



# Unit Start

**Part 1:**

**HOW TO LAUNCH  
YOUR UNIT**



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## ABOUT THIS MANUAL

Starting a new Unit might seem challenging.

There are many things to consider: activities, tasks, people, advertising, and public interaction.

But, if you believe that Scouting has massive benefits for young people, then the journey of establishing your Group Unit – and the time and work involved – will be worthwhile.

In this manual we explain

- the who, what and why of Joey Scouts
- the benefits that youth gain from being a Joey Scout
- the benefits to your Group
- why your Group should have a Joey Scout Unit
- why the Joey Scout Section and new Units are critical to the growth of Scouting in Victoria

It is vital to share these messages with your parents, Group Committee and Group Council. Having everyone on board is the first task of your Unit Start Committee.

This manual covers the steps and activities and to give your Group the best chance of success.

Good luck!



## WHAT ARE JOEY SCOUTS?

Joey Scouts are the first Section of Scouting.

This is where young people join the world of Scouting and begin their adventurous journey.

Joey Scouts are aged 5 (and at school) to 8 years old.

They meet for an hour each week as a Joey Scout Unit.

Creativity and imagination are the key to this age group. Through their adventures, Joey Scouts try new things, explore their own emerging interests and immerse themselves in the activities that they have chosen to do. They decide what they want to do and where they want to do it, with the support of their Leaders.

The section is framed around Australia, using our evocative and highly diverse landscape. Getting outdoors often is one of the best things about being a Scout.

Joey Scouts go camping, try adventurous activities, explore new locations and learn about the world around them. By engaging with nature and learning in an outdoor location, Joey Scouts open up their own imagining of the world. And the outdoors is the perfect location for any number of running, jumping, exploring, experimenting, touching, feeling, leaping, rolling and anything-else-a-Scout-can-think-of-adventures!

For many Joey Scouts this is also the first time they have experienced the community beyond their own family and school – and there's so much more to explore! Joey Scouts have the opportunity to work with local community groups, to help others in their local area, and to learn about the diversity of people and places in their community around them.

Joey Scouts aspire to be like their adolescent peers. Their taste of Scouting is similar to the opportunities afforded to older Scouting sections.

# WHY HAVE JOEY SCOUTS?

## Benefits to the Joeys

In 2018 we've surveyed our youth members, in partnership with the organisation Resilient Youth Australia.

We learned that Joey Scouts ...

- have more positive mental health than other kids of their age (87 to 74 per cent).
- feel safer and more secure in their local community (83 to 62 per cent).
- are more likely to feel they can overcome their difficulties (87 to 66 per cent).
- have a clearer understanding of boundaries and expectations (87 to 66 per cent).
- feel significantly more empowered than other kids of their age (74 to 53%).
- are more resilient than other kids of their age (70 to 56%).

The Joey Scout program addresses the SPICES – the Areas of Personal Growth that add up to the Aim of Scouting: the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual development of young people.

Other benefits to Joey Scouts include:

**LEADERSHIP:** At school and in sports teams, only a few people get to try a leadership role. In Scouting every youth member has opportunities to develop leadership skills.

**CONFIDENCE:** Free from the restrictions of school and free to play in nature, Joey Scouts are happy, outgoing, and confident. And great fun to be with: they understand boundaries and expectations better than others of their age.

**INDEPENDENCE:** Scouting develops independence in young people. This is not a selfish independence, but one that includes a responsibility toward others, to help others, to work as a team. Joey Scouts also develop their sense of independence at Mob sleepovers, Mob camps, and major events like Kangaree.

## Benefits to your Group

**ECONOMY:** Having Joey Scouts means more families to share the costs of running the hall, paying bills, buying equipment etc. This is one of the best fundraisers any Group can do: to get more members!

**EFFICIENCY:** With a Joey Scout Unit you have more parents to engage with - and the parents of younger kids are usually more involved and enthusiastic than the parents of older Scouts or Venturers. More people to be Section Leaders, GL, AGL, Committee, Registrar, Fundraising, Maintenance, Q-Store etc.

