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The Newsletter of 1st Bayview Sea Scout Group

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Hi all – welcome to our second edition of the 1st Bayview Newsletter.
Can you believe that another year is fast drawing to a close! Where has 2006 gone? We have an action packed few weeks ahead with hikes, Slamboree, Xmas Parties and Xmas Tree Sales to finish off the year followed by, for a very excited group of our scouts (who are very lucky to have dedicated parents who will deliver them to the departure point at 5.15am on New Years Day!!!) & their leader Steve, the 2007 Jamboree in Elmore Victoria. Full details of the upcoming activities are contained in the newsletter…so read on!

GROUP NEWS
Message from our Group Leader
1st Bayview is always on the lookout for leaders and helpers.
As the membership of the Group goes up and down over time and leaders move around, we always need to ensure there is enough assistance on the Cub and Scout nights, as well as for scheduled activities. Always feel free to offer your help on a night your child is attending. Scout policy is for two adults to always be present at any scouting activity. For any offsite activities, it is the parents' responsibility to arrange transport for all children to and from the event - please don't leave it up to the leaders!
I would like to wish all the best to our Scouts and Leaders attending AJ2007 in Elmore, Victoria from the beginning of January 2007. This event is the pinnacle of fun in the Scout section! Your children will return with a new level of maturity and independence.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party.

Carl Hubbard - Group Leader

Last Parent Meeting for ’06
Regular monthly meetings are held at the hall for ideas and input from Parents of our Cubs, Scouts & Venturers. However, our last “Committee meeting” of the year will be held on Tuesday 5th Dec, at Pittwater RSL 6:30pm. All welcome.

Group Christmas BBQ
Our Annual Christmas get-together will be held on Sunday, 10 December from 11am till late. Bayview families are all welcome to come for a picnic and try canoeing, windsurfing, sailing etc.

Christmas Tree Sales
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
We will hold our annual Christmas Tree sale on Saturday 16 December from 6.30am. Please put this in your diaries to help for as long as you can. More details will follow.

Other Fundraising News
Thanks to all those who helped at our recent surfboard raffle. Plans are already underway for next year. We will hold our usual raffles and have received confirmation for two Community Barbecues to be held at Bunnings Warehouse Belrose on Saturday 3rd February and Saturday June 23rd. Please put these dates in your diary.

Membership
On 30 November Bayview Sea Scouts made a presentation to Years 2, 3 & 4 at Newport Public School about Scouts. We will also be holding an OPEN DAY with activities and games early next year to help interested people find out more about Scouts.

2007 Scout Fees
2007 fees will be payable at the commencement of the new year. They will be collected on 12th, 13th and 15th of February 2007, depending on which night your section meets.

Message from our President
Did Baden Powell realise how expensive everything would be by 2006, when he first considered the framework of funding for the Scouting movement?
It comes as a surprise to most parents of Scouts, to learn that the fees they pay to join the scouts don’t cover the entirety of the expenses we incur. As well as having to pay insurance, repairs, maintenance of the building, the up keep of our vast array of kit (kayaks, tents, chairs, tables, etc.) we also have to pay a sizable proportion of fees to Scouting Australia. Consequently, funding the operation at Bayview Sea Scouts is achieved through a mixture of scouting fees and fundraising. The proceeds from our fundraising is not a bonus. It is an absolute necessity.
Activities such as selling Christmas Trees, running raffles, organising barbecues, discos, etc. are an ongoing challenge. Those who come up with the ideas and then implement and see these events through do so voluntarily.

