

ROUND OFF

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Term 4 2018

Welcome to our termly newsletter called 'Round Off', which will be published towards the end of each term, this term we have decided to publish slightly earlier as our first edition



We will be holding a General Meeting on Wednesday 5th December 2018, 6pm start in the foyer...everyone welcome



OPENING DAY



Our Open Day on Sunday 14th October 2018 was a great success and we were extremely fortunate to be graced with the services of Denise Sheat from Taumutu Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu who kindly blessed our new premises. The Mayor of Selwyn, Sam Broughton, unfortunately couldn't attend as planned and has expressed his apology, Sam has made an offer however to visit the club in due course in order to show his support.

It was a truly fantastic show of support from the community, we had so many people express their delight at having a dedicated gymnastics facility with a high level of competition level equipment and experienced and qualified coaches.

We were also visited by a member of the board from Christchurch School of Gymnastics who wanted to show their support and provided the Affinity Coaching team with some lovely gifts. We are sure that there will be a strong relationship with many clubs moving forward and we are grateful for the support offered by CSG and other clubs that have helped over the last few months which include Te Wero Gymnastics, Waimate Gymnastics Club and Dunedin Gymnastics Club.



0800 MY BOUNCY (692 686)

Huge thank you to Around-A-Bounce for their donation of a bouncy castle for the Opening Day.





FOUNDERS MESSAGE

A year ago, after reading the National Facility Strategy published by Gymnastics New Zealand, I decided to embark on a journey of establishing a sub-regional gymnastics facility to serve our wonderful flourishing community. Selwyn has seen unprecedented growth over the last six years and this was well documented by Gymnastics New Zealand who recognised the need for a new facility to serve the district.

Fortunately, it was relatively easy to find some like-minded individuals who were excited by the prospect of starting a new club, including renowned coaches with impressive credentials within New Zealand Gymnastics. In fact to some, it was a dream come true!

As many of you will already know, over the next 2 years it is our intention to work on a suitable development of a purpose built facility that will incorporate sunken landing pits and a wider range

of complementary amenities reflective of a high quality sub-regional facility. We are well on our way to firmly establish ourselves in the Gymnastics community in New Zealand, our current facility is the second largest dedicated artistic gymnastics facility in the South Island and we have a fantastically talented crop of gymnasts already who I'm sure will do themselves and the club proud in their future gymnastic careers.

Affinity Gymnastics Academy is a registered charity and the organisation is run as an incorporated society, therefore it is most definitely aimed at serving our community and you have my commitment to ensure that the club will maintain a family centred approach and most of all will have a friendly and welcoming feel. This shouldn't detract however from having good discipline within the gym, a gymnastics facility can be a dangerous place and it is important that all participants respect the gym and listen to their coaches at all times. All of

our staff are accessible before or after coaching sessions to talk to parents and I know that they welcome the opportunity to get to know you and your gymnast(s) better.

We are very excited to have more equipment and mats on the way, our floor rolls and mats from China that suffered significant delays due to the Asian typhoon a few weeks ago, have finally arrived which means that the sprung floor can now be more fully utilised. However, even more exciting is the news that we will be receiving some new equipment from Qatar towards the end of the year which has been at the 48th FIG Artistic World Championships in Doha this month. The equipment includes the FIG competition sprung floor, competition beam and asymmetric bars as well as lots of additional matting.

What we have achieved over a relatively small time period is overwhelming and a huge thank you goes out to all involved. Over the coming months we will be looking for our members to become more active in the operation of the club, especially to help with sub-committees and fund raising. If you would like to contribute to the club please speak to any member of staff to register your interest or call the club on 02 AFFINITY (022 334 6489).

Warmest regards,

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NEW EQUIPMENT

We are delighted at the arrival of some new equipment over the last couple of weeks, unfortunately we had hoped that the equipment would arrive prior to opening however the typhoon that hit South East Asia a few weeks back delayed the arrival to Christchurch. The recently received equipment included our new vault, vault runway and two beat boards which were purchased using funds granted to us by the Mazda Foundation. We also received our competition beam and multi-function bar which was purchased using Founder's funds and a low-beam kindly donated by our Head WAG Coach, Ange Meier. Our amazing new air-track was very kindly donated to us by one of our Gold Sponsors, Beams and Bars.