**RETENTION:** Our data shows that Joey Scouts who start at age 5 last longer in Scouting than those who start at age 6. This is good for stable membership, stable Leaders, and budgeting.

**LEADERSHIP:** Joey Scouts started in Australia in 1990. Those first Joey Scouts, then aged 6, are now aged 34. Hundreds now are Section Leaders, Group Leaders, even District Commissioners, State Commissioners, National Commissioners. These are the future Leaders of your Group.

**RETIREMENT:** The more Joey Scouts we get, the sooner we do ourselves out of a job. Yes, if we build up our Joey numbers so they take over Scouting, we can retire earlier!



## WHY 5-YEAR-OLD JOEY SCOUTS?

**COMPETITION:** AusKick, Kanga Cricket, and other extra-curricular activities now actively chase kids from age 5 - as soon as they start school. If we wait till these kids are 6, it's too late: they're already signed up for netball or

Little Aths, music or Kumon, and so on. There's nothing wrong with any of these activities but there's no time for Scouting - and the decision they make at age 5 will last for some years. We'll never get most of these kids to be Joey Scouts, or go up to Cub Scouts.

**EDUCATION:** School is great. But Scouting is educational too. Unlike sport or Kumon or Sunday school, we focus on ALL areas of development - the SPICES.

**EDUCATION and SCOUTING:** You can also tell parents that Scouting is recognised by UNESCO - the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation - as the world's largest provider of non-formal education. We partner with UNESCO, we've been awarded by UNESCO. The local basketball club is great - but Scouting plays in another league.

**FUNDING:** There are special funding opportunities - grants etc - for younger age groups. Look out for them. It will also boost any grant application when you show that you are a larger Group.

**STABILITY:** When Joey Scouts started at 6, many were effectively only members for 18 months or so. Groups saw boom and bust cycles in the membership numbers of their Mobs. They were continually recruiting Joey Scouts and Leaders. The three-year program makes membership less volatile.

**GROWTH:** Scouts Victoria goes on about growth for one simple reason - we believe Scouting impacts positively on the lives of young people. More Scouts means better communities.





## STEP ONE: INVOLVE YOUR WHOLE GROUP

Without doubt, a new Unit benefits the whole Group, the youth and the community. And it is important therefore that the whole Group participate in the planning process, provides support, and assists with activities and Launch Day.

For our purposes the whole Group comprises the Group Committee, the Group Council, parents and even youth members. Each have skills or qualities that can be utilised and shared. It is important that every offer of assistance is accepted with thanks and given something to do.

District, Region and Branch should also be part of your Unit Launch, providing experience and resources if required.



## STEP TWO: FORM A MOB START COMMITTEE

Any process like starting up a new Joey Scout Unit requires a structure that breaks down activities into identifiable and manageable parts. The activities to establish your Mob have been divided into five broad areas to consolidate key skills and experience. These are:

- **Communication** - ensure that everyone within the Group, and others involved, know what, when, where, why, and how.
- **Personnel** - make sure that key people in your Group are utilised and understand their important contribution. And don't forget: Youth leading, Adults supporting.
- **Marketing** - make sure that your message about Joeys (and why) is clear and compelling and reaches the broadest, appropriate, local audience possible.
- **Logistics** – ensure that the Group has the necessary equipment for a successful Launch Day and on-going Unit.
- **Finance** – There is a cost to launching your Unit. Maximise the benefit of Group funds.
- **Administration** - make sure behind the scenes decisions and administration consideration are completed.

The planning, co-ordination and responsibility for these broad areas will be the responsibility of a Unit Start Committee and may be headed by the Group Leader or a parent supported by members from the Group Committee and other parents.

## CHECKLIST I

A Unit Start Committee Chairperson has been appointed.	
The Unit Start Committee has enough members, with the right skills.	
A meeting (or other contact) with current parents has gained the parent support you need.	
Identify activities and tasks suitable for youth members.	





