



1st Hawthorn  
**SCOUTS**  
at Scotch College

25 May 2006

Dear Parents,

Due to the impending Senior School examination and reporting period, this afternoon's Scout meeting is the last troop meeting for Term 2. We do not meet again on a Thursday afternoon until Thursday 6 July.

Troop activities for Term 3 will include first aid lessons, working on various target badges, a visit to a community service organisation, attendance at a performance of Camberwell Showtime (tentative date Thursday 17 August) and, of course, plenty of planning and preparation for our annual main camp at Elliott Lodge in Healesville.

Main camp is an integral part of the annual troop programme and runs from Friday 8 to Tuesday 12 September. Attendance is compulsory for all members of the troop. Families will be invited to visit the Scouts at the camp on Sunday 10 September.

All Scouts who are attending the Australian Jamboree 2007 must have achieved 10 nights "under canvas" on an approved Scout camp by the end of this year. Our annual main camp and the April hike will amount to 6 nights. New Scouts consequently need to attend other Scout camps this year in order to qualify for Jamboree. I urge Scouts and parents to look for other camping opportunities as advertised in the Scout newsletters that are regularly mailed to all members. There are some excellent camps conducted by experienced, qualified Scout leaders at locations like Gilwell Park in Gembrook and Clifford Park in Wonga Park. The 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorn Scouts needing to qualify for Jamboree should try to form a "patrol" and attend one or two of these camps together.

We look forward to a busy, exciting, challenging and rewarding time in Scouts in Term 3.

Yours sincerely,

Narelle Sheezel  
Troop Leader