Dates for the Diary
2/3 Dec Venturers Canyoning
3 Dec ScoutHike - West Head
5 Dec Parent Meeting
   Pittwater RSL
8/9 Dec Port pack camp at hall
9 Dec Slamboree
10 Dec Group Xmas Party
   @ 1st Bayview
14 Dec Scouts @ Waterworks
16 Dec Xmas Tree Sales
   @ Newport Scout Hall
1 Jan~13Jan Jamboree
2007
Week of 29 Jan
   All Meetings start back
3 Feb Fundraising BBQ
   Bunnings @ Belrose
12,13,15 Feb 2007 fees due
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ideal world every parent would get involved and put in some time and thought towards helping to keep Bayview Sea Scouts a viable concern. In reality, we rely on a few very to do such a lot. Indeed currently we have only 2 people on the fundraising committee. The Committee meets once a month, for a couple of hours. We talk about what needs doing and then do it. The result is that your children get the most out of Scouting. So if you would like to come along and find out more... attend one of our meetings. You are always welcome. Questions or suggestions to Robert 0404 11 7773.

Robert Salisbury
President

10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Our very dedicated Bayview Leader, Jill Murray a Venturer Leader who is currently assisting Chris Olsen leading Cub Port Pack, was recently given a special award in acknowledgement of 10 years of service by Carl Hubbard (Group Leader). Congratulations & Thank You Jill!

VENTURER NEWS

Members have completed two nights of Abseiling Theory at the St Ives Centre and then completed one day Abseiling on the Rock Faces in Wahronga obtaining certificates. Fires permitting the Venturers are attending Canyoning Course in the Blue Mountains 2nd and 3rd December. This will be combined with other Venture Groups and led by experienced Leaders. Again one evening practical was completed last week. The Venturers will be selling Christmas Trees at the Bayview Scout Hall on Saturday the 16th December 2006

Venturers are looking for NEW MEMBERS. The experience Dale Wegener is bringing to the group will ensure lots of great activities and learning experiences such as caving, abseiling, canyoning and canoeing next year. Andrew Miller

SCOUT NEWS

Manly Waterworks
SplashFest
Manly Water Works have been booked for the Northern Beaches District Scouts end-of-year splash-fest.
The details are Thursday 14 December 2006
7pm to 9pm
$14.50 per person
Minimum Height: 120cm as per the owners
Last year our scouts had a great time at the water slides as our last night for the year. The waterslides are not open to the public. This is a private booking just for scouts and their families. There should be around 100 scouts, parents, leaders, and brothers and sisters there on the night. You will need to organise yourselves into groups for car transport to get there, and scouts will probably need to show their permission notes to get in. The people you hand the notes to will not have spare notes, so don’t forget yours. (Best to hand your notes in the week before at our beach party.

Other Activities:
Our last three Thursday night events this term are taking a rowing surf boat out for a spin (Newport’s surf boat); Beach party; and Manly Waterworks.

The remaining weekend events include the State Slamboree (Basket Ball and camp out at the Superdome), a walk to the bottom of West Head to look at the gun emplacements, and of course the groups family Christmas party day at the hall for youth and their families. (Come along and try out sailing and windsurfing).

One of our Patrol Leaders is organising a group of scouts to paint the front deck at the hall with oil so that the wood lasts longer. They plan to work for a full day to earn a patrol activity badge and, time permitting, they may also chip off some of the oysters on the rock wall next to the hall.

Jamboree:

In the beginning of January 2007 for 12 days a small town in Victoria will change from population 600 to population 13,600 when scouts from all over Australia and the world are the there for the Australian Jamboree. Scouts will be able to choose from many hundreds of activities on site and around the state to do while they are there. It will be non-stop activities.

There are 10 scouts going from Bayview. We are joined up with a group from St Ives to form a troop of 33 scouts and 6 leaders. All our camping and cooking gear has already been packed into freight containers and is on its way to Victoria. Our combined troop has called itself Splotches and has made a banner for our gate at Jamboree. Scouts have been divided into six patrols. We had a day where scouts got to know everyone else in their patrol and choose a name for their patrol. Everyone in NSW gets souvenir matching travel bags, day packs, badges, shirts, jamboree scarves. These have arrived and will be given out this week. Our Jamboree scouts have designed a badge and a shirt for our combined troop and these are being manufactured now.
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**Badge Achievements:**
Partly because of the Jamboree requirements and partly general keenness, our scouts have completed an exceptional amount of badge work over the past two months, and some hope to complete even more before year end.