## STEP THREE: SET A DAY AND TIME FOR REGULAR UNIT MEETINGS IN YOUR HALL

Some basic homework is needed to consider local influencing factors, such as:

- when do other Units in your District meet?
- when are other youth activities in your community?

This will help you to decide on the day and time of your Unit meeting, and this may influence a parent's decision to enrol their child.

Other factors to consider include:

- What nights is the Scout hall available? This may be limited for Groups with many Sections. Some Groups may have hall hire arrangements that exclude a night. (If this is the case, be open to discuss having other users considering alternative nights.)
- Get advice from local Joey Scout Leaders who may have been through this exercise. What were the main factors they considered in deciding their Unit meeting night?
- What local factors may influence the ability of families to attend your Unit night? Consider other curricular activities that involve youth of Joey Scout age such as the local netball club, football club or soccer club.
- Is transport an issue? Or distance?
- If your Scout hall is close to the primary school, would a meeting time after school suit families?
- If the Group is starting the Unit with a roster of other Leaders from your Group, when can they reasonably arrive to start the meeting? What nights are they available?
- If the Group is fortunate to have a Joey Scout Leader in training, what day and time suits their weekly schedule?

Be flexible. Alternatives such as after school, Saturday morning or another time of a weekend might better suit your Leaders and families.



## STEP FOUR: OTHER TASKS

### WHO CAN YOU USE AS LEADERS?

#### Leaders transferring between your sections

You may have a qualified Leader in another Section who wishes to lead the new Unit. That Leader would be designated the Leader in Charge and would require assistance from another trained leader of the Group, a Trainee Leader, a Parent Helper or Group Rostered Parent.

#### Roster of Leaders within your Group

Don't delay starting your Unit because you don't have a qualified Joey Scout Leader. If you wait, there is a strong chance that the Unit will never start. In the meantime, you may miss opportunities.

As a Group Leader, your primary focus is to start the Unit at the earliest opportunity, and this can be done by using Leaders with a current Certificate of Adult Leadership on a roster. The Unit can operate until your new Joey Scout Leaders have achieved their Certificate of Adult Leadership.

If you need to call upon experienced Joey Scout Leaders from your District, please provide enough notice. See the Recruitment manual for more tips on recruiting Leaders

### LAUNCH DAY DATE

Launch Day is the Group's opportunity to demonstrate the value and benefit of the Joey Scout section. Your Unit Start Committee needs to consider carefully the Launch Day date.

It is critical that all pre-Launch Day activities and tasks are completed in time and a project timeline detailing the individual activities will inform the approximate date for Launch Day. The Unit Start Committee will need to account for contingencies, and factor in school holidays, Leader availability, school camps, and other Scouting events.

The outcome for each Group will depend on their own circumstances and the Unit Start Committee will need to consider:

- How long will it take to complete the large number of tasks and activities?
- The extent of parent support.
- What time of year?

- The impact of school holidays.
- Will the local schools have camps?
- Public holidays.
- Leader availability and other considerations important to your Group such as major Scouting activities, availability of the Scout Hall.

Once the decision has been made be sure to communicate the date to all those involved including District and Region personnel and the Group's families.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO ATTEND LAUNCH DAY**

### **Record families interested in joining your Unit**

All going to plan, the Group will soon receive interest in its new Unit, and a record of interest should be maintained for follow-up and invitation to your Launch Day.

If a family expresses interest in Joey Scouts for their child, the following information should be recorded:

- Name of parent contact
- Contact details (mobile phone and email)
- Details of their child (name, sex, DOB, name of school attending)
- Any medical or dietary needs.

