



# CHALK TALK

January 2014

## WHATS NEW

### **S**oftware

Our long awaited software upgrade is in full swing – Windows XP and Office 97 (!!!) are a thing of the past – we have upgraded to Win 7 and Office 2010 and are using a custom billing and class management program from the USA – of course this migration entails a complete recapture of our data base .... Accounts will be produced this week for Term 1 2014 – we will gather missing information during the course of the term – Parents names and e mail addresses are 2 that were not captured on the previous system.

### **P**it

The theory was that just before we started gym this year we would “fluff” the pit to make it softer and to throw away some of the old blocks – oh dear ! when we got to the bottom we found that the false floor had broken (the pit leaks so we need a false floor to keep blocks dry and allow dust to settle ) so a 3 day fun operation turned into a 6 day nightmare of carpentry and dumping far more blocks than we planned to – should be OK for a couple of years now – long term we need to convert to a suspended floor (more like trampoline) - 2016/2017 and R200 000 !!

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**18- January** – All classes back to normal

**31 Jan - 2 February** – Training camp for Africa Champs team (Sips & Stix) in Pretoria

**15 February** – High Performance Squad Training – Nandos International Prep - hosted at Pinetown Gym Club

**22 & 23 February**– Women’s Gymnastics Level 1 Judges course @ Pinetown Gym – anyone welcome

**21 > 23 February** – Junior high performance camp – (class 2 & 3) and Africa Champs team - Pretoria

**1 & 2 March** – Gymnastics Sports Leaders course – beginner level – hosted at Pinetown Gym

**10 > 17 March** – World Cup for Sips & Stix (Jesse will go as coach) – Germany

**15 March** – High Performance Squad Training – Nandos International Prep - hosted at Pinetown Gym Club

**25 > 30 March** – Africa Championships hosted @ University of Pretoria

**29 March** – Last day of classes for term 1

**7 April** – Classes resume for 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

## REPORT BACK

Very exciting term ahead with our 2 senior boys involved in a World Cup and the African Championships – of course this being a commonwealth year it is absolutely vital to try and build each gymnasts profile to get them closer to selection.

We still wait with baited breath for the outcome of our most recent Lotto application which we hope will allow us to improve the ventilation in the gym. (2012 application – patience is required for this kind of stuff !!)

