

GYMNASTICS NEWSLETTER

Our Club offers quality Coaching and Programmes for athletes of all ages.



Term 4 2020 "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"

... and It's a Wrap

Wow what a year! Where do we start? Firstly, the Club would like to welcome our new Programme Manager Lynn Wallace to the Hutt family. Lynn is a lovely person so please feel free to approach her for a chat or even just to say "Hi" when you see her around the Club.

We would like to give a massive thank you to all of our amazing sponsors for your continued support, we really do appreciate everything you have all done for our club over the years and look forward to building on these relationships in the future.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

- Sleepover Fundraiser
- GFA Festival and Prizegiving
- Coach of the Year
- MAG Sleepover
- Holiday Programme
- Staff Christmas functions

We would like to thank the Committee (old and new) for giving up so much of their own time for our club. We have a really great team on board. There are a lot of great things happening and plenty more coming up, so watch this space.

Hutt Valley Gymnastics are so lucky to have some of the very best coaches and staff around. Special thanks to our admin team, who, in a year of such turmoil, have gone above and beyond for us all.

To our fantastic coaching team **thank you** all for your endless commitment and dedication to giving all of our children and families the very best you have to offer. Your selflessness shown this year during the worldwide pandemic and temporary gym closures has been nothing short of amazing! Everybody has really stepped up, taking on extra responsibilities, endless amounts of equipment cleaning and

sanitizing, zoom sessions and all your personal sacrifices for our Club and our gymnasts this year have not gone unnoticed.

Finally thank you to all of our gymnasts and families. Gymnastics is tough and very different to many other sports. The focus, commitment and dedication shown on a daily basis is incredible. Your perseverance through such tough times is also a credit to you all. Many tears were shed as competitions and trainings were cancelled during the year, but the resilience this sport is teaching our young ones was very evident, and we are so proud of every single one of our amazing gymnasts. We have an amazing club, full of amazing people, with an amazing future. We have an extremely exciting year planned for 2021. So Merry Christmas everyone, travel safe and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



Holiday Programme - Registrations Open

Registrations are open for our three-week January Holiday Programme 11-29 January 2021. Please share with your friends and come along for some fun. [Click here for more information](#) or email admin@huttvalleygymsports.co.nz

HVG Committee Update

Lotteries Grant

We received some not so good news earlier this month. Our application funding for our new building was declined NZ Lotteries. They informed us that applications of \$22,852,126 were received but they only had enough funds to pay out on \$9,041,292.

Our team, who have worked extremely hard, and spent many hours on this, are all extremely disappointed. We do want to reassure you all however that this has most definitely not affected our resolve, we remain very positive and will keep moving forward.

In fact the very night after we received this news, our build team met, have refocused and already started working on other options for funding our new building. As soon as any new developments come to light, good or bad, we will endeavor to share with you as soon as we possibly can. Thank you all for your continued support and hopefully we will have better news to share soon.....

Thank You to TAB and NZCT

A big THANK YOU to the TAB who have approved our grant application for \$6,000.00 towards the cost of lights and Installation at the ex-Avalon Rugby Clubrooms. This was followed by NZ Community Trust (NZCT) awarding the Club \$49,504.00 for the Concrete Floor at Fraser Park.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 January 2021 commencing at 6:00pm. All members are welcome to join us.

MAG End of Year Celebration

On Sunday the MAG Team celebrated the end of year with a Games, Movie and Sleepover evening. It was great to have the younger and older boys working together and it really brought the team together and rearing to go in 2021.

Thank you Coaches for your time and effort putting this together.



Fundraising Subcommittee

It's been a busy start for the Fundraising Team. In the short period of getting together we have managed to support our Recreational gymnasts with a canteen and the Christmas Bauble fundraiser made over \$500. The monster Christmas raffle saw a massive effort to advertise and sell tickets. All be it a bit later than normal in execution due to change in Committee, the amount raised looks to be over \$2,000.

Thank you to the wider HVG Whanau for your support in providing items and buying/selling tickets, you are amazing. Also, to the businesses that supported the raffle by donating items, products and vouchers, we would not have done as well as we have without you. A list of these businesses can be found at the end of the newsletter. Congratulations to the 30 plus winners, we hope you enjoy your prizes.

The Sleepover last weekend was an opportunity to allow a bit of freedom for the parents to have a night out or wrapping pressies without prying eyes. We hope your children had an epic time. The team also wish to thank Annelise Austin and Aaron Simmons for organising the night/legal requirements, our coaches for entertaining the children, Monique Sears for volunteering her time and supporting the sleepover and the awesome parent helpers. Plus of course the children for coming along.

Looking forward to 2021. The team kicks off with a Peanut Butter fundraiser leading into

Valentine Cupcakes and the HVGC Family Fun Day. Look out for advertising for these activities. If you have any ideas or wish to be involved please don't hesitate to get in touch. All profits are returned to the Club for much needed equipment and towards the new facility.

The Fundraising Team



Farewell and Thank You to a Wonderful Coach and Team Player

Last week the Club farewelled Coach, Alanah Goldingham. She has been coaching since she was 15-years old and was previously a gymnast and as so has been involved with the Club for a long time. Alanah was awarded 2020 GFA Coach of the Year at our recent prizegiving's.

Alanah is an amazing Coach and gets along with everyone. She is 'Hands Down' one of the best GFA coaches we have had. She has been involved with moveMprove, Play Gym and Gym For All. She started off as a timid shy coach and has grown into a confident amazing Coach.

We would like to thank Alanah for her commitment to our gymnasts, the Coaching Team and our Club. Best wishes for your new career and know that you are always welcome at our Club!



GFA Festival and Prizegiving

We had a great turn out for the GFA festival on Sunday with around 80 children attending and 12 medals going to children that achieved all excellent routines. Santa came for the first session for the 5 -7 years old and everyone got a present. All the children performed well.



WAG Christmas Fun Day

Our WAG gymnasts had a fantastic Christmas fun day! After a crazy year of zoom trainings and lockdowns they got to have an awesome end of year celebration!

Thanks to all the amazing Coaches that made this day special.



"APPRECIATION IS AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF AN ASSET OVER TIME

Dear Gymnasts, Parents, Coaches and Committee Members,

I want to thank everyone for all their efforts throughout the year. The success of our club is built on the efforts of each one of you. Thank you for your patience and help while the Club went into Covid (and new construction) and renovation this year. Input from every single one of you was valuable for the well being of our Club. You were disciplined and you were still determined to work in all this changes and growth. I am really privileged to become part of this team.

Now that we have come to the end of this year and walking into 2021, I believe that all of you would show the same patience. Such dedication is needed for the well-being of the club. Your willingness to take every challenge is admirable to me. Please continue with what you are doing to reach for a better every day.

On behalf of the club, please allow me to extend my personal and genuine appreciation to each one of you for your valuable contributions to our club. Working with you will be an amazing journey and we are proud to have you all with us.

We offer our best wishes and happiness to you and your families as we all look forward to a successful 2021! Season greetings

Lynn Wallace
HVG Programme Manager



Gym Closedown Dates

The gym will be closed from tomorrow, 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday, 5 January 2021.

See you next year!