### **Inviting families to Launch Day**

- Four weeks prior to Launch Day, email interested families with the date and time for your Launch Day. At this stage we want the date in their family calendar. Ask for confirmation that they will be attending.
- Two weeks prior to Launch Day, send a follow-up email confirming the date and times ('We start at ... We will finish by ...') as well as a brief outline of what they will experience at Launch Day, both the kids and parents.
- Four days from Launch Day send your final email. In it, express your Group's excitement at the prospect of meeting the prospective new Joey Scout Unit and the family, and provide final information such as the Launch Day address, what to wear on the day (depending on the weather), available parking, and starting and finishing times.
- In some cases, the Group might add the personal touch of a call from a member of the Unit Start Committee to increase the odds of a family attending Launch Day.

### **How will we know if all the interested families attended Launch Day?**

It's important to know which families attended Launch Day to maximise each expression of interest in your new Unit. Make sure you have a schedule with the names of the families expected to attend and have allocated someone (a youth member?) to mark them off as they arrive.

### **Prepare a Welcome to Group letter to parents**

Scouting will be a new experience for many parents, and they will be seeking further information of what Scouting is and what it can provide.

Providing the letter to parents at Launch Day will reinforce the activities that their child has just experienced and provide information about your Group.

Information might include: -

- What happens in the first two weeks?
- When might their child be invested and what is required?
- Is there a uniform?
- What program is presented
- Your Group calendar of up-coming events, camps, hikes & family activities
- CareMonkey – what is it and how does it work.
- The Joey Scout Achievement Pathways Scheme
- Parent Involvement. What is expected of families joining the Group?

You might include background on how Scouting began, the history of your Group, and other information that you feel may be beneficial. Or links to useful websites such as [www.scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au), [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au)

Ensure parents feel welcomed into your Group and provide enough information so that they can make an informed decision as to whether Scouting is an activity for their child.



## SCOUTSAFE

Providing a safe Scouting environment and experience is part of our Duty of Care and the Group Leader is required to prepare a detailed ScoutSafe proposal for the District Commissioner, with enough time for it to be considered and changes recommended if necessary.

## FINANCE

There will be a cost associated with establishing your Unit and Launch Day however the long-term benefits have been established and accepted by the Group.

The Unit Start Committee will need to formulate a budget that covers all aspects of Unit Start and Launch Day such as printing, refreshments, resources or equipment hire.

Depending on the financial position of the Group there are options available for alternative means of funding. These include: -

- Group members may have businesses or contacts that can assist with some of the needs of the launch. This can be an effective means of maintaining costs.
- Community groups and local businesses can be approached for support either financially or for goods and services.
- Grants are a valuable source of funding for Scout Groups and any current opportunity should be closely examined. We recommend that Groups review the Scouts Victoria Fact Sheet – Fundraising Grants for Groups which provides information covering the legalities and processes

The Fact Sheet is available at this link

<https://Scoutsvictoria.com.au/media/3084/fact-sheet-grants-for-groups-2018.pdf>

Remember to thank groups or businesses that assist once your Unit is established.

And finally, once the launch of the Unit is complete, the Unit Start Committee will need to reconcile the expenditure for the Group Committee.

## YOUTH LEADING, ADULT SUPPORTING

Youth Leading, Adult Supporting is one component of the Scout Method and reinforces that Scouting is a youth movement supported by adults. Establishing a Unit provides the ideal opportunity for youth to contribute, participate and lead and will show parents that your Group is vibrant. They will witness Youth Leading, Adult Supporting in action.

Youth participation might include:

- Invite a youth member from each section of the Group as a member of the Unit Start Committee.
- Invite Joey Scouts from the District to be buddies for the prospective new Joey Scouts on Launch Day. The District Joey Scouts will provide support, share in the fun and inspire the prospective Joey Scout to join.
- Group youth members can:
  - » Welcome parents on Launch Day,
  - » Assist with name tags,
  - » Assist with the refreshments table,
  - » Provide support with the Joey Scout program,
  - » Act as guides to families around the Scout Hall
  - » Plus, many other support opportunities.

## REGION & DISTRICT

The launch of a new Unit within the District and Region is a demonstration that Scouting is reaching out to the local community and the District and Region leadership teams can be the Group's greatest advocates and a valuable source of support and guidance.

