



WPSG Parent Committee Newsletter

April 2016

Activities so far this year...

- Jamboree (Scouts)
- Bunnings BBQ (Cubs)
- Car Wash (Scouts)
- Packrafting trip (Venturers)
- Canoe Camp (Cubs)
- Sirius Cup (Cubs & Scouts)
- Go Cart making (Venturers)
- Working Bee #1 (ALL)
- ANZAC Day (ALL)

A taste of what's still to come...

- Scout Hike (Scouts)
- Chocolate drive (ALL)
- Caving (Venturers)
- Observatory (Cubs)
- Indoor Climbing (Scouts)
- Vivid Sydney (Cubs)
- Fertiliser Drive (ALL)
- SydNth Region FunDay (Cubs)
- District Campfire (Cubs)
- SCUBA Diving (Scouts)
- Working Bee #2 (ALL)
- LucasHts, NuclearReactor (Cubs)
- Construction & Cooking (Scouts)
- Snowcraft (Venturers)
- Snow Camp (Cubs)
- Bike Hike (Scouts)
- Shakedown camp (Cubs)
- Wandaree Camp (Scouts)
- Canyoning (Venturers)
- Xmas Party (ALL)

**Thank you to
Matt Lorimer from
McGrath Real Estate,
Pymble who has
donated \$500 to our
Scout Group**

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2016 Committee Members

- Simon Schultheiss (Chairman)
- VACANT (Treasurer)
- Sarah Daniels (Secretary)
- Chris Beckett (Maintenance)
- Mike Foreman (Group Leader)
- Louise Johnston (Fundraising co-ordinator)
- VACANT (Grants Officer)
- VACANT (Auditor)

Welcome to all our new & old families. Our pack is growing and growing which is a tribute to our enthusiastic leaders – we are now 73 strong (42 cubs, 28 scouts & 3 venturers).

Who we are & what we do.

The parent committee helps to run the group behind the scenes. We meet once per term and discuss what's happening, where our money is being spent, any issues that have arisen such as building maintenance, what's coming up and any parent concerns. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings. Our **next meeting** is scheduled to be held on June 1, 2016 @ 7.30pm, West Pymble Scout Hall.

What's been happening...

We've had a great start to the year with the Scouts and Cubs, both having had a camp and the Venturers doing packrafting plus plenty of other activities to keep them loving their time at WPSG.

Parent Working Bee held on 6 March 2016

Thank you to the parents who came along and helped. The gardening, cleaning up and maintenance achieved on the day were a fantastic and much appreciated effort. We aim to have two working bees a year; the next one will be 18 September. If you were unable to help out in March, please try to make it to the next. Many hands make light work!!

Bunnings BBQ & Car Wash Fundraiser held on 28 February

The Bunnings BBQ (organized by Moyeen/Akela) and Car Wash made \$1,780 profit. This money went towards tents that have already been used at the canoe camp in Lithgow. Thank you to all the cubs, scouts, leaders and parents who made this possible.

Positons Vacant

We have 3 positions vacant on the committee. We are seeking volunteers for the following:

Treasurer – a parent OR grandparent who has an affinity for numbers and attention to detail. We need someone to start ASAP. The treasurer needs to attend committee meetings.

Auditor – parent OR grandparent who is an accountant to review the yearly financial records, ensuring transparency. We need someone to review the 2015 books ASAP. This role IS NOT required to attend the meetings.

Grant Officer – Throughout the year we apply for grants from a variety of sources for everything from camping equipment to building renovations. Our last grant received was for \$2,200 from Council for camping equipment. This role would suit someone good with processes. It would be advantageous to attend meetings but not necessary.

Please contact us at wpsgfin@gmail.com if you are able to help fill any of the above vacancies.

Fundraising Update – YTD \$2,280

The proceeds for the following will go towards the hall renovations; our hit list includes the restoration of the floors and the bathrooms.

- Chocolate drive in term two, look out for further information coming soon.
- Our major fundraiser, the Fertiliser Drive (includes two cake stalls) will be held in August/September. All 73 children participate by selling fertiliser to the neighborhood by door knocking and taking orders at the cake stalls. Further information will be sent home closer to the event. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the organization of this event. Please contact Louise, cljohnston@optusnet.com.au to get involved.

Finally, the committee would like to say THANK YOU to our 14 leaders. They give a lot of their time and get really involved in teaching our kids a wide variety of interesting and useful things (plus the fun they have). Without our dedicated leaders our group would not survive.

If you would like to contact us please email at wpsgfin@gmail.com