



## **Gymnastics End of Term 3 2014**

### **Club update**

Dear Parents & Caregivers

As another term comes to an end so does the skiing and the cold dark nights. We look forward to the longer and warmer days and wish everyone a happy school holidays. Apologies for the length of the update but there's been a few things happening.

#### **School Holidays**

A reminder that the current term finishes on Friday 26th September and term 4 commences from Monday 13th October.

#### **Term 4 class Enrolments are now open.**

Please contact the club via e-mail [qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz) to confirm your child placement for term 4.

#### **Term 4 Fee Payments**

The term 4 fee payments can now be made. The term fees are again as follows.... (incl GST)

2014 Term Fee	
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 term4 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

### **Recreational Badge Assessment**

We will again run a badge assessment during the latter part of term 4 for our recreational gymnasts. We will advise a confirmed date early into Term 4.

### **Competition Squad**

The competition squad has continued to compete over the past term at competitions in Dunedin, Invercargill, Christchurch and Timaru. There have been some spectacular results achieved and the team has certainly caught the eyes of both judges, other coaches and peers alike, not only is it how they are achieving but in how they carry themselves and support each other. This is a credit to Gio and her coaching team.

### **High Performance Setup**

The club has set up a high performance program for the senior competition girls (STEP 4 and above) that includes incorporating sports nutrition, sports psychology, chiropractic care, physiotherapy and strength training aimed at increasing all round performance as they progress up the levels. Neki Patel and his team at Queenstown Health have taken the girls under their wing and are advising both them and parents.

### **Club represented at NZ Nationals**

As you may have seen recently the Queenstown Gymnastics Club has had Carol Lozano selected as part of the Southland Regional Squad which will attend the NZ Gymsports National Championships in Auckland in early October. This fantastic achievement is the result of a lot of hard work and travel to Invercargill. The Club has contributed \$200 in assistance for Carol in helping to offset some of the cost. We currently have 10 children in the Southland Regional Development Squad and a number of them are pushing hard for selection next year.

### **Prizegiving**

We will hold our annual end of year prizegiving and display also towards the end of term 4. Again we will advise a confirmed date early in term 4.

### **Club AGM**

The Queenstown Gymnastics club AGM will be held in early December with the exact date yet to be confirmed. We will put out more info about this in late October.

### **Apparel**

Should you wish to purchase a personalized Gymnastics club hoodie for your child, please contact the club via e-mail [qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz) Hoodies are \$49 GST inclusive.

### **Coaching update**

This term has seen the addition of Cory and Milena to the coaching staff. Both are experienced and have been working well with the children. As usual Brehna and Gio are also heavily involved.

On Friday we say goodbye to Lauren who leaves us to have a little gymnast of her own. She has given over 12 months of sterling service and for that we thank her.

As always we are on the lookout for coaches who can supplement our coaching staff and help fill gaps as they arise.

### **Gym floor & Equipment**

As mentioned earlier in the term, the club has been lucky enough to receive some funding grants which have been invested into new equipment that will replace some damaged and what we deem to be “potentially” unsafe equipment. We have also invested largely into fixing the sprung floor to minimize safety issues although we view this as a short to medium term solution. We are currently raising funds for a new sprung floor which will cost \$23 Thousand dollars. To date we have raised almost a 3rd of this. It is our goal that we can secure full funding for the floor by the end of Term 4 so we are working hard to achieve this.

### **High School Gym Equipment**

We have always asked that parents keep their children and siblings off the high school equipment and to those who actively do so we thank you. However there are still a number of siblings who are not actively supervised and kept off the equipment and the High School has decided to mitigate the

risk by installing a fence around their equipment. This will have the impact of a smaller area to congregate at class changeovers which is not ideal as space is already limited. Again as we are guests of the High School and although we have advised frequently to parents to keep their children off the equipment they feel their concerns have not been taken seriously enough hence this action.

### **Committee Update**

Of late there has been some media coverage of the club and its long term venue concerns once the high School relocates at the end of 2017.

The club has spent time looking at commercial leases and warehouse space however the costs are far above what the club could afford and any lease would be unsustainable within weeks.

We have been working with QLDC and have had discussions with other parties as to long term venue options. This is a complicated process made harder due to the fact the club has specialized equipment and it is difficult to show dual use which is generally needed to gain any approval.

The first bridge to cross is that of location and once that has been finalized then we can start on accessing and searching for funding streams.

The past months have been spent meeting with and talking to many people and organizations who can provide us with the direction and help needed in achieving this goal.

The fact we have a healthy club and great heart which comes from our members and a dedicated committee makes this task and it's setbacks seem less discouraging.

From feedback that we get it, some members feel their expectations are not being met across a number of areas. The club committee works hard to meet the highest standard we can and to offer a product within the limitations of resources that we work with.

We will keep you updated as to progress and any breakthrough achievements and if anybody has any ideas that could assist us then I would ask if you can get in touch.

Enjoy the last days of skiing and riding up the mountains (I know I will)

Cheers

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