



QGC Update – April 2014

Hi All

As we approach the end of Term 1 the biggest question I have is where have the past 9 weeks gone.

Although it may appear that we have been quiet this term (based on last years frequency of updates) that certainly hasn't been the case as the Committee have been spending large volumes of time on a number of initiatives that we hope will further promote and benefit the club.

That said the club would not be what it is without our key stakeholders which are you the parents and your children. You are the backbone of the club and for that we acknowledge your support.

Below are a few updates on important dates and topics

Easter 2014

The upcoming Easter Holiday is as follows

Friday 18th April (Good Friday) – No Classes

Saturday 19th April (Easter Saturday) – No classes

Monday 21st April (Easter Monday) – No classes

Term 1 ends on Thursday 17th April.

ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays which does not have an impact on classes.

School holiday Program

The Club is not running a school holiday program these holidays due to the lack of coaching resources. We will base any decision for Term 2 holidays on available coaching resources closer to the time.

Term 2 Dates & Class Placements

Term 2 commences on Monday 5th May with recreational classes commencing on Tuesday 6th May.

Please register now if you wish to secure a space in a class for term 2 by contacting the club qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz with term 2 registration as the subject.

Gio will be in touch to confirm all classes prior to the commencement of term 2

The term fees are again as follows....

2014 Term Fee (Incl GST)

Recreational	\$ 110.00
Advanced Recreational	\$ 145.00
Pre-comp	\$ 145.00
Competition Step 1 & 2	\$ 240.00
Competition Step 3 & 4	\$ 250.00

Payment of your child(ren)'s fee(s) needs to be made within the first 3 weeks of the term. You can deposit straight into the QT Gymnastics Club account - 03 1355 0621257 00. IMPORTANT: State your child's name and term2 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

Badge Assessment

The GymsportNZ badge assessment is tentatively scheduled at this stage for Saturday June 21st .

We will communicate closer to the time as to how the day will run. We just need to finalise the date based around competitions that we may yet attend.

Apparel

If any children would like personalised Queenstown Gymnastic Club hoodies we are now taking orders. These are deep blue with the club logo on the front and the child's name on the back. Sizing is below.

If you wish to purchase one please contact the club through e-mail with Hoodie as the subject line outlining how many, size and the name of the child to be printed on it.

The cutoff for this will be Friday May 9th so we can collate orders and get them printed. The cost is \$49 for each hoodie.

S youth= 4-6 yrs

M youth= 6-8 yrs

L youth= 8-10 yrs

XL youth= 10-12 yrs

Coaching Update

Megan leaves us at Easter and returns to the UK. Her coaching skills and attitude over the past 2.5 terms have set the bar very high and she will be a huge gap to fill. We wish her and her partner all the best and exciting travels.

Lauren S who joined us earlier in the term unfortunately has had to depart Queenstown due to immigration issues with her partner.

With the departure of these 2 coaches it has left a gap in our coaching resources however we are currently advertising and hope to recruit replacements before the beginning of Term 2.

Brehna is progressing her coaching credentials by undertaking module 2 of XTND which is the GymsportNZ junior coaching program.

If you are interested in helping to coach or have coaching experience and the ability to help for a 2-3 hours a week we would be interested in hearing from you.

Communication

Gio has asked that if your child is unable to attend a scheduled class to please call/text or e-mail her prior. This ensures she is aware of any non-attendees but also means we are not potentially holding up classes with waiting and that all children have safely arrived.

Competition Squad

The Competition Squad starts its season in May where they compete in Dunedin.

7 of the squad are part of the Southland Regional Development Squad and attended a 2 day training camp recently in Invercargill.

We have 3 girls who are on the cusp of moving up to STEP 5 which makes them eligible for national representation.

One of the clubs goals is to gain representation into the Southland Squad which competes nationally in October. To date this has never been achieved by the club however we remain optimistic that it is only a matter of time before the Queenstown club is competing at a national level.

We wish them the best of luck for the comp season and will be closely following their progress.

Congratulations to the girls who have been chosen to compete in the first competition of the year to be held at St Bernadette's Dunedin on the 18th May. The full competition squad will be attending representing Steps 1-4. We have also chosen girls to represent the club as they are showing great promise in the Pre-competition and Advanced Recreational groups.

Committee Update

The Committee identified at the end of last year a number of areas that we feel need particular focus, one of which is our equipment and the state of it. There has been no reinvestment into the equipment over past years and the wear and tear on it is starting to have a financial cost through R&M costs not to mention potential safety concerns as a result.

The club has taken the step of working to prepare a number of applications to funding providers as we seek to upgrade our equipment and also look to the future needs of our children and the club. Monica our Funding Coordinator has invested a substantial amount of time and energy in the preparation of these applications so as we work towards submitting them we will keep our fingers crossed for a positive response.

Another important area of focus is a long term home for the club. 2017 will see the high school relocate to Frankton. The club has anticipated growth over the next few years as the region continues to expand and already we have had to cap class numbers at our current location. We have spent time promoting the club in the community and making our future needs known and will continue to do so in the hope we can identify a long term solution.

Again I think it important to acknowledge not only the commitment by the 6 passionate mothers of the current committee for their sacrifice of that most important commodity- time but also their husbands who allow it to happen.

Enjoy the upcoming Easter break and School holidays and we look forward to catching up with you during Term 2.

Regards

Mike Byers

President

Queenstown Gymnastics Club