



The officially un-official newsletter of the
Birkdale Scout Group!

Birkdale Bugle

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COMMITTEE

Our Group Executive Committee meet every 4th Thursday of the month at 7.00pm at the den. Have you considered coming along and having your say about what happens in the Group? Parents are welcome to attend and your input and involvement would be greatly appreciated.

MARY STREET FAIR

Mary Street Fair is back this year. We need a sub-committee to make this a bigger and better fair which is to be held on Sunday, 17 August 2014.

If you are interested in helping out with ideas, planning, and volunteering to pull it all together, please contact Andrina on 0402 810774.

Thank you!

LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a New Year's resolution to become more active with your kids and not let them have all the fun?

Are you looking for something different for yourself in 2014?

Why not consider attending the leadership course to become a leader?

For more information, please contact Gareth on 0412 199437.

Skills of parents

We as parents and members of the Birkdale Scout Group come from a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations. It is always a bonus for any organisation to know what skills, trades and business activities each of its members possess or are involved in.

If you have any skills/equipment/resources that you are willing to share with the Group at one of our events, section meetings or just to help with upgrading our den, please let one of the section leaders / committee members know.

We are now on Facebook!



FEEDBACK

Do you have any for us?

What can we do better in 2014?

FUNDRAISING THANK YOU

The Committee holds regular fundraising activities such as Mary Street Fair, sausage sizzles at Bunnings, raffles and food drives etc. The funds raised are a vital benefit to our Group and reach all levels of our youth members.

A BIG thank you to all the parents/carers who gave their time to assist with fundraising efforts and offering their assistance at section meetings in 2013.

Fundraising dates coming up - we need committed helpers for the following:
Sat 26 April - Bunnings BBQ
Sun 27 April - Bubz&Kidz morning BBQ



UNIFORMS

Regardless of what Section meeting you are in, your Joey, Cub, Scout or Venturer shirt and scarf must be worn unless the Section Leaders advise otherwise.

Whilst we do not request youth members to wear a particular type/brand of shorts, the accepted colours to compliment the Scouting uniform are black, navy, fawn/beige. Bright coloured board shorts and short shorts are not appropriate, especially on Section excursions. If you have any queries regarding the suitability of your shorts, please approach a Section Leader or Committee member.

With Founders Day camp approaching, it is important that all youth members attend the Founders Day celebrations on Sunday, 23 February, in correct uniform. Thank you



Are you interested in hosting a Scout from another country?



World Education Program (WEP) is an Australian not for profit organisation specialising in high school student exchange.

We are currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer families, interested in opening their homes and hearts to international exchange students arriving in July. **Some students are scout members in their own country and would love the opportunity to be hosted by a scouting family.** Specifically, there are three Italian boys (16/17yo). The host family can choose the student they want and choose which High School their student attends.

Interested members should contact WEP local coordinator – Mrs Di Bacic on 0411 381 263 or di.bacic@bigpond.com – for further information about hosting and to receive profiles of students who are in need of a host family. AndrinaBecht also has a copy of the above profiles and is currently hosting a Japanese student through WEP. (albecht68@gmail.com – 0402 810 774).

Join Our Next
Working Bee



Come along and meet some other parents.

For more information, please contact Ian on 0411 218 378.

Saturday, 5 April

Saturday, 12 April

Saturday, 26 April

Birkdale families donate to Food Bank



Thank you to all the wonderfully generous families who donated food into our food bins. The result was a car boot full of wonderful dry goods, which were donated to needy families before Christmas.

February is the month of Scout camps!

The month of February sees our Scout troop camping every weekend.

Mitchell, Ryan, and Talia all ran their Scout Leadership camps, and on the weekend of 22-24th February sees our 10 year old Cubs camping with the Scouts.

Great effort, Scouts!



Founders' Day

What is Founders' Day? February 22nd is Founders' Day - it is the birthday of the founder of the worldwide Scout movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. It is also coincidentally the birthday of his wife, Olave Baden-Powell, who started the Girl Guides.

On the closest weekend to Founders' Day, we camp in honour of the founder of Scouts. This year, our Scouts and Venturers will camp on Friday and Saturday nights, and our 10-year old Cub Scouts will camp with the Scouts on Saturday night.

On Sunday 23rd February, all members of Birkdale Group including parents are invited to the Founders' Day ceremony, starting at 9am. It is held at Archer Campsite, Karingal campsite, Mt Cotton. Full dress uniform is required please!



REDLAND SUNRISE ROTARY ART UNION

As part of our Scouting community service, we have agreed to sell 250 art union tickets for the Rotary Club of Redland Sunrise Inc.

