

# Calliope Sea Cubs' News



Cubs and Scouts on Motutapu last year for tree planting

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## **Welcome to 2008!**

Hi all, welcome to Calliope cubs in 2008 - great to have you all on board. Over the coming term we have a jam-packed calendar of activities to make the most of the sun and the great location.

This newsletter is a way to keep parents and cubs in touch with the group, and let you know what we are planning so you can plan

ahead for the things you need to bring, and the help you might be able to offer.

Please let us know if you have any comments or questions, or if you are available to help out.

PS - We always need parents to help, talk to the leaders to find out how...

## **What happens on Cub night?**

On Cub nights (Tuesday), we usually have a packed agenda, so its great when the kids can arrive on time at 5pm.

We start each night with a 'coming in' game to break the ice, and as soon as we have everyone, we kick off. The formal opening ceremony marks the start of the night, with the duty six breaking the flag. We welcome any new members, and run through the agenda for the night.

Then it's straight into it – this term we are going to be out and about quite a

bit, so we'll need cubs to be prepared (heard that before?!) and listen carefully to the leaders and parent helpers.

The night finishes with a flag down ceremony, and presentation of awards and badges. This term, we're starting a NEW nightly award for the best six of the night. Points will be awarded to the six that best displays the cub promise and the cub law.

Cubs ends at 6.30.

***"Cub Scouts always do  
their best,  
think of others before  
themselves and  
do a good turn every  
day.."***

## The Term 1 Agenda

This term we'll be making the most of the extra hours from daylight saving, and getting outdoors! The kids will be working towards an 'explorer' badge, in honour of Sir Edmund Hillary. For many of these activities, we'd love parents to help.

Date	Activity	Please Remember...
12 Feb	First day back! We'll be making a new 'sign-in' board and making a volcano!	Have fun!
19 Feb	Kayaking – we'll be out on the water in the Kayaks; for the first time kids, learning some of the basics, and for others, more advanced skills	Wear a wetsuit if you have one; dress to get wet and bring warm clothes for after.
26 Feb	Cycling – learn some safety tips, then ride as far as Sir Edmund Hillary climbed	Bring your bike, plus a helmet
4 March	Mountains -we'll be preparing for a trip up a mountain, learning about mountain safety and first aid, and packing some essential supplies	
11 March	Climbing Mt Vic – a real mountain expedition, with Sherpas and planting a flag – there may even be a special surprise	Outdoor wear and good shoes
18 March	Kayaking – now that everyone has done it, we'll go on a Kayak expedition together	Wetsuit, togs, warm clothes for after
25 March	Family night! We'd like all parents, and brothers and sisters to come along – the cubs will cook a light supper for everyone, and it's a chance to meet the leaders and other parents.	Gold coin donation
1 April	Swimming – we'll be heading off to a pool to work on our swimming badges	Togs, towel, warm clothes
8 April	Sailing boats – we'll do some indoor sailing tonight, making our own boats.	
15 April	ANZACS– Calliope will be taking part on the ANZAC day parade in Devonport, and tonight we'll learn some marching, and play some ANZAC games.	Final day of term

## The cub leaders

Akela is **Kaaren Rosser** – Akela is traditionally the leader for the cub pack, and Kaaren fits this well – she's been leading cubs for a couple of years. Kaaren is 'between kids' at cubs, with one of her kids joining later in the year, so at the moment she is 'mother to all!'.

Bahloo is **David Downs** – apparently named for his resemblance to the big bear in The Jungle Book, David is Dad to one of the Jack's.

And we have a bunch of other people in the process of becoming warranted – **Chris Twiss** (who doesn't have kids in the group yet – he helps out of the goodness of his heart), **Sam Elworthy, Judith Clumpas, Matthew Rushton, Sean Roberts...**

So you are aware – all leaders go through training and police checks in order to get their warrants, but the main qualification is the ability to put up with noise, and a sense of fun!



Above: Cubs returning from a camp on Rangitoto.  
Below: Akela in her element!



## The Calliope Scout Group

The Ship

King Edward Parade

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When you're dropping  
your cub off, check  
out the new notice  
board near the door of  
the Ship

## Our Uniform

Part of the tradition of Cubs and Scouts is the wearing of the uniform – so it would be great to see the kids wear this more. As a reminder, the uniform is:

- Shorts (Summer)
- Plain Navy Track Pants (Winter)
- Sturdy Shoes
- Black Calliope Activity Tee Shirt (Summer and Winter)
- Dark Navy Blue Sweatshirt (Winter)
- Black Calliope Scarf and White Woggle (supplied at investiture)
- Black Calliope Cap (Summer and Winter)

Some of these items can be purchased from the Cubs group, others may be available at Yartons in Devonport, or Postie Plus in Takapuna.

*You may be on the Internet!*

*We made a video of the 2007  
Cub Camp which we had at 'The  
Ship' – check it out on the  
Internet at*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=IQMCVMx\\_OKc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQMCVMx_OKc)



## Please keep your details up to date

Throughout the year, we use email as a key way to keep parents up to date with changes to the program, or key news you need to be aware of. It's also important we have a cell-phone number or home number for you too, in case we need to get hold of you.

Please email either David or Kaaren with your up to date details at the addresses to the left.

## Combined Consent Form – Term 1, 2008

I give consent to allow my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the activities indicated below. I agree that responsibility for safety is a three-way partnership between the participants, parents or caregivers, and those in charge. The young person named will be amenable to the instructions given by the Activity Leader(s).

Date	Activity	Leaders	I can assist		Consent?	
19 Feb	Kayaking from the Ship	Kaaren Rosser, Judith Clumpas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
26 Feb	Cycling from the Ship to the Navy base	David Downs, Kaaren Rosser, Chris Twiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 Mar	Walking from the Ship to Mt Victoria	David Downs, Kaaren Rosser, Chris Twiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
18 Mar	Kayaking from the Ship	Kaaren Rosser, Judith Clumpas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1 April	Swimming at Devonport Primary	David Downs, Kaaren Rosser, Chris Twiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I have supplied my contact details where I can be reached if needed. Special instructions, including dietary requirements or required medicine are listed below.

Special Instructions

Name, signature and date