



Supplementary 2010 First Term Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been off to a great and active start this year, having already had the Swim Carnival, the Glenrock Jamboree reunion camp and the canoe course, and now I'll allow myself a couple of weeks to catch up on home work! Nonetheless, we have a few activities coming up at the end of March/April/May, some of which are as follows:

End of March Activity: In my last letter I referred to a group camp at the end of March.

Unfortunately, as I will be having surgery on my right knee on Tuesday 23 March, I'll be in no condition to handle a group camp on that weekend. Instead, we will be running an afternoon trip to Cumberland State Forest on Sunday afternoon, 28 March.

This outing is not only to get the Scouts and Cubs to get to know their local area better, but to also invest several Scouts, as well as to hold going up ceremonies for those cubs who are transferring (or have already) to the Scout section. Afternoon tea (muffins and cordial) will be supplied. A permission note is attached – although the completed permission note can be handed in at the beginning of the outing (front page only – you are to keep the second page for your information), an indication of who is coming would be appreciated.

Saturday 3 April: Bushcare work with the Pemberton Street Bushcare group. This provides an opportunity for scouts to meet part (item 4) of their Citizenship Badge requirements. I strongly urge all scouts to attend (and the activity is free, with breakfast provided for those who get there on time!). Nonetheless, a permission note is required to be brought on the day, and this is attached for completion.

Saturday 17 April to Sunday 18 April: Overnight hike to Victoria Falls in the Blue Mountains – this is still being organised, but permission notes and further information will hopefully be available later this week.

Sunday 25 April: Anzac day dawn service. This is an activity which the Scouts and Cubs sections combine for each year, and this year will be no exception. Youth members will stay in the hall overnight, and then leave the hall before sun-up to be at the Parramatta Cenotaph for the dawn service. Further information and permission note to follow soon.

Friday 30 April to Sunday 2 May: Scout Hike. This is an activity run by Sydney North Region, but is open to Scouts from all over NSW. Although we are yet to participate in this activity, I am hoping that we will be able to this year – I have only heard good things about this activity (which is held in the Southern Highlands), and the Scouts should have a good time, as well as find out more about their navigation abilities (although they will be within a closed off supervised area, so while they could become 'lost', we can locate them easily).

A letter to parents issued by Sydney North is attached. A permission note is also attached, although this is really only for the attention of patrol leaders, as it is their responsibility to ensure that their patrol members all have one (in fact, the patrol leaders are to organise registration, packing requirements, menu and food shopping with their patrols, with only minimal input from myself). This event will cost \$50 per Scout **if the Patrol Leader gets the registration in by 23 March, otherwise it will cost \$60 per Scout.** However, money does not need to be paid until 22April. This cost **does not** include food or transport (I think it covers camping fees as well as food and accommodation for the many leaders running the event).

Yours in scouting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Myers', written in a cursive style.

The Count (David Myers)