



End of Term Update

Dear Parents and Members

This coming week sees us close out another term. For those children involved in winter snow sports, you can be assured that the gymnastics they have been doing will have strengthened their core and make their bodies stronger for it.

Enjoy the holiday break and keep safe on the roads.

School Holidays

A reminder that the current term finishes this coming Friday 3rd July.
There will be no Recreational gym classes run over this period.

Term 3 2015 class Enrolments are now open.

Please contact the club via e-mail gtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz to confirm your child placement for term 3.

Term 3 will start on Monday 20th July .

The club will be in contact with you as to class placements prior to this.

Term Fee Payments

We would ask that if you have not already made your term 2 fee payment to please do so immediately. We are now contacting those who have not paid and until any arrears are cleared we will be unable to confirm your child for Term 3

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.

Winter...

With Winter here please ensure your children have adequate warm clothing especially for the end of classes. Although the club arranges heating for the gym through the high school, given the large space and height it is generally not always possible to have it at balmy mid-summer temperatures (unfortunately).

Important

If snow or black ice threatens to disrupt classes we will advise where possible through our website and e-mail. As a general rule if there is snow on the ground then we will take a risk adverse view of cancelling classes as we do not want people to put vehicles onto the roads and put themselves and their families at risk.

As mentioned in the last update, we strongly advise that parents drop off and pick up their children in person from the gym over the winter months to ensure their wellbeing.

Equipment Update

We have recently taken delivery of 40 pieces of marine ply which will be the base of our new sprung floor. Tenacious work from Crys has seen Resene/Rockcote and ITM generously sponsor the cost of this which is a huge saving for the club. I would ask that you support these businesses where possible as a thank you.

We are in a position to start fitting the new springs to the floor and our aim is to have the old floor lifted and the new floor down during the first week of the holidays. At this stage we are only able to get half the floor down as our current space doesn't allow for any more but it will allow us to give extra padding around the beam and to the uneven bars resulting in a more even and safer surface.

We may need some parental assistance some evenings to assist us in getting this job done. If you are available please send the club an e-mail and we will confirm back day and time.

Coaching update

Unfortunately we say goodbye to Kerri this week as her circumstances have changed. We are still looking for coaches and will look to advertise again over the holiday period. If you know of anyone or wish to help then please contact the club via e-mail.

Competition update

Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, Christchurch again – our senior girls are getting around and getting results which are deserved rewards for their training efforts.

Each competition has seen an improvement in individual scores and once again we are punching well above our weight against much larger and better resourced clubs.

Our junior girls have competed twice so far and again we have had some pleasing results with apparatus and individual placing's for a number of children. Again improvements are being made and feedback from judges are that our squads are well drilled and have great potential. For our juniors, it is important to remember that the scores are irrelevant at the moment, it is about putting into practice the training and having fun. Once those fundamentals are achieved then scores will come.

Many thanks must go to Gitti who is our clubs sole competition judge and is in high demand this time of the year and to Gio who once again is instrumental in driving our competition squads and programme.

The school holidays will see a number of the senior girls train as part of the Southland Regional Development Squad in Invercargill.

General Business

Thank you to the parents and children who turned up a few Sunday afternoons ago to clean up the beach in Queenstown bay. This was a fundraiser where the club was paid \$250 for 2 hours work of picking up rubbish and keeping our beautiful town tidy. Obviously the more hands means we get the job done faster and can cover more ground. We will advise when the next one is due. Thanks to Belinda for organizing this.

Well done to those who took part in the badge assessment this week. The next badge assessment is scheduled to be held in Term 4.

Feedback received around the structure of some of our classes has been taken onboard and will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

For all and any coaching queries or issues we ask that Gio be contacted via the club e-mail qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz for an appointment to discuss.

Committee Communication

The committee met recently with the Gymsport NZ CEO Tony Compier to discuss a range of issues that affect the sport both regionally and nationally.

Maria our Secretary steps down at the end of this month as her and her family head overseas for work. We thank her for her contribution, her cheerful manner and her wise words of encouragement when needed. We wish them all the best and safe travels.

As has been mentioned recently, the AGM to be held in December will see some positions open up on the committee. The biggest role will be that of President as I step down after 3 years due to work, family and travel commitments. My aim is to still be involved and provide support to the incoming President and committee to ensure a seamless transition and continuity.

Indications from current committee members are that most are happy to stay on in their current roles but due to commitments are unable to take on the main role of President.

It is also unfortunate that Monica will step down as Vice President due to her work commitments however she is happy to stay on in the funding officer role of which she has been a real strength to the club.

Like any business it is important that it refreshes itself and regenerates as senior parents drop off as their children cease to continue in the sport.

In the interests of the club we are seeking people to come on board now with a view to taking on larger roles from December 2015.

The club has a great heart and a passionate base and is definitely in a position of strength financially, structurally and regionally. My successor will not be inheriting a lemon!

I am happy to meet and discuss with any prospective persons who wish to actively get involved, I'll even shout for the coffee or beer.

Enjoy the winter break, get some runs in and keep warm

Cheers

Mike Byers

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