



Marist Johnsonville

Kyokushin Karate Club



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Welcome to the start of 2012, a year which again promises to be very eventful for our club.

Training Fees

Raroa Intermediate has, over the past 11 years, been supportive of the club and assisted in keeping our fees relatively low by charging a modest hall rental.

Several months ago, the school signalled that given the extensive renovations to the hall the rental cost would need to be significantly adjusted. The proposed amount was effectively 4x what we had been paying. At that time it was agreed that the increase would not apply until 2012.

Following further discussions and us pointing out that we were providing a valuable community service and that the level of proposed increase could result in the club closing down, we reached agreement that the increase be reduced to double that paid in the past. We thank the school's management and administration staff for their ongoing support.

However, given the increase in overhead costs, we have no option but to adjust our training fees. These are now as follows:

Primary (including intermediate) school aged students - \$65 per school term
Secondary school aged students - \$80 per school term
Adults - \$95 per 3 month term.

A 20% discount will be applied for those with 2 or more family members training and for those who pay a full year's fee at the start of the year.

The new fee structure will apply immediately to new students and those who do not pay their term 1 fees on or before 21 February.

However, current students who pay their fees for T1 within the next fortnight will be charged at the same term rate of last year (i.e. \$50, \$60, and \$70 respectively)

Overseas Membership.

A reminder - All students must have International Membership – which cost \$30 and is a one-off payment. For that the student will receive an international membership card which is registered in Japan and allows the student's gradings to be internationally recognised and for them to be permitted to train at other clubs of the style – in New Zealand and throughout the world.

National Tournaments

As in previous years, our organisation has two National tournament scheduled this year. The first is at Hastings during the Easter weekend and the second in Hamilton in early September.

We will again be looking at taking a large contingent from Wellington to compete at both events (in either kata, non-contact and/or full-contact).

We have yet received any information in respect to the multi-style tournament in Fielding this year and will provide related details when they are received.

National Junior Camp

Our club will again be hosting National Junior Camp. This had initially been planned for early July. However, we have recently been notified that the World Open Tournament in Japan has been rescheduled from November to late June. As a result I and the other NZ Branch Chief's have agreed that the Camp will now be held later in the year. We are hoping to book Forest Lakes on the last weekend of September. This is at the start of the school holidays and should be a lot warmer (and drier) than last year.

More information will be provided closer to the time.

End of year events

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the Johnsonville Xmas parade. It certainly created good profile for the club and we received good feedback from the organisers.

I would also like to thank all those who attended the end of year prize giving at Keith Spry pool.

Given the success of both these events, we anticipate we will look at doing the same at the end of this year.

Website

Our website has gone live – but still needs to be finalised. It is under the name of our branch: nzkyokushinkarate.co.nz and includes a page for Marist Karate Club.

Congratulations

Well done to those who received awards for their efforts and achievements in 2011. It was very pleasing to see the overall level of skill improve – particularly during the second half of the year. Unlike previous years, it was extremely difficult to determine the award winners as so many students impressed with their attitude and commitment to training.

I'm sure that if this continues we will have even better results at national tournaments and a large number of students will be rewarded at grading time.

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