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April Report			
New members -		Total number of adults training 34	Total number of children training 35
Results of Getsurei Shinsa on 28th & 29th February			
9 th Kyu	Amber Wu	3Y 10 step Duong Thai	3Y 1 step Tom Bannah
	Olivia Wu		
	James Bingham		
Events in May			
1. Getsurei Shinsa		2. Special Class on Saturday the 20th	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training starts, Friday 19th 7:15pm~• Steps, Friday 26th 7.15pm~• Shinsa, Saturday 27th 1.00pm~		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-defence class 1-2pm• Aiki-waza class 2:15-3pm	
		3. This Month's Holiday	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Day: Monday 1st• Dojo's Holiday: Monday 29th	

SHARING THE FEELING OF BLACK BELTS

Nidan

Well, here I am, only 759 weeks later I have finally made it grading from Shodan to Nidan, so much has changed in that time frame, so many great personalities have trained at the dojo under sensei's experience guidance and wisdom. Thank you, sensei, and shuko-san for your consistent commitment to the Brisbane dojo and all of the students.

Unfortunately, I have seen the disappointment in sensei's eyes time and time again as I've responded, "no I'm not ready yet/not good enough yet" to his question if "grading this month?" turn into euphoria after returning from the 6 shihan seminar in Melbourne last November and deciding to grade with purpose instead of my previous mind set as I quote from karate kid. Mr. Miyagi: "In Okinawa, belt mean no need rope to hold up pants."

My purpose was to train to become a better person than yesterday and only compare my journey with my own journey not the belt rank I hold, but I think its about time to start grading and the time is right to start relearning and asking why do I do this like this and for what reason does it work so effectively when its indistinguishable from the outside, the simple things like tucking my elbow in and not needing to muscle threw a technique whilst having proper control of uke not fighting uke.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve and apologise for tricking him into being my main uke, saying there's only a couple of techniques and one or maybe two Jiyu-waza's and thank you Lawrence for being my 2nd uke.

Thank you all for training with me and assisting me in my journey and I hope to be here for many years to come.

OSU!

Tom Bannah