



End of Term 2 Club Update – June 2014

Hi All

I am sure like us it feels that the term only started a few weeks back however another end of term is upon us and an update is due.

The club has had another busy term with both the recreational and competition squads.

We trust you will all enjoy the upcoming break and we look forward to seeing you back in term 3.

School Holidays

A reminder that the current term finishes on Friday 4th July and term 3 commences from Monday 21st July. Recreational classes re-commence from Tuesday 22nd July.

Term 3

We would ask that if your child will not be continuing in term 3 to please advise the club through e-mail at qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

Term fee payments for term 3 can now be paid. The term fees are again as follows...(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 term3 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

Communication

The committee asks that should your child pull out early in a term or during the term to communicate this to the club please. We have a number of children at times waiting to get a space and this makes it unfair when we hold a space thinking a child is attending when they are in fact not. Also we have a number of reporting processes during the term to GymsportNZ and consequently end up paying affiliation fees for children who no longer attend which puts the club out of pocket.

Winter Festival Parade

Thank you to those parents and children who participated in the winter festival parade last Saturday. Although the turnout was smaller than expected, we do realize that the children have many options on this particular day.

Recreational Badge Assessment

The GymsportNZ badge assessments were undertaken and completed by many of our recreational children this past week in class. Richard Hadlow who has worked with the club in the past offered his judging expertise as our independent assessor. Gio will now compile the results and we will submit to GSNZ for ratification. For those who have met the required standard they will be awarded with a badge.

The committee acknowledges the time and efforts these children have put in over the past 2 terms and of course supports their success.

Thank you to Gio and the coaches for getting them prepped for the assessment.

The next badge day will be in term 4.

Competition Squad

Dunedin, Invercargill, Dunedin and next weekend it's Christchurch for our competition squad. The girls are certainly clocking up the training hours and miles this season. To date we have had some fantastic individual and team performances and results. It is pleasing to see the STEP 1 girls competing with confidence and gaining some great results. The other girls are also doing very well in what is proving to be tough competitions this year.

This reflects the dedication and attitude of these children and when you watch them train and compete they are so supportive of each other. We wish them well for the weekend and the remaining competitions for the season.

Apparel

Those of you who have ordered a club hoodie, these are now available. Please contact the club to arrange payment and pickup.

Should you wish to order a hoodie then please contact the club.

Coaching update

It is said the only constant is change and so it appears to be true with regards to our coaching resources. Gio and Brehna have been consistently working the classes with help from Lauren who will look to drop some of her hours from next term. Sarah unfortunately has left due to an employment opportunity she couldn't turn down but we have picked up Cory who has a gymnastics coaching background and happens to be Sarah's cousin.

We have had Sophie commence with us during the term – Sophie is a Kiwi out of Dunedin and spent years both competing and coaching. She will fill gaps as they appear.

We are also looking at a couple of other coaches who have approached us.

We are very lucky to have Gio who has been our rock and a source of pride for the club. It must be noted however that Gio also has a young family and whilst she endeavours to spend time with all classes she is not always able to due to the demands on her time. The club has the confidence in all our coaches and they are all working with instruction from Gio and within the GSNZ program to ensure consistency and quality of training.

Gym floor

Our sprung floor is causing us concern in that a number of holes have started to appear. Over the recent long weekend we took the floor up and re-packed gaps and strengthened it as best we could in the identified trouble areas.

We aim to lift the floor again and continue to remedy it to ensure the safety of all using it.

To give an indication of cost, a new floor 12mx12m is in the region of \$25 thousand. This is something the club is looking at and how we could fund such a purchase.

Much of our other equipment such as mats and boards etc are showing their age and wear. We are currently getting quotes to assess the costs of repairs.

Website

Don't forget our new and improved most informative website has been up and running for some weeks now. It is updated, refreshed and very easy to navigate. Check it out at www.qtgymnastics.co.nz

Committee Update

The committee has been spending a lot of it's time recently looking at how we can increase capacity. One of the options is to find a secondary location to operate some classes from however although there are a number of suitable venues they are unable to give us the consistency of the days needed to make it work.

The committee has also spent time discussing with other clubs about their structures and issues so we can continue to look at operating the best possible way for the Queenstown club.

Like us all clubs seem to struggle at times with recruiting and retaining coaching resources, capacity and venue issues along with that old staple financial viability. We are heartened that our club has a strong base to work from and we are in better shape than some clubs. This has only been achieved through the work of a number of dedicated parents who have made the difference – thank you – you know who you are.

Enjoy the holiday break and see you either on the slopes or on the floor in term 3.

Cheers

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