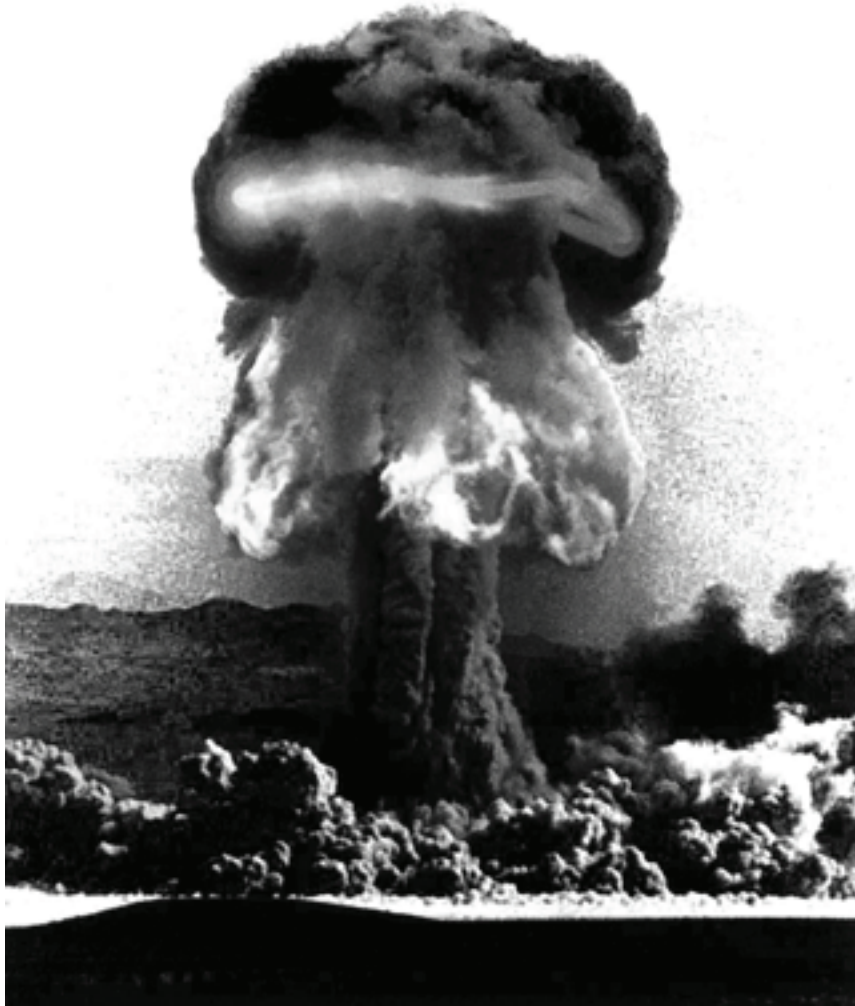


# Scout Times

Wednesday 14th January 2009



*Everyone will be glad to know that our patrol water rockets have been supplied with a certain substance that is equivalent to 3 Megatonnes of TNT. We did not teach you rocket science for nothing! :)*



*Here is a change! Scouts learn how to PUT OUT fires!*

## Happy New Year

Welcome to 2009 everyone! Does anyone have a sence of Deja Vu? I'm sure this has already hapenned half a month ago! Well if you live in Australia and celebrate Orthodox

## Ravens are animals

Now that we have covered all the patrols, here is an animal people know very little about. It was brought to newspaper's attention that some of the more experienced guides, not going to point

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feast days, you can have twice as many celebrations! Yay! This does not just go for New Year and Christmas, but for Easter too.

Q: Which do you prefer, scouts or ptenchiki?

A: I have great memories from both so I cannot decide.

Interview with Diana, the always-chirpy Black Swan by Emma Maslowski, Ptenchik first class.

Q: How do you like your first year at scout camp.

A: I am liking it lots and everyone is so friendly.

Q: Are you going to come next year?

A: YES DEFINATELY!

Q: What has been your favourite part so far?

A: Having the water fights and going

## 31st of December again!

Those of us keeping track of the Orthodox calendar would know that 13th of January is like 31st of December by our current calendars. This means we have the New Year upon us once more!

It is customary to eat pelmeni (пельмени) and today we will have a special program for you where you will be making pelmeni for dinner, have a hike, launch your respectable rockets and more...

Interview with Tamara, the newest Sugar Turkey by Emma Maslowski, Ptenchik first class.

Q: How does it feel to be a senior scout?

A: It's a bit of a different experience but I'm loving it so far.

Q: How many years have you been in scouts for?

A: 10.



## Program for the day Wednesday (14th January 2009)

### Everyone

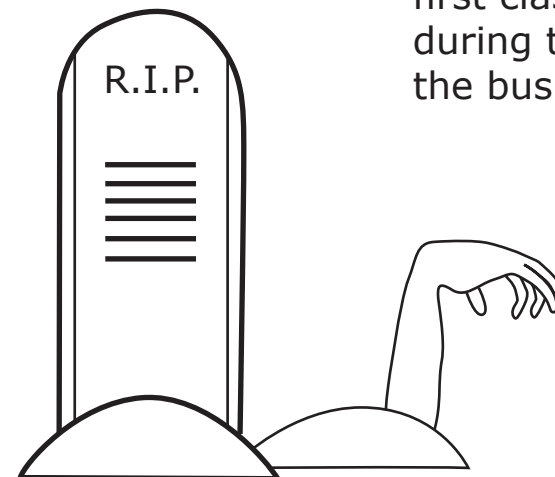
Gymnastics	7:00	Dead Hour	13:00
Parade	7:45	Synchronised	
Special New Year	8:30	Swimming (Kate),	
Breakfast		Bush Cooking,	
Electronics (Sofie),	9:00	History (Sonya,	
First Aid (Tamara),		Irene)	
Wood Choping		Swimming	17:30
(Misha)		Dinner	18:30
Swimming	11:00	Parade	19:15
Lunch	12:00	Campfire	20:00
		New Year Party	21:00
		Lights Out	23:00

**Duty Officer: Tamara**

**Duty Patrol: Kookaburras**

### Obituaries:

None today but some of our first class guides came close during their half an hour in the bush.



