

CADET CORPS



The Cadets Mess

What would it be like to be a kid in the future?

Some of you might have seen "Star Trek: The Next Generation", the adventures of Captain Picard and his crew on the gigantic USS Enterprise-D. This was like a floating city in space and the crew even had their families with them! They had a small school and in one episode, "Disaster" (episode 5, season 5), Captain Picard has to be saved by three kids who he is giving a tour of the ship to as a prize for their schoolwork.

One of the regular characters is Alexander, the son of Mr. Worf, the Klingon head of security on the ship. Alexander comes to live with him in an episode called "New Ground" where they have many problems because Mr. Worf has been raised as a Klingon to be a warrior and is very strict.

They work out their problems though and Alexander is involved in many of the ships adventures. In another episode, Alexander takes his father to the holodeck to play "cowboys" ("A Fistful of Datas") but things go horribly wrong and their game becomes real!

One of the problems that children could face when

their families are working on a starship like the Enterprise is that it is not just for exploration and research, it is a battleship as well! When they are faced with a combat situation all the "non-combatants" - the civilians and children are put into the saucer section so that they can be flown to safety as they were in the very first episode, "Encounter at Farpoint".

Saucer separation!



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Astronomy For Kids

There's no doubt about it - space is cool! When you watch the opening credits of Star Trek: Voyager, I defy anyone not to be impressed by the photography - the music fits it too! Wouldn't it be great to travel through comet's tails and over the rocky rings of giant planets? The universe is full of marvels like that!

Its all so far away though, all so complicated and expensive with telescopes and scientific mumbo-jumbo, right? Wrong! There are dozens of space hobbies that you can do yourself for little or no money that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to be able to understand! Here are just a few suggestions (click on the blue links for more info) ...

Find a constellation

A constellation is a group of stars that the ancients gave names to and some are really easy to recognise - I've always been able to find [Orion](#), ['The Hunter'](#). Another good one to find, though not as easy, is [the Southern Cross](#), the constellation that our ship was named after, which appears on the flags of Australia and New Zealand

Go to a Planetarium

The easiest way to have a guided tour of the night sky - without going outside! - is to go to a planetarium. This is a room with a special 'projector' that shines dots of light in exactly the right places so that the roof and walls appear to be the night sky. These are usually part of a museum or observatory and whilst there are some in most parts of [NZ](#) there is only one in [Adelaide](#) .

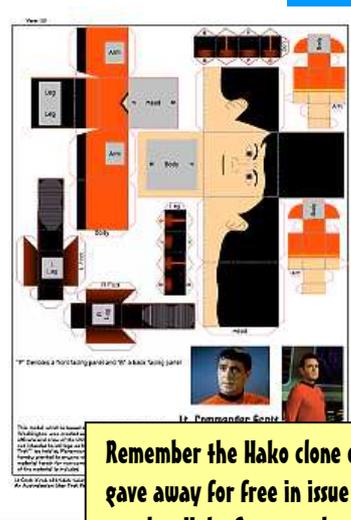
Follow the space exploration news

*We have not sent a human outside earth's orbit since the US landings on the moon, but small robot explorers are regularly tearing around the solar system, sending us back absolutely amazing photos! Right now we have [Cassini](#) exploring the rings and moons of Saturn and [New Horizon](#) on its way to Pluto has just taken some amazing photos of Jupiter and a volcano on one of its moons, *Io*.*

Become a rocket scientist!

Yes, you can build your own rocket! (with Mum & Dad's permission of course) Well, a model one anyway. You could do a simple ["seltzer" rocket](#) (we used Enos powder), a [water rocket](#) or a more complicated [vinegar and baking soda rocket](#). Of course some grown-ups have built some [pretty big rockets!](#)

**Space - the final frontier!
The adventure is about to begin!**



Remember the Hako clone of Scotty that we gave away for free in issue 1? This is another Hako Scotty as he appeared in the original Series - Download it from the Newsletter page ...
<http://www.uss-southerncross.com/news.htm>



See the sky as the Maori people did at <http://www.astronomynz.org.nz/maori-astronomy/taatai-arorangi-maori-astronomy-2.html> read about Aboriginal astronomy at ...
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This month's free game is a development of the old Star Trek "battleships" style games. Click on the picture or go to ...
<http://shankel.best.vwh.net/opentrek.html>



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