

## Dear Members

We wish you to know that as a school and as a business, we are going through a very exciting growth period. This means that we will be implementing some dramatic changes over the next six months. However, we want to reassure you that the changes are positive ones, and that we will do our very best to ease you through the transition phase.

Your loyalty and support had lent us so much strength over the pass few years, we will not let you down.

*Shihan* Chris Oakley  
*Hanshi* Shaun Brewster  
*Publicity & Biz Dev* Cindy Chong

## News

### WEBSITE

We're proud to announce that our new look website is now live. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, please do so and find out first hand what's new.

[www.martialjourney.com](http://www.martialjourney.com)

### DIRECT DEBIT & NEW FEES

We have partnered with Zumu, a billing company experienced in the martial arts industry, to offer our members direct debiting and credit card payment facilities.

As of now, we will be introducing our new fees and payment options to new members. The new fees are as follows:

Child (12yrs & under) = \$80/mth for 12mths  
Student / Pensioner = \$99/mth for 12mths  
Adult = \$115/mth for 12mths

The new fees cover unlimited training, uniform, membership, insurance, and gradings. While, it's a much simpler system, our existing members will continue to use our current class vouchers until we phase them out at the end of the year. You will be put on to the new payment system when you renew your membership for 2009.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to Chris or Cindy.

### GEELONG & BANNOCKBURN MERGE

The Bannockburn hall is scheduled for renovations and may not be available for hire for up to 12 months. We have decided to take this opportunity to merge our Bannockburn classes with our Geelong classes. Although there will be extended travel time for our Bannockburn students, the merge means that future growth in the region will be more manageable as we will no longer need to divide our resources. The merge will be effective as of **5 Aug 2008**.

### UPDATED CLASS TIMES

Due to the Geelong / Bannockburn merge, and the popularity of our Point Cook classes, there's a need to adjust our class times. The following schedule will be effective as of **5 Aug 2008**.

#### CHADSTONE

Mon 12:30pm-1:30pm Adults  
Mon 5:00pm-6:00pm Kids  
Mon 6:30pm-8:00pm Adults  
Wed 5:00pm-6:00pm Kids  
Wed 6:05pm-6:55pm Weapons\*  
Wed 7:00pm-8:30pm Adults

#### GEELONG

Tue 4:30pm-5:30pm Kids  
Tue 6:30pm-8:00pm Adults  
Thu 4:30pm-5:30pm Kids  
Thu 6:30pm-8:00pm Adults  
Thu 8:10pm-9:00pm Weapons\*

#### POINT COOK

Tue 1:30pm-2:30pm Adults  
Wed 8:00pm-9:30pm Adults  
Fri 5:00pm-6:00pm Kids (9-12yrs)  
Fri 6:30pm-8:00pm Adults  
Fri 8:10pm-9:00pm Weapons\*  
Sat 8:00am-9:30am Adults  
Sat 10:00am-10:50am Kids (5-8yrs)  
Sat 11:00am-12:00pm Kids (9-12yrs)

### \*WEAPONS CLASS

As of **6 Aug 2008**, we will be introducing a class dedicated to weaponry training. Although weapons are a part of our syllabus, we have been finding that our students are not getting enough training within the regular class times simply because we have so much to cover.

By separating weapons from the rest of our training, means that our students will be given the opportunity to hone their weaponry skills on a more regular basis, and therefore advance faster through the ranks.

The class will be 50mins duration, and will be equivalent to half an adults' class on the vouchers.

### **CAMP 2008**

We had a record attendance at camp this year, and even the vile flu virus couldn't keep our spirits down. As always, the weekend's itinerary was jammed packed with rigorous training and loads of fun. The photos will be posted in the Gallery section of our website soon, and we look forward to hearing your stories on our Forum.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Sat 28 Jun, 1:30pm: KUNG FU PANDA**

We have organised a social excursion to watch Kung Fu Panda at the Regent Cinemas in Werribee. Those who have confirmed attendance, please make sure you pay before the day. We will be meeting near the arcade area at about 1:30pm to hand out tickets and purchase snacks. The session starts at 1:40pm. There'll be about 50 of us and it'll be awesome.

#### **Sat 19 Jul, 10am to 12:30pm: OPEN DAY 2008**

Our Open Day this year will be hosted at the Point Cook dojo. Bring your friends and family and participate in the free training sessions, speak to potential members, and lend a helping hand. The more the merrier, and your support is always appreciated.

Our usual kids' class will not take place that morning.

#### **Sat 23 Aug: CHADSTONE GRADINGS**

Chadstone Guides' Hall  
Ivanhoe Grove, Chadstone (MelRef 69 E2)

Please register and pay prior to the event. Time and duration will be dependent upon your level.

#### **Sun 24 Aug: GEELONG GRADINGS**

Western Heights Uniting Church  
Douglass St, Herne Hill (MelRef 225 E10)

Please register and pay prior to the event. Time and duration will be dependent upon your level.

### **Mon 15 Sep to Sat 20 Sep: NO-GI-WEEK WITH WEAPONS & KIDS' SAFETY WEEK**

No-Gi-Week is casual clothes week at the academy. However, we stress that you wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty or possibly torn.

In the adults' classes, we will simulate possible attack scenarios and get you thinking about diffusing or escaping the situation with what you have in the real world.

For the kid's classes, we will be covering safety awareness, and some dos and don'ts during threatening situations.

### **Inspiration: Alexandra Scott**

*Nominated by Cindy Chong*

Alex Scott was 4yrs old, when she set-up a lemonade stand on her front lawn for the first time. She sold lemonade for 50c a cup, and the money was to help her doctors find a cure for Cancer.

Alex lived with Cancer since the age of 1, and when a young friend died of the same disease, she was determined to make a difference.

Alex's little lemonade stand inspired an entire nation to fight for her cause. When Alex died peacefully at the age of 8, she had raised over \$1million for Childhood Cancer Research.

Her legacy lives on generating worldwide interest and support. As of May this year, her foundation has donated over \$19million, and has given hope and treatment to those who may not have otherwise received it.



Resources on Alexandra Scott:

- o [www.alexslimonade.org](http://www.alexslimonade.org)
- o Alex and the amazing lemonade stand by Alex Scott

If you wish to nominate a phenomenal person, please send an email to [isseyu@hotmail.com](mailto:isseyu@hotmail.com)

***"When life gives you lemons,  
make lemonade."***  
*Anon*