



E- Newsletter

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To all Students and Parents of Choi Kwang Do.

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Welcome

Hi everyone, welcome back to our latest newsletter and training for 2009. You will see that we have recently published our 2009 calendar of events. If you need additional copies then collect at the Dojang or download it from www.choi.co.nz

A very warm welcome to all the Mums, Dads, Brothers and Sisters of members who have joined us in 2009.

What a great inspiration for all of us, it is great to see so many families training together. Deciding to start Martial Art training and working toward the goal of your first black belt requires real commitment.

Children who train with other family members stick with and nearly always achieve their goal of gaining their first black belt. With a journey that takes just over three years to 1st Dan Black Belt the ability to set and achieve this goal clearly sets up a child/teenager for life's challenges. It also demonstrates to future employers and colleges alike that not only can this person set a big goal; but with persistence and dedication can achieve this goal where many others simply quit. Remember a Black Belt is simply a White Belt who didn't give up.



Here are some of our Black Belt Club members training at Browns Bay Beach. These members are committed to achieving their black belt and a number will achieve this goal over the next 12 months

Birthdays



A belated happy birthday in January to: Rewi, Mark, Heather, Helena, Ashley, Kaitlin, Richard, Taylor, Courtney, Robert, Joel, Zach, Thomas, Zac, Mike, Zane, Marcus. And in February happy birthday to: Daniel, Rachel, Jake, Callum, Thomas S, Samuel and Mrs Hazelden.

Special Congratulations

Belt Testing

Congratulations to the following who recently graded: Jai, Daniel – White Senior; Georgia – Yellow; Rewi, Miriam & Jennifer – Yellow Senior; Damon – Gold; Danielle – Gold Senior; Cameron, Julie, Mark & Hamish – Orange; Matthew – Orange Senior; Jade – Green; Stephanie – Green Senior; Samuel & Jacob – Blue; Stanley – Blue Senior; Gavin – IL Dan Yellow; Daniel & Katherine – IL

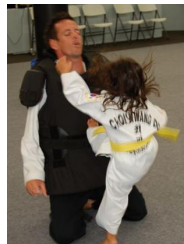
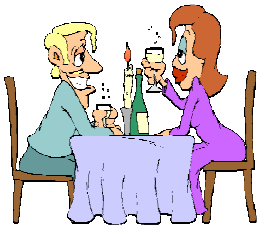
Assistant Instructor / SWAT / STORM training

Well done to Cameron, Mackenzie, Jordan and Joshua with participated in the latest training course on Saturday 14 February. Look out for them helping during classes.

Important Dates and Activities

See our 2009 Calendar of Events for Apr - Dec period

- Monday 16, Tuesday 17 February – Grading (Red Stripe)
- Monday 23 Feb to Friday 27 Feb – Bring a Friend Week
- Monday 23 Feb – Registrations close for Sat 7 Mar Mum & Dad Date Night Out
- Monday 2 Mar – Black Belt Club
- **Saturday 7 Mar – Mum & Dad Date Night (Drop kids off 7pm, collect 10pm, lots of fun)**
- Monday 16 Mar – Registrations close for First Aid Training Course
- Sunday 29 Mar – First Aid Training Course, bookings essential
- Monday 16, Tuesday 17 March – Grading (Black Stripe)



General News

Car Stickers

Don't forget to get your Choi Car Sticker. Simply stick it on your back window and every month we will select one vehicle we see with the Choi sticker displayed. The number plate will be shown on the whiteboard at belt testing time with the winner receiving \$15 Dojahng Dollars.

Belt Testing

A reminder that Belt Testing forms must be completed and returned at least 5 days prior to your test. This process ensures we can complete your testing on time with the maximum attention to you.

Hello Joe and Tom

Joe and Tom have arrived in New Zealand this week and will be joining us for four weeks training and assisting in classes. When they return to Choi Kwang Do Hampshire later this year they will be grading for Black Belt.

Ezypay

By now we will have spoken to many of you about the Ezypay system we are introducing. Over the Christmas/ New Year period we received feedback from several members asking about combing their two monthly belt grading fees and annual international membership fees into the regular monthly payment. We explored this further with a number of members and have found that the Ezypay system will reduce the hassle of remembering these adhoc costs. There are no changes to your fees. Full details are in the letter we have recently sent out. Please feel free to ask any questions. If forms could be returned as soon as possible that would be greatly appreciated.



Parking

Just a friendly reminder that we have available the car parks down the side of the building as well as the drop off park beside Party Hire. After 5pm we are welcome to use Party Hire car parks, however before this please park either on Anzac road or the Anzac road carpark. After 530pm we are welcome to use Megatyre carparks.

Choi Bouncy Castle

In conjunction with another business we have secured a 5m X 4m bouncy castle. This is fantastic fun and means we can use it for our events in 2009. We have negotiated a special daily rate for members of \$90. Non members day rate is \$160. Bookings can be made through the Dojahng and are essential to secure the date you require.



First Aid Training

We have arranged for Emergency Response Training Solutions to provide a First Aid Training course at our Dojahng on Sunday 29 March (830am to 5pm). This one day course is provided at cost (\$90) and is open to all students and family members. The course meets Unit Standards 6401 and 6402 so is excellent if you haven't done a course for a number of years, need to renew your currency or simply want to complete these unit standards. Registration and payment is required by Monday 16 March so see us for details. We require all Instructors and Assistant Instructors to be First Aid certified and current.

Bartercard

We have recently joined Bartercard and welcome this as a form of payment. See us for details.

See you at your next class.

Mr & Mrs Hazelden