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Dear Scouts, Parents & Friends,

Welcome to the start of our scout year. Our opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 2.30pm to which all scouts, parents and friends are invited. All scouts should attend in full scout uniform as our usual yearly group photos will also be taken on this day.

Important events:

Girl Group Leader Change

After many years as group leader of the girls, I thought it was time to hand the baton to someone else. I am happy to announce that Anikó Boros cst is happy to take over the leadership of the no. 66 girls group. The official handover will occur at our opening ceremony. I have lots of faith in Anikó (Ancsa) and wish her lots of strength and energy for this joyous position. I would like to thank all of you (parents and scout friends) for your help and support through the years, without the parents and children there would be no scouts. I would especially like to thank **Isabella Thomson st** and **Irén Pósa jnr st** for their tireless efforts in their responsible roles as troupe leaders. Special thanks also goes to my hardworking patrol leaders, **Robyn Thomson öv** and **Sári Dezsényi öv**. It was a pleasure working together with **Zoli Pósa jnr cst** as my counterpart group leader of the boys. I would also like to thank **Anikó Tóth cst** from Washington, who we have adopted during her stay in Australia, for her continued and valued help. Thank you to **Irén Pósa snr fncs** and **Zoltán Pósa snr fncs**, **Éva Bánki fncs** and **Melinda Keresztes cst** for all their support and help. Of course, thank you to all my leaders and the boy leaders for their friendship and support. I wish you all continued happy scouting with Ancsa at the helm of the girls. Marika

Our Scout Hall

Az many of you are aware, we will soon have to move from our beloved scout hall after almost 50 years. Because of this, our opening ceremony may be the last event we can attend here together. I ask that whoever can come, please join us for this historic event.

Talks with Strathfield Council representatives are continuing as to the alternatives they are suggesting. We will notify you of progress as we can.

The official address and phone number of the scout hall is as follows:

Hungarian Scout Hall
Melville Reserve, Hampstead Rd
Homebush West NSW 2040



Recruitment

We accept applications from Hungarian speaking children from 5 years of age – older applicants are required to have basic Hungarian reading and writing skills. Applications can be processed during the Saturday scout meetings or via the group leaders Ancsa (0407-271-975) or Zoli (0414-452-907). Please encourage friends and acquaintances to join.

Admissions Policy and Hungarian Language Skills Assessment

Please read the downloadable document available at

http://www.3066.org/Admission_Policy_and_Assessment_System-03.pdf

Uniforms

We ask that if anyone needs t-shirts or jumpers printed, hand them into the group leaders as soon as possible.
At the scout meets:

Girls: light blue t-shirts (with group emblem), dark blue shorts.

In colder weather: dark blue tracksuit (top with group emblem), blue jeans may be substituted for the pants.

Boys: yellow t-shirts (with group emblem), black shorts.

In colder weather: black tracksuit (top with group emblem), black jeans may be substituted for the pants.

Full scout uniform is mandatory at every formal event where it is so directed:

Girls: Khaki shirt, scarf/tie with woggle, scout hat (dark brown), Dark brown scout skirt, knee high socks (dark brown), brown or black dress shoes (NOT sports shoes).

Boys: Khaki shirt, scarf/tie with woggle, scout hat (khaki), khaki shorts, knee high socks (khaki), black dress shoes (NOT sports shoes).

Membership Fees

Yearly fees remain as follows:

- **One child \$150.00**
- **More than one child in a family \$250.00**
- **Leaders, adult scouts (above 18) \$60.00**

Membership fees can be paid during Saturday afternoon scout meetings to our treasurer Michael Korompay or to the group leaders (Ancsa and Zoli) or:

Electronically (EFT)

Account Name: Hungarian Scouts
BSB: 062229
Account No.: 10021488

By Post

Cheques made out to „Hungarian Scouts to Michael Korompay (PC Treasurer) 108 Newton Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Group Website www.3066.org

We'd like to advertise our group's website so that everyone can browse it and use it. Many pictures can be viewed of Jamborees, White Rose Balls etc.

Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris Website (HSAE) www.kmcssz.org

We strongly recommend this site as well for scouts to visit.



Reading Merit Badges

All scouts and older cub-scouts must progress through the various levels of the Reading Merit Badge course. This can be found on the HSAE website. As this is done outside of scout meet times, we ask that parents help encourage their children to keep progressing. The 30th and 66th group's advisor for this is Marika Sablatúra-Nagy. Please contact her with any queries.



Merit Badges

Besides the badges that come by completing the standard curriculum, separate Merit Badges can be earned during the year, which can be sewn onto out shirt sleeves...many can be collected! These can be achieved in private time, at scout meets or in camp. Please contact Marika (ph: 0402-909-202 or marika.sn@live.com.au) to decide which badge you'd like to earn and she will give you the requirements.



Congratulations

To **Magdi Sablatúra öv** and **Kristóf Bertalan öv** for successfully completing their year of study at the Balassi Institute in Budapest, Hungary during 2016.

Also, to **Brigitta Hargitai**, **Natán Csizmadia** and **Irén Pósa jnr st** for participating in the 2 week Rákóczi Programme in Hungary. I'm sure those who will be going later in the year will also have a terrific time.

Also, 3 of our leaders have added to their families in 2016.

Angéla Schwarczer (nee Kákonyi) st and her husband József, had their first child, daughter, Olivia, in July.



Anna Bata (nee Gerecs) cst and her husband **Ervin Bata cst** had their second daughter, Katalin, in August (a little sister to Julianna). Congratulations to both families.



Yearly Timetable of Events for 2017

Please see the attached.

Excursions/Hikes

This year several excursions are planned, usually during the school holidays. Troup Leaders will provide further details via letter or email.

National and Group Celebrations

Besides the scout group organized activities, only March 15 commemoration is mandatory for every scout. This year it will be held on Sunday March 19th at the South Hungarian Club (DMSZ). It's important that we attend various events within the Hungarian community, including the Ecumenical Services at the Strathfield Reformed Church. It is a wonderful sight when many scouts are seen together in dress uniform.

Scout Ball – May 20

This year the scout ball will be held on May 20 at the South Hungarian Club. Further details will be provided by the P & C, closer to the date.

Scout Picnic and Market Day – Aug 6

Location and details will be circulated closer to the date.

Please invite your friends and family.

Cultural Camp – Sept 23-25

This year's cultural camp will be held in Sydney's outskirts and will be about the Gömör region. All 14 year or older scouts are welcome. Further details will be announced later.

Leadership Camps Dec 27, 2017 – Jan 7, 2018

Details will be announced closer to the date. Those progressing to patrol leaders or troupe leaders will be undertaking the relevant courses throughout the year. Those not participating in the leadership camps will have the opportunity to be in the 3rd camp. All 3 camps will be held simultaneously, side-by-side.

Other Important Scout Events

- **Mother's Day Concert - May 6**
- **St Stephen's Day Camp Fire – Aug 19**
- **Santa Claus Camp Fire - Dec 2**
- **Christmas End of Year Concert - Dec 9**

Yours in Scouting and wishing everyone further,

Good Work!

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