around 8am, packed up the tent and gear and then went for another cycle. We cycled from Orton Bradley to the top of Gebbies Pass where we met up with the Assistant Group Leader who had brought some refreshments.



We then started our descent. After making it about 150m down, Isaac decides to turn around to see where the rest of us are, loses control and flips over his bike into a bush on the side of the road. Seeing this happen we checked if he was al-

right, he told us he was fine and we continued to cycle to the Blue Duck Cafe, which was located 1km from Motukarara. The



group leader and some other adults met up with us there and we drove back to Halswell, Christchurch by car.

Samuel Burt



# Explorer Troop

An action packed term for Explorer, which started with Team building exercises, where the youth had to talk to each other about the tasks and trust each other to reach the required result. This was followed by a session on rope lashings, led by the senior scouts, a some-what unsuccessful attempt at astronomy (blasted cloud cover!) and a failed monkey bridge build (but still presented us with some valuable learning's).

Full Draw Archery is always a favorite with the Troop, and uncovered some budding "Robin Hood's"

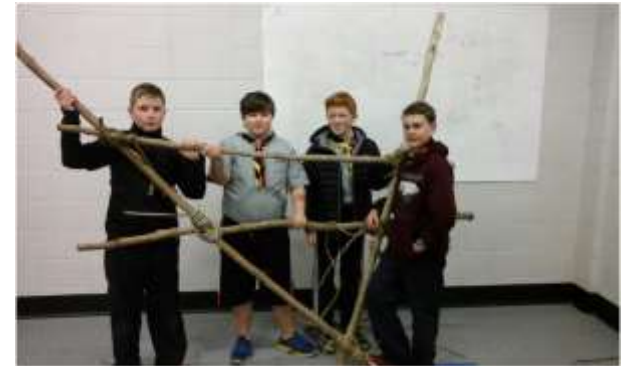


We also spent an evening at the Riccarton Library, researching International Organizations. Each troop had one given to them, with the objective of presenting the findings on the last night of term. Our earlier lashings session came into its own, with a chariot build and race evening. They were built and raced successfully, with none falling apart!!



The last night of term, the troops presented their findings on : UNICEF, World Wildlife Foundation and Doctors without borders. It was an awesome effort by all and some interesting facts were uncovered.

The new term looms, with new challenges for all, with lots of outdoor stuff, knowledge to gain and fun to have. Thanks to all, Gordon, Glenn, Samantha and Jamie





# Pioneer Scout Troop

Well since the last newsletter it has been all go.

We have welcomed to the Troop

Aodhan Jones, Sophia Brittenden, Maddie Maffey, Alex Bishop, Ryan Pugh, Jake Orpwood and Justin Atchison

We have moved out of the Patrols our oldies ( Josh Cairns, Josh Hammond And Sam Burt) and made them Senior Patrol Leaders who will mentor our New Patrol Leaders who are Georgia Bateman Celyn Edwards, new Assistant Patrol Leaders Ieuan Edwards Aodhan Jones and Allan Taylor.

Josh Cairns and Josh Hammond have completed their Chief Scout interviews, Sam Burt and Issac Armstrong have completed their Explorers Challenge towards their Chief Scout Awards, report in this Karere.

What have the Troop done since last newsletter??

Master Chief mystery Box Challenge

Marcus Walkers Grand parents were mystery judges to share the meals and Judge them, they thought a great effort by all 3 patrols, Marcus Grand father asked what was for breakfast he enjoyed the food so much.



Pioneer would like to thank Glen Scout

Leader from Explorer Troop for arranging a night where his air soft club came down and ran an activity with the Scouts.



An extra activity was a night at Small Bore rifle range which We saw some very good scores.

Our postponed Bike Camp was held in beautiful weather, started from Lincoln College, followed map references stopping on the way to check the maps, through Coes Ford to stay on a farm for the night sleeping in a hay barn, cooking meals on an open fire, and some air rifle shooting in the morning detailed instruction seeing some good grouping of shots in targets.



Sam Burt arranged a guest speaker from the SPCA and Ieuan Edwards a Volunteer Fireman two excellent speakers. Finished off term 3 with Laser strike and Pizza. Marcus Walker has attended a zone Navigation and Survival Camp - Cossgrove course.

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



## The World Scout Jamboree

I applied for this trip at the beginning of last year, not knowing what was around the corner. I found that one of my best friends had applied too. I knew it was going to be an awesome trip.

WSJ Japan was an amazing adventure that I will never forget. We did so many different and fun activities and met a load of new people from around the world. It was so easy to talk to everyone because we all had common interests.

One of my favourite things about WSJ Japan was the people I went with. They made the trip unforgettable with their quirkiness and top notch banter. We are all still in touch and hope that it stays that way. We also kept in touch with most of the friends we made over there (South Africans are very friendly people).

This trip was totally worth it and I would recommend it to everyone. **Written by Sam Tait**

The most important thing Scouts has taught me in life is that the world is much larger than you could ever imagine, and although everyone in Scouting is different, we are all a part of an extremely large family.

Recently travelling to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree, I met many people from every corner of the world. I've seen for myself how many different cultures make up our amazing world and being able to respect all of them will help me for the rest of my life and bring about a more peaceful world. Scouting is a huge family, we are brought together from everywhere and connected under one movement which provides amazing life skills and experiences for all involved. **Written by Ryan Culham**

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thank  
Halswell Timber  
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