

NEWSLETTER – Aug/Sept 2011

Welcome to the wonderful world of Gymnastics & Trampoline



Australian Representative

Level 10 gymnast Claire Black has been named as a member of the Australian team to compete at the South African National Federation Games. Vicki Baptie will also be attending as a National Coach. This is an outstanding achievement for members of our club.

They are looking for donations to assist with expenses (up to \$9000). A donation box is located in the office. Every little bit helps.

COMPETITIONS

There have been a number of fantastic results at recent competition – States, Nationals & Yeppoon. With many gymnasts from Mackay Gymnastics winning medals and trophies, attaining person best scores and above all doing their best. Due to space restrictions it is not possible to list everyone in the newsletter so please check out the notice board for results.

Upcoming competitions

Unfortunately the Team Challenge had to be postponed due to lack of nominations. This will now be included with the Toy competition set for 20th November, 2011. If you nominated for the Team Challenge your nomination will be carried over. If you didn't nominate you need to do so by 15th October. New nomination forms out soon.

POSITIONS VACANT.

There are a number of vital roles within the club that are becoming vacant. The most urgent positions are listed below. Full job descriptions for all positions are available from the office.

Administration Assistant

This position entails general office duties. You must have good communication skills, computer experience, knowledge of Quickbooks preferred, willing to learn and an interest in gymnastics is advantageous. Hours would be approx 10 per week with days being flexible. Start date – ASAP. Resumes to The President, Mackay Gymnastics Inc, P.O. Box 3001, North Mackay. Applications close Thursday 15th September, 2011

Fundraising Officer

This person would be required to source a list of the clubs needs and the various funding opportunities that are available. Liaison with the Head Coaches, Administrator and committee is essential for prioritisation of items. Excellent written communication skills and sound knowledge of all club activities and operations will be required.

Publicity Officer

This person will be responsible for all press releases and is a vital position in the club. A full job description is available from the office. This position needs to be filled ASAP.

Newsletter editor

As you can see from this newsletter we are also looking for a new newsletter editor.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Don't forget - to receive your discounted fees for term 4 they MUST be paid before the holidays.

DISCOUNT TERM FEE PERIOD

PAY EARLY & RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR TERM 4 FEES.

Pay term 4 fees anytime **BEFORE & INCLUDING THURSDAY 15th September**

Term 4 fees are **OTHERWISE DUE BEFORE SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER** in full.

** Families eligible for a payment plan are to contact Cherie at Admin prior to Saturday 15th October**

BIG SHED:

The cyclone shelter will come under the control of Education Qld and doesn't look suitable for us. Congratulations to those involved in preparing the application for funding from Sport & Rec. If this is successful Sport & Rec would provide 60 % of the project with MGI needing to come up with the rest (\$500 000) by Christmas 2011. This is a LOT of money and we are looking for sponsors or business to help us out with this. Offers of inkind support also welcome. Make a donation of \$100 or more and add your hand print to our Many Hands Board. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Keep an eye out for special Big Shed updates

THE PIT – the good and the bad news

Bad news first. The foam we saved has become wet and needs to be removed.

Good news: We have applied for funding for a suspension mat and more foam for the pit which will be arriving soon. A working bee will be required to empty the pit and install the mat. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and your emails for day and times.

A huge thank you to **Kookaburra Electrical** of their generous donation for the balance needed to purchase the required amount of foam and to **Rick Smith & Vic Stevenson from ABC Heavy Engineering** for a donation of steel and welding expertise to strengthen the floor over the pit. Some forethought has been put into the size of the suspension mat as it has been ordered with allowance to adjust the size to fit the pit we plan to have in the Big Shed.

NEW CLUB BACKPACK BAGS

These are on sale at the office for \$45 which includes embroidery of the club logo. Parents have the option of having the gymnasts name embroidered on them but this MUST be done at Totally Workwear (opp pool) to ensure uniformity.

ICY CUPS

With the warmer weather getting closer these will be in even higher demand. Donations of cups and cordial always welcome. If you have a few minutes to spare at the club please feel free to make some up.

FUN DAY

A Fun Day will be held at the club on Thursday 29th September, 1.30 – 3 p.m. This is open to all primary school aged children so bring your friends. Cost is \$14. Bookings essential.

Thank you

Thank you to the wonderful coaches who completed their quiz. Vicki Baptie was the winner. I hope you enjoyed your movie voucher.

Thank you to all those chocoholics out there. The chocolate drive has been a great success. So good in fact we are going to do another one next term with different yummy chocolates
Claire Black & Olivia Abell sold 6 boxes each & Jennifer Allen-Waters sold 5 boxes of Chocolates.
Well Done Girls!

Thank you to those who helped in any way with the Sports Sign on day recently.

Thank you to those people who have been busy writing grants for funding for the big shed / equipment / education for the club.

Thank you to those who help make icy cups, supervise children before classes, volunteer in the office or who just give a smile or a kind word to make someones day.

Thank you to our wonderful staff – coach and admin – who make sure your experience at the club is a happy one.

Thank you to those on committee who volunteer their time to ensure your children have the opportunity to experience the wonderful sports of gymnastics and trampoline.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY