

### TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2019

#### From the President ...

Congratulations to WAGS and all the Northland team for such a strong showing at 2019 NZ Gymnastics Champs. We had a great week showing what inspirational coaching, hard training and determination looks like. Great big thanks to all for the hours of commitment and to our supporters, caregivers and the WAGS team.

As we move towards Christmas our teams are getting prepped for display night. Such a great time to enjoy the achievements of the year and show off. Please come a long and enjoy the evening. This time of the year usually signals time to relax and recover, however with a change in NZ Champs competition calendar to July 2020 it is going to be a busy start to the year. The coaching staff and committee have considered all the competitions leading into July 2020 and have got a programme of competition events to attend sorted. If you are unsure of these, contact your athlete's coach. So, as they say no rest for the talented!!

It has been a busy year with lots of positive changes. Our new on line Friendly Manager system seems to be working well. It has provided real efficiency in our operations and I hope a better channel of communication to our members. We have ordered the new Speith floor base and we should be putting this in mid to late December.

Thanks to Anytime Fitness for the water bottle filler. It has been wonderful this week with all the heat! From me and team at WAGS please have safe and well deserved Christmas break.



### **Congratulations Ryan!**

For being selected to represent NZ in Texas in January. Wow! WAGS is so proud of you.
Good luck to you and the NZ Team.
What a **huge** achievement.

### Success for WAGs gymnasts at Gymnastics NZ National Championships

2019 had a large team of 15 WAGs gymnasts qualify in Artistic, Trampoline and tumbling codes. Some of our gymnasts qualified for more than one code which made it a very busy time in the gym for gymnasts and their coaches.

The competition was tough and these gymnasts qualified for finals Michelle, Ryan, Hayden, Liam, Nathaniel, Holly Emily & Shelby

Our team brought back 5 medals which is an impressive achievement.

**Special congratulations** to Stephanie Crocker who has the Trampoline National title in her age group. This is just fantastic! Well done Steph.

#### Congratulations to our medalists:

Mens Artistic Level 5: Hayden Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> P. bar, Bronze medal

Trampoline 16 - 17 years Stephanie Crocker 1<sup>st</sup> Overall, Gold Medal, National Champion Double Mini 12 - 13 years Ben Hori Elliot 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Silver medal and proficiency pin

Synchro 16 – 17 years Tegan Verevis 3<sup>rd</sup> overall Bronze medal 10 – 11 years Jared Moggach 3<sup>rd</sup> overall Bronze medal

And well done to all our other gymnasts who competed so well and represented WAGs and Northland so proudly.

Lily Mae Smith, Keala Mann, Katelyn Delemare, Karli Babe Vercoe, Michelle Crawford, Gareth Ferguson, Liam Townsend, Ryan Townsend, Brendan Marais, Jordyn Woodley, Shelby Holye, Nathaniel Aoina Emily Dainty and Holly Fleming.

Thank you to their coaches Vicki, Gail, Marama, Molly and Hannah and to the parents who make this all possible.

### 2019 ASB Northland Secondary Schools Sports Awards -

Congratulations to our finalists Emma Verevis, Michelle Crawford, Ryan Townsend, Brendan Marais, Nathanial Aoina & Tegan Verevis

Congratulations to Michelle Crawford and Ryan Townsend winning the Artistic category.



## PLAY GYM For our under 5's

What an exciting year! We have welcomed so many new families that for the first time, we have capped numbers to prevent overcrowding during mat-times!

Our Term themes have included "Summer Sizzlers", "Animal Antics", "Feet to the Beat" and "Let's Pretend", covering Imagery, Rhythm, Body and Spatial Awareness as well as all those crucial fundamental movement patterns.

We are thoroughly enjoying our new ladders, and are about to introduce our brand new pre-school Climbing Wall, fantastic for our littlies to practise motor skills and develop grip strength.

Congratulations to our two coaches Julia and Karen who are now qualified Play Gym coaches. Many creative minds working away behind the scenes ;-)

Did you realize we have our Casual Explorers class on Wednesday mornings at 11.30am with plenty of spaces available, no mat-time. End of year Fancy Dress and certificates to come, then roll on 2020.

Carol Wise Play Gym Head Coach



# Gym Fun - Recreation Classes

From Marama our Gym Fun Head Coach

It is coming to the end of the year and Gym Fun has been working hard with your wonderful children, watching them blossom with amazing talents. All these talents you will be able to see at our end of year display, your children have been working very hard on these and look great!

Our second Novice Competition in September had some great results. We certainly have some talent coming through. Thank you to all those who helped on the day.

Parents can give themselves a pat on the back for having their children participate in gymnastics. Gymnastics participants learn the fundamental building blocks to all movement and the skills they learn contribute towards their sporting future in a major way. Gymnastics covers so many different physical development categories that children optimise their time when they come to WAGs. Well done parents, you are giving your child a great start.

A medal and certificates of effort and achievement for each class will be given out at the last class on the last week of term. Please come along 15 minutes early on your child's last day to see the awards given out.

We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year, have a safe and happy holiday from all Gym Fun coaches.

## **Trampoline**

Hard to believe it's term 4 already. Our trampoline recreation classes have been well attended with improvements showing in all our athletes. Our results at Nationals were just amazing. WAGS has some extremely talented athletes who are excited to see if they can compete at the International grade in 2020.

We have now introduced a pre-competition level to our programme to better develop our athletes for the competition levels. If your child is interested in joining our trampoline classes, please contact the office for an assessment. The levels certificates will be handed out at the end of year. We are achieving some great results.

Thanks to our coaches Marama, Yvonne, Steph, Tegan and Holly.

## **END OF YEAR DISPLAY NIGHT**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm Gym Fun & Pre-Comp – 6 – 7 pm

First Half Gym Fun & Pre Intermission 7.00 – 7.10 pm

Second Half Competition Gymnastics & Trampoline – 7.10 – 8.20 pm

All classes at WAGs will be performing a short display for their families to enjoy. Come early for a good seat. The coaches display is always dramatic! Our Senior Gymnasts will perform individual items including those competed at Nationals throughout the evening.



### Kamo Christmas Parade 11am Sat 30th November

All WAGs gymnasts are welcome to march/cartwheel/handstand and have fun in the Kamo Christmas Parade.

Meet on the grass area by the Kamo Hall, Boswell St at 10.30am.

## Prize Giving for Recreation Classes – Gym Fun, Trampoline & Tumbling

Awards for Recreation Classes will be given out at the last class of the last week of the term – from Monday 9th – Saturday 14th Dec

We invite all parents and family to come along for a presentation of awards at the last class for the term. Please arrive 15 mins before the class finishes to watch your child receive a well earned certificate

## Competition Class Prize Giving: Tuesday 10th December 6.00pm

Followed by Family Play Session.

That's all competition classes - WAG, MAG, Tumble and Trampoline. After the prizes are given out, parents and siblings are welcome to come and try out the equipment and see how easy gymnastics is...not!

## **७७ Special Thank You Spot ७७**

- © To Anytime Fitness for our new water bottle filler! Thank you, thank you thank you Ian and Caroline. This has been a long time coming and we are so grateful, especially as the weather is warming up. It is already a huge success.
- © To our volunteer coaches, Yvonne Ihaka, Emma Ihaka, Katrina Hansen who have done an outstanding job with their gymnasts.
- © Gail Townsend for being Northland Team Co-ordinator. Renee Marias, Jenny Crawford and Yvonne Ihaka for being MAG, WAG and Trampoline Managers. Getting us all organised for Nationals and making sure we were ok once we were there.
- © Scotty Delemare who has so kindly volunteered his time to help WAGs with Health and Safety over the last year. You are a star Scotty.
- Thanks to VTNZ for supplying the van for our coaches to travel in up to Opua for their coaching course

### **Term Dates for the Diary**

- Working Bee Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 12.30 2.30pm
- Kamo Parade Saturday 30th November Meet 10.30am at the Kamo Hall, Boswell St
- Display Night All Classses: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6pm for Gym Fun/Pre-comp & 7.10pm for Comp
- Prize Giving for All Competition Classes Boys, Girls and Trampoline: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
   6.00pm followed by family free play.
- Term 4 Last Day: All classes will finish the week ending Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Term 1 2019: starts on Monday 4th February For all Classes
- Waitangi Day: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February WAGs will be closed

### **Enrolments for Term 1 2020**

Re enrolments for Term 1 will open 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER. You will receive a priority email after midday on this date. This email will have a green area that you click to re-register your child for the following term. Do this as soon as possible to secure your childs' place in their class. Enrolments open for new gymnasts on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Term 1 is usually extremely hectic so please enrol early to avoid disappointment. The number of coaches allocated for each class is dependent on the number of gymnasts enrolled. The ratio is 1 coach to 6 gymnasts. Enrolling early is essential for your child's participation. Turning up on the day will result in being turned away as we cannot over load the coaches. This is a health and safety policy. The classes are planned and the correct number of coaches appointed per class. This optimises the training provided and ensures the highest level of safety and care for your child. We also have new members wanting to join and we need to know if there is space for them.

Your child's place is guaranteed by the full payment of their term fees. (Child's name as reference)

Any fees paid after the final date stated on the red notices in the foyer at start of term, the invoice will incur a charge of 15% to cover for the extra administrative time necessary to review these requirements for the child.

WAGS committee really appreciate your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

### **WAGs School Holiday Program**

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

> ½ day 8.30am - 12.30pm or 12.30 – 4.30 pm (\$27) or full day 8.30am to 4.30 pm (\$42.50)

**BOOKING** is ESSENTIAL!

### WAGS Club Merchandise For Sale

(Christmas is just around the corner!)

Can be personalised with your child's name

WAGS T-shirts: Size 2-8 \$15 Size 8 up quick dry \$25 Hoodies (with Club Logo) \$50 Wags Backpack \$50 **WAGS** Key rings \$7.50 WAGS pins \$8

Our gymnasium sponsor helps our club out in many ways. Printing our newsletters is one of them. If you are selling property and want to list with EVES please let them know you are a member of WAGS.

WAGS will receive \$400 for every listed house that is sold by EVES if they know from the outset that you want part of their commission to go to WAGS.



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