

Marist Johnsonville Kyokushin Karate Club

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

Welcome

As this is the first newsletter for 2014, I would like to welcome all the new students and a couple who have returned after being away from Wellington or following a period focusing on other sports,.

We have only had 3 month's of training this year, but what a busy time it has been for the club - and with the National Camp around the corner, things are unlikely to quieten down.

WELCOME TO MARIST **Sempai Shannon**

New Instructor

Sempai Shannon Wooster (2nd Dan) earlier this year relocated to Wellington from Hawkes Bay to study at Massey University.

Since then, Shannon has become a regular at junior and senior classes.

Sempai Shannon is certainly a great asset for the club - which was reinforced when she achieved a third placing on behalf of our club in the kata competition at the Hastings National Tournament at Easter.

They Did It!

Sempai Mitch Horwell and Sempai Lawrence Ritchie joined the elite group of Kyokushin black-belts after successfully completing their Shodan grading in mid- February.

Culminating to 40 fights, the grading provided a significant test of the candidates' physical and technical skills.

Congratulations to Lawrence and Mitch And thanks to the instructors and students from our own dojo, together with those from Auckland and Hastings who assisted.

Mid-Winter Swim

This year's mid-winter will be held on Saturday 21 June at Oriental Bay Beach. Given the cold temperature at that time of the year, only adult and college aged students will be able to participate.



Marist Inaugural Invitation Tournament

The first invitation junior non-contact and contact tournament was held in Tawa on 12 February.

A great success from all accounts, we intend for this to become a regular event on the national calendar.

Special thanks to Shihans' Alex Terris, Mike Kenworthy and Sensei Steve Newby – and of course Sensei Richard Wooster and his students from Hawkes Bay - for their support of the tournament.



Our medal winners in the full-contact division L-R: Neiko, Liam, Will-Rich, Joseph

Website Reminder

Our website is under the name of our branch: nzkyokushinkarate.co.nz

It includes a page for Marist Karate Club (including a calendar of events) and several photos, past and more recent.

Bank Account:

Term fees, overseas membership fees and grading fees can be paid by direct credit into the following account:

Bank: BNZ

Account Name: NZKK

Account Number: 02-0560-0047907-000



Easter Tournament

The recent Easter tournament in Hastings was another gear success for out dojo.

We took up a team of 11 junior and senior students to compete in either kata, points contact or full-contact divisions.

Each one of them did the club very proud, with most coming away with medals or trophies.

Surprisingly, our last minute entry in the team kata resulted in gold medals for McKay, Joel and Neiko.

A special mention goes to Jonty Nguon, Neiko Love and Daravut Nguon for winning their respective full-contact divisions.



A photograph that appeared in the "Hawkes Bay Today" newspaper

Recent Grading Results:

NAME		New Kyu Grade
Michael	Norman	5
Felix	Stonehouse	6
Frank	Leufkens	6
Arden	Bowman	9
Anika	Bowman	9
Christina	Narayanan	9
Antony	Batten	9
Noah	Bryant	9
Holly	Speirs	9
Connor	Elsworth	9
Jacob	Praill	10
Barnaby	Maass	10
Ena	Kikuchi	10
Mazen	Khallaf	10
Sam	Dunn	10
Liam	Love	10
Nona	Herdman	10
Aayush	Nataraj	10

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

NATIONAL CAMP

Without doubt, the biggest event on our national calendar is the Winter Camp at Forest Lakes in Otaki.

We will again be privileged to have Hanshi John Taylor (9th Dan) joining us as our guest instructor.

Don't miss out on the invaluable opportunity to meet and train with a true "Living Legion" of Kyokushin Karate.