Inform your District and Region of your Group's intention to open a Unit, establish open two-way communication and invite the Region and District Leaders to Launch Day as soon as the date is known. Be prepared to reach out to District and Region personnel for assistance. Be mindful that not all roles will have an active member.



## VICTORIAN SCOUT CENTRE

The Victorian Scout Centre can assist your Group with the following:

- **Joey Scout Unit on Extranet**

Your Group Leader will need to determine whether the Group has a Joey Scout section already recorded on Extranet. In some instances, a Joey Scout Unit has been established for the Group even though the Unit has not started. If this the case for your Group, then no further action is required.

If the Group has no registered Joey Scout Unit then prior to Launch Day email Membership Services, asking that a Joey Scout Unit formation be established on the Extranet.

Contact Membership Services at [membershipsupport@Scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:membershipsupport@Scoutsvictoria.com.au)

- **Scout Hall Signage Sticker**

Your Scout Hall may have the Scouts Victoria Hall Sign detailing existing sections in your Group. Once your Unit is running request a form from Marketing and Communications at [hallsignage@Scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:hallsignage@Scoutsvictoria.com.au) to order your Joey Unit sticker.

## FOR YOUR GROUP LEADER

- **Joey Scout Unit Flag**

A new Joey Unit Group flag signals that the Unit has arrived and should be ready for the Unit's first official meeting.

Flags can be ordered by the Group Leader from the Scout Shop via this link [https://Scoutshop.com.au/products/section-flags?taxon\\_id=58](https://Scoutshop.com.au/products/section-flags?taxon_id=58)

- **Group Scarves, Badges & Section Award Badges**

The Group will soon invest the new Joey Scouts as members of the Scout Movement which will be an exciting and special moment in their Scouting journey.

Make sure the Group has a supply of Joey Scout sized Group scarves as well as membership badges, District and Region badges. Don't forget the all-important safety pins!

- **Australian Scout Magazine/Facebook/Group Website & Newsletter**

The Group should be justly proud of having successfully completed Unit Launch Day. Why not share your success in the Group newsletter, for your ARAP, the Scouts Victoria Facebook page and to Australian Scout?

## CHECKLIST 2

The Unit meeting day, time and hall availability has been agreed.	
A date for Launch Day has been agreed and communicated to all involved.	
Membership Services, SVC has established a Joey Scout Unit formation if required.	
A Unit sticker has been ordered from Marketing and Communications for the Group Hall sign.	
A Joey Scout Section flag has been ordered from the Scout Shop.	
The Group has a sufficient supply of Group scarves, membership badges, District and Region badges	
Region and District personnel have been notified of the Group starting a Unit and have been invited to Launch Day.	



## STEP FIVE: LAUNCH DAY

### LAUNCH DAY KIT

#### What is in the Kits?

The Recruitment kit has resources to help you prepare for Launch Day including:

- Auction board artwork
- Fact sheet on Joey Scout
- Flyer on Joey Scouts
- Posters
- School newsletter artwork
- Social media art

The Program kit includes

- A PowerPoint to explain Joey Scouts to new parents
- Actual stickers - not for DIY printing - will be supplied

The Program manual contains

- A detailed Launch Day program including a contingency program.
- A list of equipment required to run the program.
- Feedback forms for parents and Joey Scouts.
- Scripted questions to ask parents whilst the program is run and Joey Scouts during Launch Day.
- Take away material for the parents and Joey Scout.
- A welcome letter for parents
- Two terms of programs.
- New Joey Scout Investiture Kit

## What is Launch Day?

Launch Day is the culmination of your Group's hard work in promoting Scouting within your community and is the opportunity to showcase the Group and the Joey Scout program.

## What is the aim?

We want parents to see Scouting in action, to see their child involved in a program that is engaging and stimulating within an inclusive non-educational learning environment.

We want the prospective Joey Scout to participate in a program that is exciting, activities that are fun and new, provides the opportunity to engage with the other

Joey Scouts at different levels, a program with lots of games, and with creative activities that challenge their senses.