Shortly, art union booklets will be circulated to families and in return for our efforts, Rotary will be making a donation to the Group.

Fundraising for Philippines Scouts Disaster Appeal



The gold coin donation at the Christmas disco collectively turned into a donation of \$100.

This was gratefully received by Queensland Branch, who sent it onto the Philippines Scouts Disaster Appeal

Christmas Disco

We had a fantastic turn out for our Christmas Disco, and it was great to see so many parents come and join in the fun.

A huge thanks to Steve Sparrow for rocking the beats all night long, and who knew we had so many talented dancers amongst our Youth members.

And wasn't it great to see Summer Santa make a special trip to visit us. A great way to finish 2013! A total of \$87 was made for the Group through the sale of the glow sticks.

What a way to finish 2013!



Life Line bin

In the den car park there is a Life Line bin. Every time this bin is full and emptied, the den receives a donation.

If you are having a clean out at home, please remember the Life Line bin in the car park.

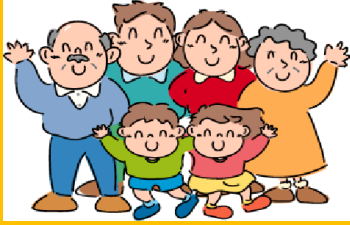
Please do not leave items outside the bin.



Recycle Bins

All empty glass bottles can be left in our bottle bins at any time. This includes:

- Beer bottles and stubbies
- Wine bottles
- Sauce bottles (washed)
- Any bottles, glass jars



HOST FAMILIES

URGENTLY REQUIRED

FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS



ATTENDING SCHOOL ON WEEKDAYS
FREE TO SPEND WEEKENDS AND AFTERNOONS WITH THE HOST FAMILY

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:

- Over 18's hold Blue Card or willing to apply
- No other Japanese staying in family home
- 3 meals per day (*incl school lunches, dining out*)
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Safe travel to and from school
- Suitable supervision at all times; students are not to be left home alone
- Family time/outings on weekends
- Assist the student with English conversation



PROGRAM PURPOSE:

For Japanese students to study English, learn about Australian life, and experience unique Australian culture. Australia is one of the most popular destinations for the Culture Exchange Program. AJSP will provide full support to Host Families and Japanese students to ensure a safe and happy experience during the Culture Exchange Program.

UPCOMING TOURS IN FEB/MAR 2014:

Tama Uni Meguro JHS (14~15 years old) at Birkdale SS or Redland Bay SS
Sat 22 Feb ~ Wed 5 March
Remuneration \$38 x 11nights stay = \$418

JoshokeikoGakuen (14~15 years old) at Alexandra Hills SHS
Fri 14 Mar ~ Tue 18 Mar
Remuneration \$40 x 4nights stay = \$160

Hiroshima Uni High School (15~16 years old) at Wynnum SHS
Sat 22 Mar ~ Wed 2 Apr
Remuneration \$38 x 11nights stay = \$418

Another tour for Alexandra Hills SHS in late April (Easter).
Details yet to be provided.

TOURS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2014:

There are numerous tours requiring host families for this time of year.

For further information, please contact **AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)**
Email: ajsptomoko@gmail.com Phone: 0411 356 684 (Tomoko Ichikawa Davies)

Andrina has hosted a number of Japanese students.
If you need personalised information about the program or hosting students,
please contact Andrina on 0402 810774.





Birkdale Scout Group

As at 30/Jan/2014

2014 TERM 1 CALENDAR

For more information, always check the online calendar at <http://birkdale.scoutsqld.com.au>

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1			JAN 1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5	27 Australia Day	28	29	30 7pm Committee	31 7pm-9pm Scouts	FEB 1 Scout SLC Camp (Mitchell)	
6	3 6pm-7pm Joeys	4 6:30pm-8pm Cubs 7:15-9:15pm Venturers	5	6	7 7pm-9pm Scouts	8 Scout SLC Camp (Ryan)	9 State Sign On Day Den Cleanup
7	10 6pm-7pm Joeys	11 6:30pm-8pm Cubs 7:15-9:15pm Venturers	12	13	14 7pm-9pm Scouts	15 Scout SLC Camp (Talia) Cubs Grey Wolf hike	
8	17 6pm-7pm Joeys	18 6:30pm-8pm Cubs 7:15-9:15pm Venturers	19	20	21 Founders Day Camp (Scouts) Venturer Camp		23 Camp (10yo Cubs) Joeys & Cubs, 8am
9	24 6pm-7pm Joeys	25 6:30pm-8pm Cubs 7:15-9:15pm Venturers	26	27 7pm Committee	28	MAR 1	2
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