Last weekend Jack G and Peter D went along to an adult St Johns Ambulance course. This is an intensive course leading to Senior First Aid Qualifications recognised throughout Australia. It is a workcover qualification. Both of them passed. This entitles them to wear the same First Aid badge that we leaders wear. It automatically means they have passed all the First Aid test work that there is for scouts. A great achievement at such a young age. It will be an impressive addition to their resumes in the future, highlighting their work ethic and dedication.

**Patrol Hikes (W/O Leaders):**
Some of our younger scouts are organising their Red level day hike for this weekend. Some of our older scouts are organising their three day Green level hikes for early next year. For green level, they work with the district Scout Leader and plan and prepare over a three month period.

- **Steve**

**CUB NEWS**

**Port Pack**
A big "Welcome!" to our 10 new Cubs who magically appeared this Term, right when we needed them! Liam, Finn, Haydon, Sebastian, Hugo, Dale, Hugh, Jasper, Jeff and Ned have now been placed in their new Sixes and we look forward to investing all of you soon. Grier Stewart was also invested early in the term. Welcome Grier!

Now that Josh and Matthew have also moved to Scouts, Shannon and Chris are the new Sixers of Grey and Red Six.

and David is Sixer for Tawny Six. Thank you, Alex, for giving David a turn at being Sixer! After their recent attendance at the Cubs' Leadership Course at Ingleside Scout Camp, we can see how well the Sixers are already putting what they've learned into practice. Angus and Rana were also very pleased to become Seconds.

With the tides not co-operating, we could only manage two Canoe Nights this term. The first was shared with Seaforth Cubs, and it was good to see both Packs greet the friends they'd made after we shared the excellent James Craig Sleepover with Seaforth last term.

Seaforth is also a Sea Scout Group, so we feel we have a "bond", and will plan more activities with them next year. Then, thanks to the help from our parents, we had our second Canoe Night with an always well-received sausage sizzle.

To finish the Boomerang program for this year, we have nights for First Aid, Cub Scout Traditions & Jungle Stories, Promise & Law, Compass, Swimming, Flags and Symbols of Australia, Fitness, and Outdoor Cooking. We often disguise these essential program nights, such as the Beach Night for Fitness, and the Christmas Night for Outdoor Cooking. It's fun making our program varied, and we always get good ideas from our Sixers and Seconds at the Pack Councils.

The latest Pack Council was indeed a winner, with hot (real!) chips, hot chocolate and biscuits at Winnererremy Bay. It was a great way to spend the evening outside, and have our 30 minute meeting in between eating chips and playing on the Flying Fox, and the other great play equipment there.

Our recent Pet's Night was requested by the term 3 Pack Council, and it was a lot of fun, as well as allowing many Cubs to work on their Pet's Badge. The Cubs are now starting to use their yellow books more, and work on their badges at home, bringing in their efforts to show the others in the Pack. For instance, Shannon's stamp collection was superb, for her Red (the top) Level Collector's Badge.

The annual Swim Night was very welcome after the hot weather, and all the Cubs earned a badge - well done, especially to those who had to swim in clothes and then take them off while still in the water - quite a challenge! Many thanks to Liz Gillies and Jacqui Ewan for their help with the Cub's rescue techniques in the water.

Finally, on the 8th and 9th December, Port Pack is sleeping over at the Hall, just before the Group Christmas Party on the Sunday. A great way to finish 2006.

Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Christmas, and a Wonderful New Year!

Akela and Rikki.

**Starboard Pack**
The Starboard Pack Cubs have been enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight hours by mostly spending this term outdoors.

