



Newsletter Update– Term 3 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Members...

This week sees the commencement of term 3.

As Winter is now in full force, we would ask that you ensure your child has warm clothing that they can wear, especially at the end of a class where although they may be warm, their temperature will cool very quickly.

Payments

We would ask that if you have not already made your term fee payment to please do so. All fees need to be paid within 3 weeks of the term commencing.

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 term3 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

School Term 3

Term 3 classes run commence Monday 21st July through until Friday 26th September.

Class pickups and Dropoffs

Last term we corresponded with all parents about the importance of dropping off and picking up children personally from the gym to ensure their safety especially during these darker winter days. I still see some parents dropping off children from the carpark for them to walk to the gym. As a club we cannot take responsibility for your child until they enter the gym. We strongly urge you to consider their safety at all times.

Recreational Badge Assessment Awards

Over the holidays we have received the badges and certificates from GymsportNZ.

Gio will award these to those children who met the standard required to pass.

The next badge assessment is scheduled for mid Term 4.

Competition Squad

The competition squad continues their season over the next 3 months with competitions in Invercargill, Dunedin, Timaru and Balclutha.

The senior squad (STEP 4&5) recently competed in Christchurch with some great results especially as they were up against clubs from around the South Island.

No doubt they will get further motivation from watching the commonwealth games over the next 2 weeks.

Apparel

If you wish to order a club hoodie or training leotard, please contact the club via e-mail.

Lost Property

Our lost property bin is full and located inside the main door. If your child is missing gear please look here first. We will be looking to donate it's contents around mid-term.

Coaching update

Like many businesses in town that hire staff we seem to be constantly looking for coaches to supplement the small coaching staff we have and help fill gaps.

The transient nature of Queenstown coupled with the specialist need for coaching gymnastics has put pressure at times on our coaching stocks. We are grateful to Gio, Brehna and Lauren who are our rocks who have been helped over the past terms by a number of young experienced coaches, however their ability to commit when they have full-time jobs to hold down means we are always looking.

If you are a parent and wish to get involved then please contact us to discuss further.

Gym floor Maintenance

Over the holidays a small number of the committee lifted the sprung floor in order to fix and rectify many of the holes that have appeared during the term.

A new floor is in the region of \$25 thousand and at this stage the club is in no position to purchase a replacement so we got the advice of experts in how to best fix what we have to make it safer for use.

All board springs were checked, all broken boards replaced, all corners and joins packed with styrofoam and new joining strips made and used to ensure the floor is stable and secure. In the areas where we had no floor boards and were using pieces of mat, we replaced this with new plywood and Styrofoam.

We also created a new strengthened strip of floor for the vault run up which will eliminate the potential for ankle damage and injury.

We need to thank the following businesses for their time and contribution in helping us make this necessary piece of equipment safer.

Please support them whenever you can

Barlow Building Ltd

Techplaster Queenstown

Placemakers

Fresh Choice who gave \$380 from their community fund towards material costs.

Thank you to Dan and Cezar who drove and directed the repairs and their small band of helpers who did what they asked.

Communication

A reminder that 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 can end up paying affiliation fees for children who no longer attend which puts the club out of pocket.

Website

A reminder that our new improved website is regularly getting updated thanks to our efficient and friendly webmasters. Check it out as we are continually adding information to it.

Committee Update

In the week leading up to the school holidays the club was informed by the First Sovereign Trust that our application for funds to purchase new equipment had been approved. Our application was for 2 springboards, 1 vault trampoline, 1 low balance beam, 1 set of walls bars and 1 set of chin up bars to a value of \$13400 of which we were given 100% funding approval.

The club has also secured \$3000 from the NZ Community Trust to replace and upgrade some of our mats.

It will most likely be towards the end of the term before we start to see the equipment arriving.

This is a significant reinvestment into replacing and upgrading equipment and the first for many years. The preparation for funding requests is a complex and lengthy process of which many hours are spent ensuring all the criteria are met. The club is grateful to our Funding Officer Monica Carran for the time and effort put into this.

Keep warm and enjoy what's left of Winter.

Regards,

Mike Byers
President
Queenstown Gymnastics Club