

DEE WHY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

September 2016



At last, spring is blooming along with our special little karate club. Special because of **YOU** the karateka who turn up week after week to train, and special for me to see your progress from those tentative beginning few classes to now having four individuals who may well take a crack at **Shodan** next year!

Mark, Scott, Kat and Stuart (MSKS) will hopefully be the first home-grown DYSKC karateka to attempt a national grading, in roughly 12 months time.

Here's the thing.... even though they will undergo an official examination under Kancho Kanazawa at **Shotokan Week 2017** on a particular date (in Sydney this time!), this will merely be a formality whereby Kancho will put the official SKIF seal in the Shodan square of their little black books.

However, **the actual grading has already begun** and it is what happens between now and the official grading with Kancho next year.

You will see how from now, MSKS will push themselves even harder as they seek to elevate their karate to Shodan standard which is a big, big jump as will be their next grading to 1st Kyu.

What does this mean for the club? Simply this, we are **ALL** going to be swept up in the MSKS journey and the effort and spirit that **each and everyone of us** put into our training will help them lift their training. They can't do it alone!

In other words, **the entire club will be 'grading'** for Shodan, in effort and especially in spirit.

In return, as MSKS's karate develops and as they grow into Shodans, they will give it all back to all of us... a gift that will far surpass that which we give them.

Let us all enjoy the journey together!

Osu!..... Sensei Jonathan

Term 3 Events

➤ **Grading success for:**

- **Arthur, Byron, Ollie and Ian** to yellow belt (8th Kyu)
- **Matthew** to green belt (6th Kyu)
- **Karana** to blue belt (5th Kyu)
- **Millie & Iraklis** to purple belt (4th Kyu)
- **Jimmy** to brown (3rd Kyu)
- **Mark, Scott, Stuart & Kat** to 2nd Kyu

Very **WELL DONE** to all, you did yourselves proud. Lets aim for one more grading in Dec!

➤ **Welcome back to James Gudgion** and to newbies **Suren De Silva and Fernanda Brito.**

Term 4 - 2016

- **Our next Club Dinner** is planned for **Tuesday 11th October** and President Jimmy will shortly be advising the venue, probably Italian in Manly. As always, partners are welcome!
- **Sensei Brad Jones** is our next *Shotokan Treasure* appearing on **Thursday 13th October, starting 7:00 – 9:00 PM.** He is a wonderful and entertaining instructor and this is NOT a class to be missed!