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Delta Gymnastics Club Latest News

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Upcoming Events

May/June		
14/15	Delta Duel Extension classes and up	Gold Coast
21/22	Brisbane North Junior Regional's Level 1-3	Brisbane
28/29	QLD State team trial Level 7-10	Toowoomba
4/5 June	Delta Carnival—Early Gym Start—to Gym Mover Plus classes	Clayfield
18/19	Delta Challenge/Levels carnival—Gym Mover plus and up	Clayfield
24/25/26	State Championships Level 4-10	Chandler

I hope you and your family had a great Easter break. It is amazing how fast the year is flying by, to think that Easter is over and we are already approaching the middle of the year is quite unbelievable. With the year progressing so fast it is easy to forget to slow down and enjoy life.

We are very lucky here at Delta Gymnastics to have support from businesses such as Westpac, East Coast Mechanical Services and Sunsail who support our high level girls travelling interstate and internationally. We understand how hard it is to raise funds for important causes and always try to give back to the local community. There are two very important fundraising ventures which are both due to take place in August, which I would like to share with you.

I hope that you are able to assist these very worthwhile causes in some way or another.



The first is a cause very close to our heart. The Ryan family is a very big part of Delta. Mark & Janine Ryan moved from Townsville so their girls Jessica, Taylor & Maddison could be provided with great gymnastics and schooling opportunities. Both Taylor and Maddison joined our Delta Force Squads program and have been fantastic role models for many of our young gymnasts.

Maddison (who is 14) has been doing gymnastics for many years and one of her career highlights was being crowned the Level 5 Queensland Champion in 2009. 2010 was going to be a yet another great year for Maddy but after some niggly knee pain this was not to be the case. In September 2010 Maddison was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (cancer of the bone). Since the diagnosis, Maddy has had to undergo 12 weeks of chemotherapy followed by a major operation to replace 140mm of shin bone and to fit a replacement knee joint. Maddy now has 13 weeks left of a 30 week chemotherapy program which is taking its toll, although as a gymnast she is very strong in the mind. Maddy is an inspiration to all that know and love her, her determination and desire makes her an amazing person which we can all learn from.

Maddison's oldest sister, Jessica, has convinced Mark to join her in the Ride to Conquer Cancer which is a 100km ride each way on the weekend of 20-21 August from Brisbane to the Somerset Dam area. This ride is a fundraiser to support the research of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research which research treatments and cures for cancer.

In order to 'enjoy' this ride Jessica and Mark need to raise \$2500 each and **we need your help**. We are seeking your tax-deductible donation to help us reach that goal. If you are able to help us then the best way to make a donation is to go to the website <http://br11.conquercancer.org.au>, find the green DONATE icon and click and use the SEARCH function to make a donation to MARK RYAN. You will be sent a tax invoice after the donation is made. On that website and our personal pages you will be able to read a little about Maddy's journey and our motivation for doing the ride.

If you would like to know more or maybe own or manage a business that may be able to provide financial support or even 'spread the word' kind of support, please contact Mark Ryan on 0418758293.



Delta Gymnastics is a proud supporter of the Felicity's Wish Foundation

Felicity's Wish is a foundation established in October 2008 by friends and family of Felicity Purcell as a memorial to ensure her life long goals are perpetuated. Felicity's life ended at the young age of 33 after enduring a year long battle with breast cancer.

Felicity's Wish endeavors to assist in the pursuit of new knowledge in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer and provide practical support to people with chronic illness or disability and their families.

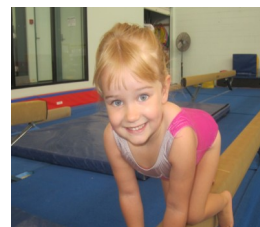
The Felicity's Wish Foundation third annual Cocktail Event will be held at Brisbane's premium riverfront venue - The Strand at Rugby Quay. The event will serve as the sole fundraiser for 2011 and is expected to be attended by 400 guests and celebrities. They are currently seeking assistance and contributions for the fundraising component of the evening. For more information please contact Penny 0410 586 736 or penny@felicityswish.com.au. Check out their website - www.felicityswish.com.au



I understand many families have been affected by the recent Queensland floods and I am sure you all gave generously to the flood appeal. Your smallest amount of assistance to these two very worthwhile causes will be appreciated by all involved and I am quite sure that almost every Delta family has been affected by some kind of Cancer at some point in time. So please dig deep and show your support by donating financially to the Ride to Conquer cancer or by participating in the ride itself! Your support to Felicity's Wish can be shown by donating prizes for the auction or by purchasing tickets to attend the Cocktail party. Another way to show your support is to send this newsletter onto friends and family and help get the word out about these two fantastic events.

Delta Gymnastics greatly appreciates your support.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GYM?



Our Early Movers and Groovers are enjoying some new activities with new equipment and are of course having fun mastering skills they have been practicing. Our Early Movers and Groovers are doing a great job developing their listening skills and independence. We are looking forward the Early Movers and Groovers carnival day which will be held in the week of 30 May to 4th June.

Our Early Gym Starters through to our Gym Mover Plus classes are busily preparing for the Delta Winter Carnival on 4th and 5th June! By now you will have received your invitation to the carnival which has very important information about days and session times. If you have not received this yet, please see your child's coach or check the notice boards or website for further details. We are looking forward to showing you what the children have been learning over the past months.

Our Extension (4hr/week) right through to our (20hr/week) squad gymnasts are preparing for their 'competition' season. This is where gymnasts put all of the skills they have been working on and have mastered into a routine format. Girls perform on the Vault, Bars, Balance Beam and Floor and are given a score based on their performance. Our highest level girls (level 7-10) are looking forward to their State team trial coming up in Toowoomba on 28/29th May. The top 6 girls in each level—7 through to 10 are selected to represent Queensland at the National Championships in Perth in July. Last year Delta Gymnasts made up over half the Queensland team.



We wish all girls the very best and hope they enjoy their upcoming competitions.

CARNIVAL TIME

The Winter carnival is fast approaching and will be held on the weekend of 4th & 5th June for all Early Gym Start through to Gym Mover Plus classes. Please keep your eye out for posters in the gym, notes in class and website updates as to when your child will be performing. The carnival is a great way for children to demonstrate what they have been learning to family and friends. Our high level squad gymnasts will also be displaying throughout the weekend.

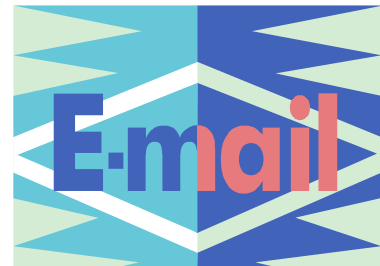


CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved lately?

Have you changed email address?

Please keep our office up to date with your contact details. We are moving more towards electronic communication and need to ensure all email addresses are accurate.



From all of us here at Delta, we hope you have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you in the gym soon.



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