



Pathfinders Gymnastic Club

Established in 1907



Pathfinders News

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great start to 2023!

A very warm welcome to our new families, it is also great to see so many familiar faces back in the gym. I hope everyone has enjoyed their time with family over the Easter break.

We started the year of with Sara Brown stepping down from the role as chairperson after 5 years of dedicated service. Sara has tirelessly given her time and knowledge to the club. It is a great pleasure, on behalf of the committee and the club as a whole, I THANK YOU Sara for all your hard work and what has been accomplished during your time as chairperson. I am very thankful for your continued guidance and support as I step into a role that you conducted to such a high standard.

We had a fantastic turnout at our AGM, welcoming a few new committee members, as well as having a number of past members return. These committee members work hard behind the scenes in different roles to ensure the club continues to operate smoothly.

A huge thank you to each and every committee member and coach for your continued support and hard work!

Moving forward as chairperson I look forward to watching the club grow as we introduce trampoline classes to our timetable, as well as an increased number of enrolled athletes in our gymnastics recreational classes and competitive squad. It is pleasing to see so many young individuals so keen to start up this incredible sport. I hope everyone is enjoying their time in the gym this year.

If anyone has any questions for me personally please do not hesitate to catch me at the gym on Thursday evenings.

Kind Regards,
Sarah Rapsey.



Trampoline



Some of you may also be aware that Pathfinders now offers trampoline classes. The Saints Trampoline club have transferred their assets over to Pathfinders and we are super excited to welcome their coaches into our team, as well as being able to offer trampoline classes to the members of our community.



Competition

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Competition season is well underway. It is great to see that this year we have 21 gymnasts of various Step levels representing Pathfinders at competitions, and we are already seeing some great results. Over the next few months, they will continue to work tremendously hard to achieve their own person goals. A huge thank you to 'The Warehouse' who kindly donated us vouches which enabled us to purchase leggings for each of our competition gymnasts as a part of their squad uniforms. Also a massive thank you to Dooleys's Masonry for their generous sponsorship which allowed us to purchase additional squad jackets for our increased numbers. They look great!



Health and Safety

We ask that children please place shoes OUTSIDE of the taped off area in the entrance way at the hall. This is purely a safety measure, allowing everyone to exit the hall safely if necessary. We will soon have a shoe shelf, however, in the meantime shoes need to be placed safely away from the door. Please show your child where to put shoes at their next class.



Thank you.



Fundraising

This term we will be handing out a raffle. Raffles are a huge part of fundraising to update our equipment, providing quality coaching, improve our programmes and keeping our membership fees down. This benefits our athletes of all ages and abilities therefore we do expect that each family to participate in selling raffle tickets.

Our next fundraising goal is to purchase new floor area mats which have been quoted as \$15,000, this is a significant amount of money to fundraise so your support with this is greatly appreciated.

We will be asking for support with ticket selling at Countdown/New World soon. Please seriously consider supporting this day also - it always brings in extra money. Many hand make light work and a short stint selling tickets is much easier than a few volunteers putting in hours.

Coach appreciation

We would like to take the time to celebrate and **thank our wonderful coaching team**. Our coaches are dedicated to upskilling. This means putting in their own time to complete professional learning and development, ensuring they are providing our children with the best, most up to date skills possible. Ka mau te wehi!

Rec Classes

Its great to see the classes full and have many gymnasts return term after term. Their progress has been fantastic and we have been working on the building blocks to ensure that they can continue in the sport safely and achieve the harder skills they wish to learn. We continue to follow the Kiwi GymFun program but have increased the strength work required on bar to enable them to move through to competition levels when they are super keen.



Class movement

We are grateful to have so many gymnasts currently enrolled at Pathfinders. This does however mean that there are not always places open in classes for movement or new gymnasts. Suzie is very proactive when it comes to speaking to parents about movement in levels for gymnasts, there is a process that she follows and it works well. Please be assured that she will make contact with you in regards to advanced classes when the time is right.

Celebrations

A huge congratulations to everyone who has recently competed in a competition.

Special mention to:

Keelee on placing second at the Tumeke Peke Champs and placing first, receiving a Gold Medal at the South Island Tumbling Champs in Christchurch.

Sophie on placing second and receiving a Silver Medal at Southern Champs in Dunedin and making apparatus finals at CSG Classic on floor and bringing home a bronze medal!



Fees



Please make sure that your fees are up to date and paid. If you are unsure about your fees please check in with Suzie or email us. We rely on fees to keep the club running and our bills paid.

We need your HELP!

Unfortunately Andrew is having to step down as club treasurer and we thank him for his time and expertise.

If you are able to step in and support us please contact Sarah or Suzie. Our club cannot continue to run without someone in this role so it is vital we find someone to take over. The role requires payroll to be completed fortnightly and invoices that are sent to the club to be paid within a week of receiving. The rest of the role has been moved over to admin duties and Andrew is more than willing to train someone up to do payroll.

Sponsorship thanks!

A huge thank you to our recent sponsors!

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