We want parents and the prospective Joey Scout to decide that Scouting is an activity has positive outcomes.

## The Launch Day Program

We have provided a Launch Day program will be a fun and engaging experience for the new Joey Scout and is part of a five-week program period that will lead to the investiture of the new Joey Scout. During the first five weeks the Joey Scout will complete a Joey Scout timeline, a journey where they are introduced to Scouting, how Joey Scouts began, Joey Scout ceremonies, the Promise and Law by participating in activities, games, along the way.

## What Do We Need to Do for Launch Day?

There is a myriad of equipment and resources required for Launch Day, facilities that need to be checked and repairs completed, and coordination of rosters and parent help.

The Unit Start Committee will need to consider:

- Running sheet: the Launch Day running sheet ensures that all involved understand their roles.
- Info to families: details of Launch Day to interested parents. Include the date and time, where, what to bring, contact number for any queries in the lead up.
- Invitations: to the Region Commissioner, District Commissioner and District Leaders.
- Set-up and pack-down: organise a team of parents to set up the Launch Day needs such as tables and chairs, marquees, and pack up and clean.
- District support: the assistance of a District Unit to provide Joey Scouts to be the buddy for the new Joey Scouts.

Youth members: allocate tasks to the youth members of the Group commensurate with their capabilities, eg assisting with refreshments, preparing name tags, and acting as guides or any other needs?

- ScoutSafe: your ScoutSafe plan needs approval from your District Commissioner.
- Catering: organise catering for the parents and new Joey Scouts, after checking whether anyone has special dietary requirements.
- Hall maintenance: is the hall presentable, ScoutSafe, with any necessary maintenance done?
- Equipment and furniture: Do the Group have enough chairs and tables and any other equipment (marquees, sound systems, crockery, and cutlery) required for launch Day? Do you need to hire anything? Do the Leaders running the Mob need anything?
- Miscellaneous: What incidental items do we require to run Launch Day such as name tags and markers, roadside signs directing people to the hall, table covers, rubbish bins, first aid kit, outdoor lighting?
- Need help? The Groups in your District will be willing to lend you equipment and resources given timely notice. At your District Council meeting advise Council that you are establishing a Unit and that you may ask for assistance.

## Launch Day Running Sheet

A Launch Day running sheet will detail when activities or events will occur, who is responsible and what equipment might be required. We wouldn't expect a Unit meeting to run smoothly without a program and your Launch Day is no different.

Your running sheet may include detail on:

- Launch Day date, start time and end time.
- Location of Launch Day.
- Who will be opening the hall?
- Who will greet parents, prospective Joey Scouts, special guests?
- Who is assisting with the setting up and the pulling down?



- What time will the different activities start and finish?
- Where will the individual activities be based?
- If you are having a staged area, where will that be?
- Who is responsible for running the activity?
- What equipment is required for the activity?
- If conditions on Launch Day prevent the planned program or parts of the program from running, what contingencies are in place?

Any other information that you consider will contribute to a successful launch event.

#### Who is involved at Launch Day?

- Parents who will assist with the set-up and pull down of Launch Day, assisting youth members, leaders from your Group who will assist deliver the program.
- Support from your Region Commissioner team, your District Commissioner, and your District Leadership team.
- Joey Scouts form Units from your District will attend as buddies for the prospective Joey Scouts making sure they are having a good time and acting as your best advertisement.
- Joey Scout Leaders from within District may attend to provide support and advice.

#### On Launch Day ...

- A parent co-ordinate the set-up of the Launch Day site.
- Group Leader welcomes parents and prospective Joey Scouts as they arrive.
- Whilst the prospective Joey Scouts participate in the program the Group Leader will address the parents.
- Feedback forms are provided to parents seeking expressions of interests. Ensure collected.
- A parent co-ordinate the pack-up.
- Remember to provide parents with your Welcome Letter.

