

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2021

Happy New Year from your committee and a big welcome to our new cadets and their parents for 2021!

Your current parent support committee for No. 5 Squadron is:

Chairman:	Mike Blaine	Parent of CPL C Blaine & two ex-CPL C Blaine's
Treasurer:	Katherine Williams	Parent of SGT Z Williams
Secretary:	Emma Williams	Parent of ex-CPL H Williams
Committee members:		
	John Arthur	Parent of FLTSGT C Gammon & LAC P Gammon
	Gary Brown	Parent of ex-CPL Brown, & ex-CPL Brown Chairman - Auckland Council's Hibiscus & Bays Local Board
	Arlis Borkelmans	Parent of CPL S Borckelmans & ex-LAC Borckelmans
	John Germain & Jerry Germain	Parent & Grandparent of CDT Germain

Parent Support Committee AGM

Our AGM this year will be held on 10th March 2021. We are looking for new members to join the committee this year, as we have some of the current committee stepping down from key positions and the committee in general. If you are new to No. 5 Squadron or have decided it is time to help out this fantastic youth organization, please feel free to contact us on committee@5squadron.org.nz so we can provide you with more information, and answer any questions you may have. Please consider joining us, to help keep this organization operating for the benefit of our current and future cadets (your children!).

Reflecting on 2020

An unusual year for everyone, including No.5 Squadron ATC. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to offer many of our regular activities for the cadets, like shooting and gliding days, so we are planning to make up for this by having plenty of opportunities in 2021!

What activities did we do?

Cadet 2020 – January 2020	Recruit Training Camp – March 2020
Leitch's Track Tramp – February 2020	Virtual Parade Nights via Zoom – April – June 2020
ANZAC service (in our driveways) – April 2020	Peach Cove Tramp – July 2020
Clean RSA plaques – July 2020	Waihaha Tramp – August 2020
Final Parade & Prizegiving – November 2020	Cape Brett Tramp – December 2020

How did we raise our funds?

Coatesville Marathon – February 2020	Hibiscus Coast Board Grant – September 2020
Unit raffle – July – November 2020	Omaha Marathon – December 2020



Term 1, 2021 Fundraisers

Coatesville Half Marathon - Sunday 14th February 2021 6.00am - 1.00pm

This is our biggest fundraiser for Term 1 and we need all cadets and many parents to help. The marshalling and water stations work at the marathon is not hard work for us to do, and it is an easy way to bring in a great amount of money for the Unit (\$2,500).

Please make sure you secure this date in your calendar now, as it is imperative that all cadets (& as many parents as possible) give their help to the unit for this event.

Please email FLTLT Phil Webb on phil.webb@cadetforces.org.nz to confirm your attendance.

Auckland Waterfront Marathon - Sunday 11th April 2021

Save this date. Details to come.

Calendar of Potential Fundraising Events & Activities for 2021:

February 2021	Coatesville Half Marathon	All Cadets and Parents required to help
April 2021	Waterfront Marathon	All Cadets and Parents required to help
May 2021	Quiz night	(deferred from 2020)
July 2021	Movie Night (Top Gun 2)	(deferred from 2020)
September 2021	Unit Dine-in	Cadets and Parents Formal Dinner (unable to hold this event in 2020)
December 2021	Omaha Half Marathon	All Cadets and Parents required to help

Current request for assistance from parents:

From time to time, the Committee will ask for assistance from the cadet parents and their contacts, and at this time we particularly need help accessing the supply of catering materials, such as tablecloths and napkins, for our Unit Dine-In.

We are also looking for a vacuum cleaner for the unit, so if you have a spare, that is in working order, and can donate it to the unit, we would be very grateful.

Please contact us on committee@5squadron.org.nz if you can help out with these items, or know someone who can. Remember we are a not-for-profit organization, and we rely on volunteers and community support to be able to continue to fund this organization for your child.

Thank you

Next Parent Support Committee meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021 7.00pm

New members for 2021 are welcome, please email committee@5squadron.org.nz if you are interested in joining us.

