



Gymnastics Mid-Term Update

Hi All

Apologies for the delay in getting an update out earlier, especially as we are now headed towards mid-term.

Demands on my time recently have meant some things have had to be re-prioritised.

Term 2 & Queens birthday Weekend

A reminder that term 2 runs through until Friday 3rd July.

Next week regardless of teacher only days on Thursday/Friday at some schools Classes will continue as normal.

The following Monday on June 1st is Queens birthday and there will be no classes held.

Classes resume as normal from Tuesday 2nd June.

Recreational Badge Assessment

The next recreational Badge assessment will take place on Tuesday June 23rd June and Thursday 25th June.

As usual the assessments will be held during the respective classes.

Coach update

Gio returns next week Monday 25th after a 3 week surprise trip to Europe – Happy Birthday Gio!
We welcome 2 new coaches to the floor. Both are highly experienced gymnasts and coaches in their own right. Kerri is a kiwi and has been assisting with the Tuesday recreational classes and Christina hails from Scotland and has been assisting with our Thursday recreational classes. Both will be also filling in as needed.

With the addition of Kerri and Christina our aim is to have 3 coaches for each class in order to break the class into smaller groups for more personalised training.

Lauren is back from maternity leave assisting Gio for a few hours a week with the competition classes.

Competition update

Last Sunday 17th May saw the competition season kick off in Dunedin with the STEP 1,2 and 3's competing.

Although it was the first competition for the year and for most of our STEP 1's their first competition ever they did extremely well.

With over 150 competing from 10 clubs from around the lower South Island our club gained some impressive early season results which bodes well for the rest of the season and gives the girls a confidence boost especially heading into their next competition in Invercargill which is traditionally a difficult one due to the higher standards expected.

Special mention goes to STEP 2 team for their 3rd placing overall and Zoe, Chamonix and Jasmine for their apparatus placing's along with Scarlett and Tila in STEP 1 for apparatus placing's and Briar who took out 1st overall in the STEP 1 unders.

Our STEP 3's also acquitted themselves well. We are working on getting the full list of results so we can get them sent out to parents.

Special thanks also to Milena and Talya for their organisation and managing their teams on the day.

The senior girls are up in Christchurch shortly for their first seasons competition - good luck to them and everyone for the rest of the season.

Winter...

With Winter finally approaching 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 a balmy mid-summer temperature (unfortunately).

If snow threatens to disrupt classes we will advise where possible through our website. 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.

Committee Update

The committee will meet with the Gymsport NZ CEO Tony Compier in early June to discuss local and national issues.

We have taken possession of the new sprung floor and are now working through a process of how we go about installing it. This is quite an intricate and lengthy process (after reading the

instructions) so a call will probably go out for a few parents to assist once we have a timeframe sorted.

The new low beam is also awaiting installation and although this should have been completed over the recent school holidays the aforementioned demands on my time got in the way – it is now a priority which will be done in the next week.

Have a great week and keep warm

More soon.....

Cheers

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