



Queenstown Gymnastics End of Term update

Hi all – it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1 and Easter is fast approaching. It seems like only yesterday that the school year commenced.

A reminder that Gymnastics for this term finishes this coming Thursday 2nd April.

Term Fees

We still have a number of outstanding term fees. This is especially concerning as we head towards the end of term. The term fees are the clubs only source of revenue that allows it to operate. Without the term fees we find ourselves short and unable to meet our financial commitments thus putting the viability of the club at stake. We will be following up with the concerned individuals and any unpaid fees prior to Term 2 commencing means we cannot accept them into Term 2 until all arrears are rectified.

Payment of your child(ren)'s fee(s) needs to be made immediately if you have not paid. You can deposit straight into the clubs bank account.

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.

Term 2

We are currently working on classes for term 2. Can you please advise asap if your child is NOT continuing in term 2 - if we don't hear from you we will assume that your child will be attending. We have a waiting list of approx 15 children so we need to know any gaps we have in order to fit these keen kids in.

Term 2 commences from Monday April 20th

All children must be registered at qtgymnastics.co.nz/registration. Once this has been filled in payment details will be emailed to you.

Badge Assessment

Recreational Badge assessment will be held in June which will see the recreational kids tested on the skills they have been working on this term and will continue to develop in term 2. There will be more details sent out to those involved as we get closer to the time.

Coaches

We have welcomed Jackie into the club during term 1. Jackie has herself done Gymnastics from an early age and both competed and coached back home in Canada.

We have also welcomed back Talya who after taking a year off has come back in to assist in filling some of the coaching gaps.

Gio will be away overseas for 3 weeks during mid May. Whilst this coincides with the first competition of the year in Dunedin we will have coaching cover during this comp.

The club has actively advertised during the term in order to recruit an additional 1-2 coaches however like many businesses around the town we have not had the best success in finding suitable people. We welcome interest from any parents who may have coached before or have an interest in assisting the coaches. Please contact the club to discuss further via e-mail qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

Personal Safety

As we approach term 2 and the ensuing winter months with darkness falling in the late afternoon, the club feels it appropriate to ask parents to remind their children about "Stranger Danger".

The location of the Gym and the general layout of the high school during these dark early evenings can give a sense of unease to some children.

The town plays host to an itinerant population during winter months with many flats and short term accommodation located around the streets bordering the high school.

Whilst we have had no incidents that give cause for concern, we are looking to be pro-active in our approach to ensure the safety of all children.

Please ask your children that if they have any cause for concern in terms of individuals hanging around the gym/school area to immediately let the coaches know.

We would ask that parents collect their children from the gym at the end of class rather than waiting for them to make their way out to the carpark area on their own. Gio will be instructing the coaches and children that if they need to go to the toilet they need to do so from inside the main hall but to go as a group. She is also looking at building a "toilet break" into the later classes in order to ensure they are always accounted for and have coach supervision.

Gio and myself have been given advice by local Police as to how to manage the safety of the children and what to do should we have any concerns.

The safety of the children is paramount and this is something the club takes very seriously. We live in a spectacular part of the world however at times this can invite undesirables into our community which may have the potential to spoil it for all. We do not envisage any issues over the next 2 terms and with the children being reminded by the parents to be alert then we are minimising any potential risk.

Of course it goes without saying if there is any cause for concern we would ask that you contact the club immediately.

Winter Dress

As the days shorten and the temperatures start to drop, please ensure your children are dressed for the conditions. Whilst they may be warm heading into a class, after exercising they can cool down quickly so it is important they have warm clothing to put on afterwards. We will commence with the heating of the hall from mid May.

Committee update

The club is currently searching for a Competition Secretary. Amy Barlow who has held this role for the past 2 years has stepped down and we now seek someone to take it on. It involves submitting entries for our comp teams into the club competitions we attend over terms 2 and 3. She has set it up so that it is very structured and would involve around 2 hours per week. Please contact the club via e-mail for more details qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

The new low beam has safely arrived in Cromwell so we should have that installed by the end of this week.

We have been advised that a good portion of our new sprung floor has arrived so we will now work on arranging the transition of the old floor to the new one. We would hope that this is ready to go early in the new term.

On another note, I wish to advise the membership that I will step down from the role that I currently hold as Club President at this year's AGM in December. Family and work commitments have increased for me over the past 3 years to the point I am unable to manage these effectively. Further to this in 2016 I will be overseas for 3 months. I will still seek to be involved within the club committee but in a lessor role.

Monica who is currently the Club Vice President has indicated she will not be in a position to take over but will be happy to remain as VP. This means we are seeking a new President for the club. The club is lucky we have a strong and dedicated committee who are all indicating they are happy to continue in their roles.

In the best interests of the club we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may be interested so we can discuss with them and look to get them involved earlier than the AGM in order to ensure a smooth succession. Of course it goes without saying that we need to ensure proper process and nothing is official until after the AGM. Please contact me via e-mail should you wish to discuss further mike.byers@bidvest.co.nz

For the remainder of the year my commitment will be unwavering and I will be working hard to ensure the club is left in the best possible shape.

Enjoy the Easter and school holiday break.

Cheers,

Mike Byers

Club President

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