Our combined Pack holiday with Collaroy Plateau and Narrabeen was not very well patronised, but those who attended had a fun filled weekend. We first met up with the other two Packs at Warragamba Dam. After quick introductions we learnt about the history and workings of Warragamba, the importance of water conservation and the difficulties faced in collection and distribution of this vital resource. We then travelled to a local Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and were able to observe native animals in their natural habitat. Our three hour hike was across rugged terrain which took us down to the Bargo river where we were again surprised at the almost dry river bed. By this time we were all really tired and it was back to our base in
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Camden for shower and dinner. Everyone had got to know one another really well by now and our campfire had skits and songs with a huge variety of ideas. The next day we left early for Camden Air Activities Centre with good conditions for flying. It was very busy at the centre with almost 125 Cubs and Scouts from various other Groups and Districts also there to enjoy flying. It was good to be able to recognise from the air, places we had visited the day before. All cubs who attended completed their Level 2 Flight Badge and are working towards their Water wise –Special interest Badge.

Back to our regular meetings at Bayview, where we have had an Introduction to Astronomy, and mostly spent time doing Water Activities. Having learnt water safety, parts of the Canoe etc, we were able to spend enough time on the water, practicing the required paddling strokes through races, water hikes etc. All who attended have achieved their Level 1 Canoe Badge and others are working towards Level 2. Our Beach Olympics was also lots of fun with prizes for digging the biggest (widest and deepest) hole and then building the biggest (widest and tallest) sandcastle which also had to be decorated.

Thank you to all the parents who have made a special effort to stay back and help with bringing down Canoes on the Monday night in the Hall and then supervising the fitting of PFD’s etc, preparing the Hot Chocolate, manning the BBQ and sometimes even coming out for a paddle yourselves.

Also a special thanks to Bob Muir (Scout Leader) for freely giving his time to be present on the Water Activities nights involving Canoes. Bob has the qualifications required by Scouts Australia to send Cubs out on the Canoe/Kayak. He is also a qualified instructor and shared his vast knowledge of sailing and canoeing with all the Cubs.

The leaders have worked together this term, sharing the workload equally, to provide an educational programme in a fun filled environment. Thank you leaders.

Finally the Starboard Pack would like to wish everyone involved with Bayview Scout Group, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For those going away on holiday, and everyone else using the road, please be extra careful at this time of the year. Above all, enjoy this festive season and keep the Scouting Spirit close to you at all times.

JOTA/JOTI 2006

JOTA (Jamboree of the Airways) and JOTI (Jamboree of the Internet) are annual worldwide events attended by scouts of all ages (incl. Cubs, Scouts, Venturers). Bayview Sea Scouts attended the Narrabeen Caravan Park event on the weekend 20th-22nd October 2006.

We started the weekend with approx. 6 Scouts and 3 Leaders with others attending for at least some of the camp over the w/end. As soon as we had set up camp on Friday evening, strong winds came through threatening to destroy everything in its path! After making sure everything was tied down the rest of the evening was spent chatting, exploring, etc.

The strong winds continued through the night. Some groups experienced some damage to their equipment. Even the large hired marquee was brought crashing to the ground in tatters.

Over the weekend, each troop had a program of events, including Internet & radio chats, assembling an electronic kit and Putt Putt. Outdoor activities such as canoeing, beach activities, fishing & hiking were also planned but the strong winds and rain put paid to that. Still a lot of fun was had by all.

Derek Woodhouse: Leader

GREY WOLF AWARDS

Two Grey Wolf Awards were presented at the First Northern Beaches District Cub Leadership Course held at Ingleside Scout Camp on Saturday 28th October. The awards were presented to Aaron Ferdinand (Starboard Pack) and Daniel West (Port Pack) by Errol Delaney (SNR Commissioner for Cub Scouts) and Sandra Southall (Northern Beaches District Cub Scout Leader).

Everyone then enjoyed tucking into a big celebration cake, decorated by the Venturers from the District who were helping at the Course.

Derek Woodhouse

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