



1st St Benedicts Cubs

Kings Road, Bedfordview

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our Cubs and Families. May it be filled with Growth and Happiness!



Last Term we had many Cubs complete various Interest Badges and Challenge Badges. We focused on the Aptitude Challenge Badge.

Well done to the following cubs who were awarded with the following Challenge Badges this term:

Silver Wolf Awareness Challenge: Russell Jones, Nicolas Stiff.

Gold Wolf Awareness Challenge: Bryce von Aulock, Byron Sikiotis, Matthew Williams, Ryan Cubitt

Silver Wolf Aptitude Challenge: Hayden Evans, Keagan Prigge, Christian Moll, Christian Harding, Connor Odgers, Tyler Pharo, Michael Lundie, Dylan Caldwell, Joshua Perry, Keanan Sparrow, Nicolas Stiff, Luca Mion, Andrew Nixon, Ayden Harding, Evan Sheasby

Gold Wolf Aptitude Challenge: Dylan Odgers, Brogan McEwan, Bryce von Aulock, Chris Li

Upcoming Events

January 22

Cubs Starts

February 21

BP Sunday & District Gala

April 8-10

Pack Camp: Parnassus (Gold Wolves: Gr3-4)

Did you know that Cubs is 100 Years Old?



We will be doing something special to celebrate ... watch this space!

Cubs Start of Term 1

22 Jan 2016

We are looking forward to a fun year and are so excited to be welcoming 4 new chums before we have even started!

Term 3 2015 Report

The last quarter of the year was a busy hive of activity. We started the term off by completing our 2015 Cub Challenge with an outing to Huddle Park to explore our energy. Boy! Do Cubs have loads of Energy! We arranged a cross-bow activity and a puzzle activity for the District Outreach Fun Day held at Primrose Primary. We participated in the Neon Walk which supported various local charities and paid a visit to our Outreach organisation – iThembelihle School, where the cubs handed out gifts of toiletries and colouring supplies to the children that were there. We also held our AGM and Awards evening where we gave our parents a taste of cubing!





Exciting News

We are always excited when moms consider going on a few courses or even going into uniform!
Way to go Silvia, Mia and Annelize!

GOOD-BYE

Kagiso has turned 11 and so must move on from Cubs. Hayden Houghton has immigrated to Australia; we hope to stay in touch as a pen-pal cub!

This Term we will be working on the Community Challenge



Our Interest Badge this term: Drawing Badge



What is Sixer's Council?

Sixer's Council is a special meeting for the Sixers of the pack! (Sometimes we invite the Seconds to give them a taste of what's to come). This usually occurs once a term and we usually do something different. It is our way of giving the older cubs extra responsibility, but with a little extra fun!

The Next Sixer's Council will be on the

12 Feb

CUB of the YEAR

Every year we honour a cub with the title of "Cub of the Year". As one can imagine this is a tough job, as every cub is special and brings to the table their unique gifts, personalities and accomplishments. I would therefore like to share with you what is considered when choosing a cub for this award:

- The cub must have been in cubs for at least 2 years and are usually in their last year of cubs (iow: 10 years old)
- Points are given for attendance, challenge badges earned, interest badges earned, outing attendance, helpfulness in pack meetings, discipline at meetings (including wearing uniform correctly), participation in activities, knowledge of knots, leading songs, prayers and helping with new cubs

The points are collected throughout the year and the totals discussed with the Scouters before the AGM where the award is presented. The trophy is a floating trophy and therefore needs to be returned before the AGM of the following year.

Welcome to New Chums:

**Corbin Sheasby, Matthew Cronin,
Mitchell Adries & Christopher William**

BP SUNDAY 21 Feb 2016

What is BP Sunday? This is a special day observed by all in the Scouting movement around the World. This happens to be the birthday of the Founder of the Scouting movement, Lord Baden-Powell!

Every year the day is celebrated on the closest Sunday to the 21 Feb, this year that happens to be the 21st! This year the day will be celebrated at Sahetti with a Swim Gala for all Rovers, Scouts and Cubs in our District. Special awards are also presented on this special day by the district. We are aware that it falls in mid-term break, but if you are not going away, we would love to have St Benedict's Cub Pack represented at this event!

