



E- Newsletter

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To all Students and Parents of Choi Kwang Do.

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Welcome

Hello and welcome back to our monthly newsletter. What a fantastic month with Master Bruce Cairney, 5th Dan dropping into our school for a couple of days last month, a great belt test result, everyone having fun at the Kung Fu Panda movie and of course tickets being available for the Seminar.

July is a super busy month as there is quite a lot of media interest in having a GrandMaster visit New Zealand for this once in a lifetime event. Also we are expanding our premises as well as launching a Pre School program. And July will be our biggest belt testing month ever.



Master Bruce from Townsville dropped in to run a couple of classes.



Birthdays

Happy birthday in July to Mel N, Paul W, Kevin K, Jordon R, Joshua B and Kirsty A. Also remember if you attend a Choi class on your birthday you get to do something very special.

Special Congratulations

New Black Belt Club Members

Welcome to Kirsty, who has become the latest Black Belt Club member. She now joins Kaitlin, Daniel, Melanie, Kevin, Nicole, Stanley, Caleb, Mackenzy, Luke, Katherine, Samuel, Jacob, Anastasia, Emily, Matthew and Rachel.

Belt Testing in June

Congratulations to the following who sat their belt test in June. Jordon & Damon, White Belt Senior, Colin, Carl & Hamish, Yellow Belt, Allen, Yellow Belt Senior, Rebekah & Mel, Gold Belt, Emily, Gold Belt Senior, Max, Orange Belt, Anastasia, Orange Belt Senior, Stacey, Green Belt, Peter, Green Belt Senior and Melanie, Brown Belt.



We couldn't get everyone together for the photo shoot so here are a few we caught just before they walked into the Kung Fu Panda Movie. Awesome afternoon !!

Important Dates and Activities

- Next Belt Testing 14 July, forms must be returned by 7 July.
- Oceania Seminar and Dinner Saturday 16 August. See noticeboard for details.
- Family Fun Day and BBQ with International visitors Sunday 17 August.

General News

Oceania Seminar

Details have now been posted to all of you. With so many new members we have been asked 'how big a deal is this?'

Based on our experience, we truly believe this is something that should not be missed. There are very few living GrandMasters in the world and to have one visit New Zealand is an extreme honour.

The advantage we have is that because we are a new school, students will be fortunate enough to be 'up close' with Grandmaster Choi. Instead of being part of a crowd of 2,000 in the UK or 4,000 in the USA, it will be just our school students. As mentioned we have worked hard to keep costs low and would like to thank our sponsors. We have based the seminar price at cost, however we do need as many students as possible to attend.

Sundance Spas



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New Belt Testing Forms

Many of you will have seen the new belt testing forms. These have been introduced to provide what we believe is a useful tool for parents; whereby the student must have their parent, teacher and Choi instructor acknowledge that they are trying their best in all aspects of life. Also because of the growing number of students and the need to ensure correct belt sizes arrive on time for presentation, we must receive all forms one week prior to testing.

We are expanding

Over the next few weeks Mr Meeten and Mr Hazelden will be building a second training floor and expanding the current training floor. This was originally our plan for next year; however the building owner has advised that he intends to rent the rear from next month for storage. So while it is somewhat earlier than planned we didn't want to miss out on the opportunity and have had to 'bite the bullet' earlier than expected. The new floor will be used to run the Pre School program as well as the kids Saturday class. Once this is completed we will then remove the wall where the belts are displayed and extend the main training floor an additional 5 metres.

New Pre School Tiny Tigers Program

Every Wednesday at 4pm from 9 July, Mr Hazelden will be running a ½ hour Pre School Martial Art Program. This new program is designed for ages 3-5 years and promises to be lots of fun and educational. See us if you would like more information.



Instructors Class

Every Tuesday we run an instructors Class. This is designed to ensure all instructors and assistant instructors are prepared for the next 7 days, have the latest news and are aware of the focus for the week. Also this is a time for them to receive their own training. The class is a combination of discussion and practical training.

Assistant Instructor workshop

We are now planning for the next AI workshop. Designed to give you the essential foundations to start the instructing process, this is a great opportunity for anyone considering becoming more involved.

If you are 14 years and over and would like to find out more about being part of the instructing team then talk to us. All instructors and Assistant Instructors as at 1 August will be eligible to attend the Grand Master Choi Instructors Workshop on Friday 15 August.

Jordan leaving

We would like to congratulate Jordan who is embarking on her full time career. Unfortunately for us it means that she will no longer be available to help out behind the desk, however we wish her well and thank her for all her assistance.



UK Seminar with Master Bruce on the stage with GrandMaster Choi and others. Master Bruce getting ready for whatever GrandMaster Choi is about to do.....

Final Note

As a Choi Kwang-Do student, **you** will in August have the opportunity to learn and train directly from a world famous Grandmaster instructor.

Most martial art students will never have the opportunity to do this in their lifetime!

You may even be fortunate enough to have Grandmaster Choi fix one of your techniques so be sure someone from your family has a camera ready! Whether you have attended seminars in the past or may be attending for the first time, we encourage all of you to join in on the fun and excitement!

Come and see why entire organisations from other martial arts styles have abandoned their traditional ways simply after watching Grandmaster Choi demonstrate this incredible art. If you think your instructor is good, watch how fast Grandmaster Choi makes them seem like a white belt all over again!

So we invite all of you to come and find out if you have “what it takes” to keep up with our 66 year “young” Grandmaster and Founder – Grandmaster Kwang Choi.

See you at your next class.