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PASS OUT



The best cadet with the Wing Commander

On the weekend of the 21st and 22nd, 33 entry passed out from FCTC and 39 new cadets joined mainstream. The pass out weekend was a great success and enjoyed by all, the reviewing officer Wing Commander Kidd and his wife had this to say:

“We were most impressed with your squadron and with all that we saw. Throughout the entire weekend, it was not only the smart and efficient way in which 146 presented itself, but also the good spirit, which prevailed across all quarters including the parents, which was so evident.”

Due to the large number of cadets in 33 entry, the cadets were stood to attention for a long time during the presentations. The only cadets to literally pass out on parade were one from mainstream and one NCO (not mentioning any names!). Well done to the rest of you who must taken Fg Off Alford's advice and had a good breakfast.

SQUADRON IMPROVEMENTS

Plans have been put in place for a project to improve the squadron grounds. Plans include enlarging the parade square, and leveling out the ground behind the squadron. Any one willing to help including parents with skills (DIY or professional) especially diggers, shifters and joiners are most welcome. The work will be ongoing through March and April, and will mostly be on Sundays. Any volunteers speak to Pt Off Pinder. So come down and help improve the squadron, its sure to be a good time and there will normally be a BBQ provided. If you need any more persuasion Pt Off Pinder has said he will buy every parent who turns up a pint. So get down there!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHOT IN THE DARK

On the night of Friday 27th, the squadron was taken over by a terrorist group, taking all our officers hostage. In order to take back the Sqn and rescue their beloved officers, the cadets organized a series of reccies, intelligence, vehicle checks and negotiations with the terrorists. They put together a storming of the buildings armed with replica L98s. The cadets were successful in their takeover but unfortunately the officers were found in a bad shape, so cadets administered first aid and the officers are all now alive and back to normal. (Which is a good thing for any of you who wanted to leave them with the terrorists.)

“Terrific” *CI Parrot*

HOCKEY

Inter wing hockey competition was on the 22nd Feb. The girls who played from our sqn are Cdt Done (Left Back) and Cdt Brecknell (Goalkeeper). Although chosen Cpl Worth couldn't actually play in the competition, but the rest of the team went on to win 4th place. Brecknell was chosen despite not playing hockey before, so all you cadets who don't like trying out at wing trials, just do your best and have a go.

“It was good fun and I can't wait to do it next year” *Cdt Done*

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Those cadets to receive a Duke of Edinburgh's award this month are:

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| FS Dunn (gold) | Cpl Fallon (silver) |
| FS Hooker (gold) | Cdt Pickering (silver) |
| Cdt Charmer (silver) | Cdt Stott R (silver) |
| Cdt Ebbitt (silver) | |

PROMOTIONS

Sgt Moores got promoted to FS this month and Cpl Newman was promoted to Sgt. Lets hope they continue to work hard on the squadron.

“I was very surprised when my name was called on final parade for the promotion. I hope I can live up to the C.Os expectations.” *FS Moores*

RUGBY

Inter wing junior rugby was on the 8th Feb. Our cadets who took part are:

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| Cpl Goodwin | Cdt Charmer | Cdt Ebbitt |
| Cdt Harwood | Cdt Hughes | Cdt Hurley |
| Cdt Jones | Cdt Martin | Cdt Shields J |

The team did really well and won second place in the competition.

Your Say (This months 'Your Say' comes from Cpl Goodwin)

And now, the end is near, and so we face the final curtain! Times ticking to make this squadron top-dog for the inspection. All the effort that has been put in will soon be worth it when it is proved that we are the best squadron. Keep it going.

If you have any thing you want mentioned in next months newsletter, or if you want to be the next 'your say' see Sgt Pye