Pack Camp 2016

We are **SUPER EXCITED** to be holding our camp at **PARNASSUS** this Year!

As you may be aware, Akela has completed the theory session of her camper's license and now needs to complete the practical in order to acquire her license! There are therefore some additional requirements that are needed in this camp:

- The camp will be held at Parnassus on from the 8th -10th April 2016. (2 Nights are requirement to obtain the license).
- The camp is open to 9 and 10 year olds (All grade 3, 4 and 5 cubs will be considered)
- As per previous camps, younger cubs will be allowed to attend with parents / scouters that are volunteering for the weekend.
- 8-10 year old cubs will sleep in the Pack tents. Younger Cubs / Siblings must sleep with parents (who are volunteering) in their own family tents.
- A minimum of 20 cubs is required to confirm the camp, therefore please confirm your place ASAP!
- Bus Transport will be arranged to and from the Venue. We plan to leave on break up Day (12:30) and arrive back by 12pm on Sunday.
- We will not be attending the District Camp as a pack this year as it is in May and very close in time to our own camp, however special arrangements can be made for Cubs who cannot attend the Pack Camp.
- 10 year old Cubs will complete their First Aid Badge and Outdoorsman badge on this camp. This is a leaping wolf requirement. Other cubs will complete at least one interest badge on camp.
- All Parents who are keen to volunteer for the weekend on camp, please inbox Akela : Allison.odgers@gmail.com
- Parnassus is situated in Magaliesburg and is owned by St Benedict's. For further information on the venue please refer to their website: www.parnassus.co.za

What is?

CHUM

This is what we call a person who has just joined cubs, but is not yet invested (they have not yet committed to the cub program by taking their promise and 'going into uniform') Usually the first 4-6 weeks of attendance

CHALLENGE BADGES

These are badges that are obtained when attending the usual cub program. Usually one challenge badge is completed per term. There are four challenge badges in each the Silver Wolf and Gold Wolf Sections.

SILVER WOLF BADGE

This is awarded when the cub has completed all four challenge badges within the Silver Wolf Section as well as one additional requirement. The cub usually works on the Silver Wolf Badge when they are 7 & 8 years old, however can still work on outstanding tasks at a later stage.

GOLD WOLF BADGE

Cubs begin work on the Gold wolf Badge in the term they turn 9. The badge is awarded to the cub that completes all four challenge badges in the Gold Wolf Section, as well as the additional requirements.

LEAPING WOLF BADGE

This is the highest award badge that a Cub can earn. It is completed outside of the cub program (at home) and takes a lot of self discipline by the cub to complete. A Cub may begin working on the Leaping Wolf Badge when they have turned 10, the work and log book must be completed and handed in to Akela before the Cub's 11th Birthday. No late entries are considered. For the requirements of this badge, please refer to our website or contact Akela

LINK BADGE

This is a badge that is earned when completing all the scouting introduction requirements. Usually completed with Pack and Group Scouter, often done as a camp when cub is 10 or older and is planning to join scouts

INTEREST BADGES

These are additional 'interest' badges that are completed outside of the cub program (At home), however one badge is usually covered during the term's program. Where possible, testers are used to 'test' the cubs knowledge of the interest. We are lucky to use St Benedict's Teachers where possible. For example: Mrs Peterson for Computer Interest Badge. We advise that the Cub uses a book to log all tasks completed and add pictures where possible and get the 'tester' to sign the items completed. This book is then handed in to Akela at the next meeting. (Please keep in mind that items need to be reviewed and sent in to Scouts in order for a badge to be given and this then needs to be collected from the shop. It can take 1-2 weeks for a badge to be presented to the cub, or longer if the shop is out of stock)

CUB CHALLENGE BADGE

Every Year Cubs South Africa gives a "Challenge" to all the packs. It usually has 3 components; cubs must attend all three components in order to qualify for the badge. We are usually only given the challenge in June and it must be completed by October of the same year!

DISTRICT EVENT

These are events that are arranged on a district level, where all cubs from our district can attend, like BP Sunday. There are all Provincial Events, where the whole province attends, like Kontiki. Sometimes a District badge is awarded for challenges completed on the day and a badge may be won on the uniform for 1 year.

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