



The Grand Howl

"Zone 4" Cub Leader Newsletter

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Hi everyone,

Well, we had a pretty successful first term in our new Zone, and I've been very impressed with the way the Cub section has been developing, especially the quality way the new national programmes have been presented to our Cubs.

New Zone Name:

At the Zone Management Team meeting on 4 April we decided on the new name for our Zone. Subject to confirmation by the National Office, our new Zone's name will be "Torlesse". This is the name of the mountain range that forms part of the Southern Alps that is visible from any point of our Zone. We will also be finalising our new Zone badge in the near future.

Swimming Sports Results:

Our annual swimming sports was held at Jely Park on 30 March, and we had a total of 76 Cubs attend (18 more than last year). For those who weren't able to make it on the night, the results were: 1st Avonhead 2nd Gordon 3rd Riccarton.

My Term Two Pack Visits:

I have prepared a draft schedule for my Pack visits for the term, as follows:

24 April	Avonhead	26 April	Holmes Park
30 April	St Joseph's	1 May	West Melton
3 May	Bishopdale (Thursday)	7 May	Bishopdale (Monday)
17 May	Gordon	30 May	Hororata
14 June	Riccarton	20 June	Darfield
27 June	Russley		

If the date I've set for your pack isn't suitable, or if you'd like to arrange a different date, send me an email with a as soon as possible.

Term Two Programmes:

For those who couldn't make it to the Zone Scouters' Council last month, the following are my thoughts on the national programmes for term 2:

Week	Comments
1	This is an ANZAC-themed programme, with a very "military" focus. The suggestion of having a sleep-over on the night before ANZAC Day in preparation for a Dawn Parade is worth considering. If so, don't forget your Activity Intention Form.
2	Paper making requires a lot of planning, including making a screen etc. Best to try it out beforehand to get the technique right.
3	This is a very passive night, with lots of craft etc. Might be useful to add some active games.
4	Relies on a visiting expert speaker - it might be useful to have a combined night with other packs that meet on the same night, to make the effort worthwhile for the visitor, and the ease the pressure on them. Cubs are tasked with preparing a project as "homework" for week 6.
5	This week is structured around a visit to the Gardens, a reserve, park etc, and could be run on a Saturday or Sunday, as a family activity. Don't forget your Activity Intention Form. Making a "pooter" to capture insects looks like a really cool activity.
6	Conservation programme with the Cubs presenting their "homework" projects. Also making the clinometers for next week. These are fiddly to make, but very cool.
7	Arbor Day / Environment Day: using our clinometers and environmental experiments. When you do the experiments make them as "hands-on" as possible (ie don't just demonstrate them to the Cubs).
8	Foot rally (like a car rally, but on foot) - this takes a lot of set-up time (perhaps over the previous weekend), and you'll need to go back over the course to test your instructions are clear. Don't forget your Activity Intention Form. If you are making hobo stoves get the Cubs to make a new stove to take home with them. You should ask the local rest home or restaurant to keep their catering size tins for you.
9	Visiting a recycling centre, sewage plant etc. Don't forget your Activity Intention Form. It might be useful to have a combined night with other packs that meet on the same night, to make it worthwhile for the place you are visiting to open after hours.
10	<p>This is a good Family Night. Based on the "World of Wearable Arts", you can get stacks of "junk" for this at a reasonable price from Creative Junk at 254 Port Hills Rd, Hillsborough. When they ask for your membership, tell them you're with Scouting Canterbury. Their hours are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11.00AM TO 5.00 PM • Saturday 10.00AM TO 1.00 PM <p>The Cubs get to try out their hobo stoves - try something new, like the mini hotdogs</p>

Pack Newsletters:

A reminder that if you have a term newsletter for your Pack, I'd appreciate a copy.

Special Events in Term Two

The following special events are in the Zone calendar for Term Two:

- Zone Cub Soccer Tournament (see the attached notice) - 10 June
- Zone Soccer Postponement Date (if the weather is unfavourable) - 17 June
- Zone Scouters' Council (at Rimu Park) - 19 June

Training in Term Two

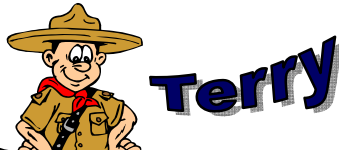
The following training courses have been scheduled for Term Two:

- Providing a Balanced Programme - 19 & 20 May
- Effective Management of Young People - 9 June

Further details will be available close to these dates. If you have yet to do these courses, and you are able to attend these courses, in the first instance you should contact Lorraine Sheppard (Zone Leader).

Extra Activities

If you are planning an extra activity during the term (like a Cub Camp or a weekend activity, and you would like some help with the programme, send me an email ASAP, and I'll see if I am free to help.



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