SPONSORS & GRANT FUNDING

We have had some tremendous support from a number of generous corporates and the relevant signage will be soon be erected in the gym to demonstrate our gratitude. We have decided that due to these sponsors being so critical to our beginning that their signs will remain on display as Founding Sponsors throughout the life of Affinity Gymnastics Academy.

The sponsors are as follows;

Gold Sponsors (\$5,000 and above)- Fulton Hogan, Baseline Group & Beams and Bars

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We have applied for many grants from relevant organisations over the last few

months, however these have been quite challenging as many require the applicant to be an established business with a 12 months financial history which we do not satisfy being a new club. However, we are incredibly fortunate to have received a small number of successful grant applications so far from the following organisations; Mazda Foundation
Lions Rolleston
New Zealand Racing Board
Four Winds Foundation
Hornby Mens Working Club
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CLUB HOODIES

Deadline for Hoodie orders 21st November 2018

Name printed on back: \$70 (kids) & \$75 (adults)

No name printing: \$60 (kids) & \$65 (adults)

LAST CLASSES OF TERM

Monday 10th - Sunday 16th December 2018

Remember to register for 2019 classes online at www.affinitygymnastics.co.nz

2019 TERM DATES

TERM ONE 2019

Monday 4th February - Sunday 14th April

TERM TWO 2019

Monday 29th April - Sunday 7th July

TERM THREE 2019

Monday 22nd July - Sunday 29th September

TERM FOUR 2019

Monday 14th October - 22nd December



Huge thank you to NZRB for their grant that went towards the purchasing of the matting surrounding our Rings and Asymmetric Bars

NEW ZEALAND RACING BOARD

TAB trackside



REGIONAL COMPETITION

A great first competition for Affinity's Regional Competitive gymnasts.

Briana Windley and Chloe De Silva had great competitions in a large Bronze group with Chloe placing 2nd on bar and 5th overall.

Abigail Tong also had an impressive competition in a strong Silver field. Ella Bayly was outstanding placing 1st in bar, 2nd in vault and floor and 2nd overall in Gold. Congratulations girls, the regional competitive squad is now working towards the last competition of the year the CSG Christmas competition to be held the weekend of December 1-2. Good luck to all of these competitors, we look forward to watching you all representing Affinity.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please note the following...

- Please make yourself at home in the reception area and there are tea and coffee making facilities in the kitchen
- Wi-Fi details are on the wall when you enter the gym
- There is limited seating in the gym for watching the gymnasts – please note that it is important not to distract your child whilst the class is in session.
- For Health and Safety please make sure that all children are seated on the seats provided before and after their classes. We have already had a minor incident where someone was injured playing on the equipment unsupervised before their session.
- For Health and Safety please we ask that if you bring siblings

into the gym please ensure that they are sitting with you on the seats and not playing on the equipment or running around the gym.

- There is a no food and drink policy in the gym (water bottles excluded) and please note that we do have some children with severe allergies and therefore we have decided to keep the gym free from peanuts and tree nuts. Please keep this in mind as an anaphylactic allergic reaction is a danger to life.

- We would kindly request that any heels or wet and muddy shoes be removed prior to entering the gym.

OFFICE TEAM

The team in the office are Shanda, Caity, Ange and Tracy who are there too help so please feel free to introduce yourself and discuss any queries you may have.

INVOICES

We have a few outstanding invoices so we will be re-invoicing these today so prompt payment would be appreciated please. All members to Affinity Gymnastics Academy have been asked to pay a one-time membership fee.

FAMILY FUN DAY

We will be holding a family fun day towards the end of Term Four on Sunday 16th December. This will be an opportunity for us to recognise our gymnasts and to showcase the facility to existing and potential future members. There will be a BBQ, games, the whole gym will set up with gear to play on. See our facebook page for more information.

COACHING TEAM



Ange - HEAD
COACH WAG and
MAG



Tracy - WAG and PRE
SCHOOL COACH,
GENERAL MANAGER



Caity - WAG and
RECREATION
COACH



Shanda - PRE
SCHOOL, REGIONAL
COMPETITIVE
COACH



Zack - MAG and
RECREATION
COACH



Theo - MAG and
RECREATION
COACH



Todd -
WAG and MAG
COACH, SPOTTING
COACH



Alexy - MAG and
RECREATION
COACH



Rosie -
ACRO DANCE
COACH



Raewyn -
REGIONAL
COMPETITIVE
COACH



Beth -
WAG COACH



Kristina -
WAG COACH

**WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

