



3rd SOUTHLAND BOYS BRIGADE

Important Information

To all Parents

Welcome to the start of another year at Boys Brigade. Enclosed is a starting newsletter so you can keep up to date with the activities that are happening this term. We will continue to produce a newsletter every couple of months and new events will be put on the calendar to remind you of important dates and activities. At Boys Brigade we revolve our programme around the National Award system and work hard to allow boys to work towards their Queens Badge, the highest award. We also try to make sure that all activities are completed in a safe environment yet providing boys with new challenges.

Our starting day this year is **Wednesday 14th February** and we have split out meeting times this year. Please look at which group your son is in and the meeting time for that group. We hope our first night will be a fine sunny evening where your boys can meet their friends and go outside and enjoy a night at the beach for a swim, and that the fine weather continues so we can complete our outdoor programme. Remember that we start and finish at the Windsor Community Church Hall unless otherwise advised. **We wish to stress that we do need help with transport for all the outdoor activities planned for the first term and we ask parents for assistance and to join in on the fun planned.** If there are any special instructions needed for the following week these will be given to the boys at the end of the night (not always on paper), so remember to ask your boys if they need to bring anything the following week. Our plan for each week is printed in our newsletter so please make sure you are aware of the various activities. We are aware that the weather is not always ideal so we have planned alternative activities if the weather is wet or not suitable. If you are unsure about any activity then

phone or text David on 027 468-0257. For the 14th February, if the weather is not suitable for the beach, we plan to have a board game and lego night at the church.

We encourage boys to bring some friends on the outdoor activities in the hope that we may get some new members to join our group. If you think that one or two friends may be interested in joining our group this year, please feel free to bring them along. We will make them most welcome. We are happy for you to copy our BB Newsletter and give them to friends. The newsletter can also be found on the Church website at www.windsorcommunitychurch.org From the home page view Boys Brigade details.

Our group tries very hard in the area of outdoor activities and we include camps and tramps in our programme. At the Anchor and Team Section level, we try to hold 2 camps during the year - one at the start of the year and one at the end. These camps are almost always held at proper camp sites with indoor sleeping, cooking and recreational facilities. It is a good opportunity for parents to have a weekend away with their boys and doing some fun and challenging activities. For the Anchor boys we do insist that a parent or guardian accompany them on camps. We do need your help to make the camps a success. Details of this year's camp will be available soon.

The Company Section will have a camp at the start of the year. Camp forms will be available on the Bike Night 21st February so keep your eye open for these. We are also making plans for a tramp for the Company Section boys. This will take place in the 2nd term so forms will not be available until closer to the time.

Our fees for the year have been set and are detailed in the newsletter. There is no increase in fees this year and we do ask that these be paid as soon as possible so we can continue to offer the best programme. We do try our very best to keep our fees as low as possible and they are again set below the level recommended by our National Headquarters. We have planned an administration night for the last night of the term. This will give you an opportunity to sort out fees, get uniforms organized or upsized, and ask us any questions that you may have. Remember we do also allow you to pay fees by instalment if you wish and if you feel that you may have a problem with paying fees please have a chat to me.

We introduced a new sign on form in the last couple of years and we have found this helpful as it gives us more information, especially when we are taking your boys away from the hall complex. We plan to continue using this form and while most people have given us their details, we are still missing some information. I aim to communicate more by email in the future so we do need up to date details. Please let us know if you have moved, changed your phone number or email address.

We have quite a large group of boys attending Boys Brigade and this sometimes has its own problems. We will inform your boys about rules and boundaries that we have set during the first few nights. The main areas of concern are language, bullying and touching other boys' personal property. These are always a concern with large numbers of boys meeting together and we are strict in this area. If your boys have any concerns while at Boys Brigade, please make sure they know to come and talk to me.

If you have any questions about our group or any of the activities, please do not hesitate to phone or text me. We are all looking forward to another exciting year.

David Gray
Captain.
Cellphone 027 4680257.

B.B. NEWS

Hey, it's time to start Boys Brigade for another year. I hope you will enjoy the programme we have sorted out for the first term. Our first night is on **Wednesday 14th February**. Please keep this on your noticeboard and we meet each week at the Windsor Community Church Hall unless advised otherwise.

Remember to invite your friends. We want to see more new boys along this year.

Our groups are meeting at the following times this year. Please check the times for each group.

Anchor Section (6-7yrs) 6pm-7.30pm

Team Section (8-10 yrs) 6pm-7.30pm

Company Section (11-18) 6.45- 9pm.

Uniforms are not worn during the first term. Uniforms will be available on the administration night / games night on **10th April for Term 2.**

Whats Happening :

February 14th Beach Bash. All Sections are going to Oreti Beach. Bring Bodyboards, wetsuit or togs, towel and change of warm clothes.

February 21st Bike Night. A night on the Waihopai riverbank. Bring your bike, helmet, drink bottle and shoes (not sandals).

February 28th Paddock Night. We are going to visit a paddock. Rides on the tyre, car bonnet motor bike rides and paddock fun.

March 6th All Sections are going to the Oreti River for a **Kayak & Swim Night**. Bring togs, wetsuit, towel and life jacket if you have one.

March 13th Queens Park Night. Anchor & Team Sections will be at the playground. Company Section will play frisbee golf.

March 20th Indoor Night. We are keeping this night free to swap if we have bad weather.

March 27th Paddock Night Revisited. We are hoping to have a bonfire and more paddock rides. Details will be advised later.

April 3rd Sandy Point Night Games and fun at Daffodil Bay. Bring shoes and a torch.

April 10th Games Night for the boys and **Administration Night** for parents at the church. A chance to sort out uniforms for Term 2, organise fee payments and ask questions.

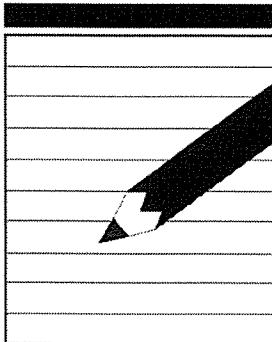


**Wednesday
14th
February**

Beach Bash

Anchor & Team Sections will meet at the church at 6pm, home at 7.30pm. Company Section meet at the church at 6.45pm home by 9pm.

Bring bodyboards, togs, wetsuit, towel, warm clothes and a bag to put your gear in. **Parents we need your help with transport.**



**Other
Important
Items**

Fees for this year are:

Anchor Boys \$105.00, Team Section \$115.00, Company Section \$130.00.

Bank Account 03-1746-0035319-00

Camps are being organised. Details and forms will be available soon.

Contact Person for more information is David Gray 027 4680257