

UNIT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER TERM 4, 2020

Happy Mid-Year from your committee!

Your parent support committee for No. 5 Squadron for 2020 is:

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

Term 3 fundraisers

With the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic effectively wiping out Term 2, we now have our two biggest fundraisers of the year occurring in Term 3. They are the Unit Raffle and the Waterfront Marathon.

Raffle

Tickets for the annual raffle have been distributed to cadets at the last two parade nights for them to start selling. Each ticket costs \$2, or a book of 10 costs \$20. Cadets have been issued 2 books (\$40) to start with. More are available once these have been sold.

Prizes are listed on the reverse side of the tickets and include a helicopter flight, Bunnings voucher, New World Orewa gift basket, golf round for 4 at Whangaparaoa Golf Club, family entry to Silverdale Adventure park, voucher for Electrical work, and some café and restaurant vouchers.

All prizes have been donated and we are very thankful to these local businesses for their support. If we can sell all the tickets, we will bring in \$6,000 less the ticket printing costs of \$750. This is a huge boost for the unit.

So please encourage your cadet to try to sell as many of these tickets as possible to friends, family, neighbours and other associates. Please make sure all ticket butts have the purchasers name and phone number of them, so we can contact them if they win!

The more tickets we can sell, the more funds we will have available to discount future activity costs for your cadets, making them more affordable for you. A committee member will be available at all parade nights to collect ticket money and ticket butts. An added incentive is that we have a 2nd helicopter flight available as a prize to the cadet who sells the most tickets! Super exciting opportunity for them.

Prizes will be drawn at the Unit Dine-in evening on Monday 21st September at the RSA.



Auckland Waterfront Marathon

This is our second big fundraiser for Term 3 and was deferred from 5th April 2020 when the country was in lockdown. Now scheduled for the weekend of 19th and 20th September, our Unit has been asked to play a bigger role at the Marathon, and in return we will be paid \$5,000 (twice what we were due to get in April).

We really need the support of every cadet and every cadet's parent to make this happen. 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 such a great amount of money for the Unit.

Please make sure you secure these dates in your calendar now, as it is imperative that all cadets (& at least one parent or guardian) give their help to the unit for this event.

Saturday 19th September 8.30am – 12.30pm – Marathon Set-up
Sunday 20th September 6.00am – 3.00pm – Marathon Event

Please note: ALL cadets and parents are required to attend the Sunday event
(exact times and other details will be provided nearer to the date)

Updated Calendar of Fundraising Events for 2020:

August / Sept 2020	Unit Raffle	Tickets now issued for cadets to sell
19/20 September 2020	Waterfront Marathon	All Cadets and Parents required to help
21 September 2020	Unit Dine-in	Cadets and Parents Formal Dinner & Raffle Prize draw

Events deferred to 2021

Movie Night and Quiz Night

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 organisation for your child.

Thank you

Next Parent Support Committee meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2020 7.00pm

New members always welcome, please email Chairman Mike Blaine if you are interested in joining us.

mwblaine@gmail.com

