



May Newsletter

Hi All!

With term 2 now underway it's timely for an update about what's happening within the club community.

Payments

We would ask that if you have not already made your term fee payment to please do so.

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
Competition Step 5+	\$ 260.00

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 clubs bank account.

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.

Queens Birthday

A reminder that Monday June 2nd is Queens Birthday and the competition squad Steps 3,4 and 5 only will still train on this day from 9am to 12pm

Winter Festival Parade

The Club will be involved with the annual winter festival opening parade. Unlike last year's extravaganza, it will be a more sedate stroll as part of the parade. Of course we realize most schools and other groups are also involved and children have a choice of floats but we hope to see a few turn up to support the club. We will advise with more information once we get it all arranged.

Recreational Badge Assessment

The GymsportNZ badge assessment we have had to reschedule due to a clash of events on the date we had originally planned (Sat 21st June).

The badge assessments we will now run in their respective classes on the Tuesday 17th June and Thursday 19th June.

We are working on getting information out to those parents involved however all recreational children practice the required moves as part of their weekly classes.

If they pass(meet the required score) then they will be rewarded with a badge and move onto the next level. More information to follow with Emily and Gio working together to provide this.

Competition Squad

The competition squad commences it's season from this weekend in Dunedin. The club has teams competing in STEPS 1, 2 and 3. There are a number of children that this will be their first competition and we wish them all the best of luck. If last year is anything to go by then once they understand how a competition works and the scoring is conducted then their competitive spirit really kicks in as they work to achieve higher scores.

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 this is achievable with a number of girls who are almost eligible for selection. Here's hoping for some great results as a reward for all the time spent training.

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 qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz 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 June 6th so we can collate orders and get them printed. The cost is \$49(inc GST) 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

We have replaced Megan who left at the end of last term with Sarah who comes to us from the UK with an extensive background in both competing and coaching gymnastics. Ideally we would still like to find an additional 1-2 coaches who can assist in filling some gaps we still have for 2-3 hours per week. Lauren has been involved with the recent showbiz production and her availability has been limited however we expect to see her back by the end of the month. 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.

New Website – WE ARE LIVE!!!!

The club has been working away the past few months on updating our website. We have completed a comprehensive review of our current site and looked at the information we want to have online and available to members. This has been driven by Gitti with assistance from the committee and they have put together a site that will allow us to get our message out and be informative to all. Check it out at www.qtgymnastics.co.nz The new site also gives us the ability to update easily with information/results and general happenings.

Winter terms

As we head into the Winter months and the temperature starts dropping we ask if you can be mindful of how the children attending classes are attired. Whilst the club pay for heating of the gym, the high ceiling and space means at times it can still be cool so we ask if you can ensure all children have warm clothes to get into at the end of classes. They are also able to wear layers or similar under their training clothes if they wish so long as they are not loose fitting which could cause harm on the equipment. As already noted given the early evenings we ask if all parents can collect their children at the end of classes. Improved lighting around the area gives us and the school improved security.

Term 2 Finish

A reminder that the current term finishes on Friday 4th July and term 3 commences from Monday 21st July.

Committee Update

As your elected representatives charged with running the club we take these roles and the responsibility seriously and spend a large amount of time each week working through various issues the club faces as well as managing the more mundane jobs that need to be done.

We are currently working on looking at funding and fundraising options to reinvest into some of the equipment that needs replacing. The time and information needed to prepare an application is substantial so as we finalize and submit them we will keep our fingers crossed for successful outcomes.

We have also had recent meetings with a number of parties including QLDC discussing the clubs long term location and options. Of course this process is not something that happens overnight so as any progress becomes apparent then we can relay it out to our membership.

Regards

Mike Byers

President

Queenstown Gymnastics Club