



QGC Update – February 2014

Hi All

Welcome to 2014 and the club hopes you all had a well deserved break over the holiday period.

This first update of the year I will try to keep brief however there are a few topics to cover so please bear with me...

Club AGM & 2014 Committee

This was held on Wednesday 22nd January.

The club committee elected for 2014 is as follows

President - Mike Byers

Vice President / Uniforms - Crys Lozano

Secretary - Maria Wikstrom

Treasurer – VACANT

Membership Secretary - Gitti Tapper

Competition Secretary - Amy Barlow

Funding / Equipment Co-ordinator - Monica Carran

Head Coach – Gio Santos

As you can see we are still without a treasurer so until such time as we can appoint one then Crys will handle the clubs payroll and I will handle the clubs accounts. If you are interested in taking on the accounts role then please contact us to discuss.

Although there was a light turnout for the AGM the club is mindful of the need for new people to be coming through and getting involved which then allows for succession planning and a seamless transition when key committee members step down. By the end of 2014 in December when we hold our next AGM we are hoping that we have people wishing to get involved in the running of the club as some current members have indicated at stepping down in the future.

Term Fees

The recent e-mail out to parents has highlighted and outlined the position the club found itself in late last year. In hindsight the club should have predicted this outcome earlier than November before I gave my assurance there would be no increase however given the scope of some issues we

had been dealing with combined with the focus on other areas the possible breaching of the GST threshold was never flagged to us.

Again I can only apologise profusely at the outcome however as mentioned already there is no way around this for the club.

The term fees are again as follows....

	2014 Term Fee (incl GST)	% increase
Recreational	\$ 110.00	15% GST
Advanced Recreational	\$ 145.00	15% GST
Pre-comp	\$ 145.00	15% GST
Competition Step 1 & 2	\$ 240.00	6.8% increase + GST
Competition Step 3 +	\$ 250.00	8.2% increase + GST

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 term1 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

Club Leotards

The club still has Leotards available for purchase. These were at a cost of \$42 each. Given that we now must add 15% GST to items we sell the club will look to sell these still at the same price of \$42 until the end of February and absorb the loss when the price will increase from March 1st . Should it be necessary to order more stock in this will be sold at the new price.

Recreational Liaison

Feedback and discussion relating to recreational classes, engagement of recreational families and ensuring a bridge between our recreational and competition elements and the committee has seen us create a role of recreational liaison to trial. Emily Nelson has kindly offered to take on the role and given we will be finding our way in terms of how it runs and what it achieves we will be it reviewing regularly. The idea is for any recreational questions/issues, they are raised with Emily who in turn will communicate with the appropriate person/s. By having a direct point of contact it also allows for efficient follow up rather than in the past where queries can at times get lost when being dealt with by multiple persons. Emily is both a recreational and a competition parent so has a good understanding of both club elements.

Term Dates

You should know your child's class time for term 1 2014 by now. If not, please contact the club through email qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

Term 1 2014

Monday 10th February until Thursday 17th April

Term 2 2014

Monday 5th May until Friday 4th July

Important Dates

Otago Day Monday 24th March – classes as normal

Good Friday 18th April - No classes

Anzac Day Friday 25th April - No classes

Waitangi Day - Due to next Thursday 6th being Waitangi Day, there are no classes.

Coaching Staff

Gio again heads up the coaching staff whilst being ably assisted by Lauren V with the competition squad and Megan, Richie, Brehna and Talya assisting with the recreational classes.

We are currently working on finding a replacement for Megan who is scheduled to leave by the end of Term 1.

We will monitor with the help of Emily the earlier younger classes where in the past we have had class control issues and may look to request for additional assistance from the parent community to supplement the coaches.

General Housekeeping

With the realignment of the sprung floor and the re-positioning of some equipment over the holiday period it is important that all children know that either whilst waiting for a class to start or having finished a class they are not to play on the equipment. With the limited space to operate in we have tried to maximise the area to get optimum use. The committee has discussed this and if necessary will make changes that incoming classes cannot enter the gym until the outgoing class has finished. This is not what we want to do so we expect self management and parents and children to be respectful of our needs.

The high school is in the process of installing upgraded circuit training equipment in the current space so this will restrict movement even more. The safety of all concerned is our primary objective.

Please be reminded that.....

No jewellery is to be worn when training and all children must have tight fitting clothes to minimise the risk of loose clothing being snagged on equipment.

Water bottles are a must for each child, especially at this time of the year.

Parents and siblings are respectful of the coaches need to have minimal noise when taking classes.

Should your circumstances change during the term and your child will no longer be attending then we ask if you can inform us so we can look to introduce those who may be on the waiting list. Please be reminded that no refunds are given should you choose to stop attending during a term.

As always we will keep you regularly updated as to club happenings with a 4-6 weeks e-mail. We understand that there may be some members who do not have e-mail ability however this medium has proven to be the most effective and efficient way of communicating with the members and will continue. The club is also investigating the use of facebook as a medium for communicating with it's members.

Competition Parents

Soon you should get notification about a meeting outlining how the competition squad works, expectations and competitions. We are excited this year about continuing the progress made last year especially as a number of the squad have been training recently as part of the Southland Regional Development Squad.

We look forward to catching up with you over the coming weeks.

Regards,
Mike Byers
President
Queenstown Gymnastics Club