## АНЕКДОТЫ

Вовочка приходит к матери:

- Мама, я без спросу взял папину машину и разбил ее!
- И что на это сказал отец?
- Мат опустить?
- Конечно!
- Он промолчал...

Деньги надо зарабатывать кровью и потом. Кровью врагов и потом рабов.

Утром первого января жена говорит мужу:

- Помоги мне сделать уборку после праздника.
- Не могу. Голова раскалывается, руки трясутся...
- Вот и хорошо! Тогда вытрясешь все коврики и половики.

## PUZZLE BY RAVEN

After a local art theft, six suspects were being interviewed. Below is a summary of their statements. Police know that exactly four of them told one lie each and all of the other statements are true. From this information can you tell who committed the crime?

Alan said:

- It wasn't Brian
- It wasn't Dave
- It wasn't Eddie

Dave said:

- It wasn't Alan
- It wasn't Freddie
- It wasn't Charlie

Brian said:

- It wasn't Alan
- It wasn't Charlie
- It wasn't Eddie

Eddie said:

- It wasn't Charlie
- It wasn't Dave
- It wasn't Freddie

Charlie said:

- It wasn't Brian
- It wasn't Freddie
- It wasn't Eddie

Freddie said:

- It wasn't Charlie
- It wasn't Dave
- It wasn't Alan

in the pool.



## Electronics

Scouts and guides today were treated to a course in basic electronics from Sophie and Sarah where we are told the number of electrocutions was quite low. With just the barest of tools scouts were taught the foundations of Morse code and circuitry so now they will be able to order breakfast from a distance of 10 miles with nothing but a battery and a lightbulb.

fingers here, but they don't know what a raven is.

Well...

Raven, is a large all-black passerine bird in the crow family. Found across the whole world.

The Common Raven has coexisted with humans for thousands of years, and in some areas has been so successful that it is considered a pest. Part of its success comes from its omnivorous diet; Common Ravens are extremely versatile and opportunistic in finding sources of nutrition, feeding on carrion, insects and food waste, in addition to cereal grains, berries, fruit and small animals.

Some remarkable feats of problem-solving have been observed in the species, leading to the belief that it is highly intelligent. Over the centuries, it has been the subject of mythology, folklore, art and literature. In many indigenous cultures the Common Raven has been revered as a spiritual figure or god.

Common Ravens usually travel in mated pairs, although young birds may form flocks. Relationships between Common Ravens are often quarrelsome, yet they demonstrate considerable devotion to their families.

Like other corvids, Ravens can mimic sounds from their environment, including human speech.

Common Ravens have among the largest brains of any bird species. Specifically, their hyperpallium is large (See avian pallium). For an avian, they display ability in problem solving, as well as other cognitive processes such as imitation and insight.

Common Ravens have been observed to manipulate others into doing work for them, such as by calling wolves and coyotes to the site of dead animals. The canines open the carcass, making it more accessible to the birds.

In recent years, biologists have begun to recognize that birds engage in play. Juvenile Common Ravens are among the most playful of bird species. They have been observed to slide down snowbanks, apparently purely for fun. They even engage in games with other species, such as playing catch-me-if-you-can with wolves and dogs. Common Ravens are known for spectacular acrobatic displays, such as flying in loops.





## Slow News Day?

As it always happens, after a rich day full of special events, there comes a day that is slightly less impressive... at first glance. But really, what hasn't happened yesterday at camp? We had the Fire brigade come. Several people spotted a police car later on (although thankfully it had nothing to do with us).

People enjoyed judo to an extent where it was brought back today by popular demand. Misha and Eugene were exhausted but put their personal



*Scout Law #4 "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to all scouts."*

fatigue aside knowing that scouters would love to hurl each other at the floor. Although mats will be supplied this time around to prevent further bruising. This was voted our best unwinding and stress-release session.

Electronics were brought in after years and years of not having it.

Brain surgery was considered too advanced to teach to scouts and hence rocket science was introduced. Kookaburras have created a "Sharky" model rocket and made sure it actually looked like its namesake.

## Past Year

With year 2008 nearing the end and today being the last day, it is the perfect time to reflect on what has happened thus far. We have had a lot of promotions and awards given out, had by far the best open day we have had in years, built a tower that can support over 400 Kg but let's not push our luck with this one, also only use rope ladder if you are below the age of 18.

We had a few games of Volleyball

where we tried ourselves out as players, cheering squad and even referees.

Had a long progression of water games where people did not even need excuses to pour water onto each other.

During swimming we were all happily jumping off the edge of the pool into the water either together or one after the other like lemmings.



*Closing the Circle of Friendship at our Campfire on first night at Camp.*



*Kooka on the court, Patrol mascot of the Kookubarra's, keep an eye on things at the freshly cleared Volleyball Court.*





*A beautiful panoramic view of the parade where the new scarf recipient Liz, proudly performs her duty on Parade.*

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A lot of scouts are going for their next rank and some for their ties. It is good to see enthusiasm in everyone. This organisation gives skills not available elsewhere in the world. Where else will you learn about leadership in such a fun and friendly environment?

As one wise raven once said...

"You cannot know everything. But there will always be someone who knows something you need. Therefore, the only truly useful skill you can have is the ability to work with people and get the results you need."