

Kuk Sool Won™

Term Dates for next year

This term ends on **14th December 2019**.

2020. We have added 3 extra dates in January to replace the week lost in October. Please attend as many of these classes as you can.

Training dates for January will be: **Jan 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25**
Times will be Tuesday and Thursday 6pm till 8pm and Saturdays 10am till 12pm.

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April

Closed Waitangi Day **6 Feb**

Term fees due on **21 January**

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April to Saturday 4 July

Term fees due on **21 April**

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July to Saturday 26 Sept

Term fees due on **14 July**

Term 4

Training starts **6, 7, 8, 10 October** (school holidays). We leave for World Championships **13 October**, resuming classes for Term 4 on **27 October to 19 December**.

Term fees due on **21 October**

Black Belt and DBN Testing

Black belt and DBN testing will be in the Dreaver gym on Saturday 30 November from 9.30am till 11.30am. Please make sure you are there by 9.15am ready to start.

If you would like to come along and support the students who are testing that would be great. For some it is their final test before their black belt testing in Feb when Master Suh is here. For JKN Jane it will be her last test as a JKN. They will all be very nervous, and will I'm sure, appreciate your support.

Christmas Raffle

We have some great prizes donated by local businesses and students for the Christmas raffle (which will be drawn on 30 November). The funds raised will be used to help meet some of the cost of bringing Master Suh to New Zealand. This is very expensive so we would really appreciate each student selling several books of tickets to help us out.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is on **Sunday 8 December**. The theme this year is Kiwi Icons. Our entry will be the iconic kiwi summer at the beach (with Kuk Sool Won beach training!) We would like everyone to wear their Kuk Sool t-shirts, trousers and belts, and to bring their weapons (juhl bong for the younger and lower ranked kids), with jandals or trainers, and a hat. It's usually hot and sunny, so lots of sunscreen is essential. We meet at 12.45pm in the Massey Eve carpark. Look for the truck.

Student of the Year and JKN Jane's Promotion

Don't forget that our annual Student of the Year awards will be held at RSA Franklin on **Sunday 30 November** at 1.30pm. You can only receive an award if you attend, so make sure you are there. We will also be celebrating JKN Jane's promotion to second degree black belt. We will be in uniform for the promotion, so some students may also wish to wear their uniforms to support her (but it is not compulsory). Remember to bring a shared plate for afternoon tea.

Master Suh's Visit – 2020

Master Suh will be visiting us in late February 2020. It is an exciting time as 7 students will be doing their final test for black belt. Please put these dates and times in your diary.

Black belt and DBN testing: Friday 21 February, 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Black belt promotion: Saturday 22 February, 1.30pm

Student seminar: Saturday 22 February, 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Black belt/DBN seminar: Sunday 23 February, 2pm to 5pm

Please note that all students are expected to attend the black belt promotion and student seminar on **Saturday 22 February**.

Black belt and DBN testings dates for 2020

Saturday 23 May
Saturday 22 August
Saturday 21 November

From 12pm till 2pm.

DBNs please note that if you do not attend a testing, you will not grade. This may affect your promotion date. We only grade DBNs in class in exceptional circumstances.

Classes for 2020

We are in the great position that the school is growing. We have a really strong demand for our Kiwi Dragons classes and our kids classes are getting busy too. This means we will be opening up some new classes on Wednesdays from term 1.

Kiwi Dragons who have a yellow striped belt will train on Wednesdays at 5.15pm. This will enable them to progress with their syllabus.

Kids who are 7 and older and only train 1 day a week will train on Wednesdays at 6pm. We are no longer able to manage these students within the normal kids class.

These changes will provide our younger kids with a better progression and enable kids who train 1 day a week to enjoy Kuk Sool as a recreational activity. You can also talk to us about transitioning to twice a week. We will be sending out individual letters to each student who will be changing classes this week.

World Championships 2020

We are heading to the World Championships in Galveston, Texas in October 2020. All going well, SBN Caroline will formally receive her promotion to Master at this time.

Some students are planning to come to the World Championships to compete. It is a fantastic experience. Not only will you gain a huge amount from competing, but you will also meet so many other Kuk Sool students. We would encourage you to think about coming along.

Fundraising will begin next year to help students with the cost of travel. We need a small group to set up a committee to steer this. Can you please let us know if you are interested in being involved.

Thank you

JKN Jane and I would like to thank you all for the amazing year. The school has grown along with the confidence of each student. We are looking forward to next year as it's going to be a very big one for us and some of our first students at the Pukekohe and Onewhero schools, who are promoting to black belt.

We hope you all have a wonderful break at Christmas. But let's focus on term 4 and the wonderful events we have coming up.