#### After Launch Day ...

- Group thanks all involved for their contribution.
- Feedback forms are reviewed.
- Parents who have expressed an interest in starting their child in Joey Scouts are contacted and provided with details of the first Unit meeting.
- Launch Day is reviewed.
- Three weeks after the start of the new Unit organise a Group function to welcome the new Joey Scouts and their families to the Group.

#### Did all families attend Launch Day?

Make sure the names of families that attend Launch Day are marked off your schedule when they arrive.

Some families may not attend for a variety of reasons. Post-Launch Day send an email to those families or, better still, follow-up with a personal call offering the opportunity to discuss the new Mob.


## CHECKLIST 3

The District Commissioner has approved a ScoutSafe proposal for Launch Day	
Past youth members have been invited to Launch Day.	
Procedures have been established to respond to public enquiries.	
Procedures have been established to review the type of questions/enquiries received and to up-date the Group website.	
A Welcome Pack letter to parents has been prepared.	
The Group website and Unit Start webpage are up-to-date and adhere to Scouts Victoria's Digital Guide.	





The Launch Day running sheet has been prepared and provided to all Group members involved.	
A youth member will take photos at Launch Day.	
An article and photos will be sent to Australian Scout.	
The Scout Hall has been inspected with any repairs undertaken.	
Morning or afternoon tea have been arranged.	
The Group has enough tables and chairs, marquees for Launch Day.	
There is a group of parents to set up Launch Day.	
There is a group of parents to pull down after Launch Day.	
A roster of youth members is in place to assist with refreshments, welcoming parents, providing name tags etc is in place.	
Equipment required to run the Launch Day program is available.	
The Group First Aid kit is up to date.	
A Unit Start budget has been prepared and approved by the Group Committee.	
The Group Committee has explored other opportunities to fund Unit Start.	
All expenditure has been reconciled and a final expenditure report provided to the Group Committee.	

	JOEY SCOUT UNIT WEEKLY PLANNER	DATE: SCHOOL TERM:	THEME/TOPIC PARTICIPATION SCHEME FOCUS:	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LEADER	EQUIPMENT	INSTRUCTIONS
	Joey, Joey, Scout		NIL	JS sit in a circle facing inwards. One JS walks around the outside and taps each JS on the head saying Joey Joey, Joey etc until he/she taps one and says Scout. He/she then runs around the outside of the circle and the JS tapped jumps up and tries to catch him/her before she gets back to their spot. Each JS takes turns
	Follow the Leader		NIL	JS form a line behind the leader to begin with and move around the room doing that the leader does – running hopping dancing etc. Then give each JS a turn at being the leader and everyone follow.
	Octopus		NIL	JS line up at one end of the hall with one, the Octopus in the centre. The Octopus calls out “Octopus” and JS run to the end of hall without getting tagged. If tagged the JS becomes seaweed – feet frozen to the floor and arms sticking out. Keep going until all JS are tagged. Then the JS left becomes the Octopus in the next game.
	Relays		NIL	JS in teams and run up and back – forwards, backwards, hopping, crawling like a crab
	Scarecrow tigg		NIL	JS run around with one as IT. Whoever is it has to tag another JS. If that JS is tagged they have to stand still with legs apart and arms out. To be free another JS has to crawl under their legs
	Tug of War		Long Rope	Long rope and JS evenly distributed on each end. JSs pull to get the rope further to their side than the other team
	How far can you scream		NIL	JS take a deep breath and scream and run, but they have to stop both when they run out of breath.
	Toilet Tigg		NIL	Same as Scarecrow Tigg, but when tagged the JS has to kneel down with one hand up. To be freed another JS has to flush the toilet by tapping the hand of the kneeling JS
	Tunnel Ball		Two balls	JS divide into two teams – all facing the same way with legs apart. The lead JS rolls the ball between their legs behind them and each JS taps the ball down until the JS at the end catches the ball. He/She then runs to the front of the line and rolls the ball backwards to the end. The winner is the team that has had all participants catch the ball and run to the front

### Challenge Areas



### Scout Method

