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Week 8. Term 4, 2017

30 November 2017



Dear Parents,

## End of Year Mass - Friday 8 December @ 9.30am

We look forward to our End of Year Mass next Friday in the Cathedral where we gather in thanksgiving to celebrate the 2017 school year. Please see the invitation on page 2 for our Thank You Morning Tea in the staffroom after Mass.

## Parent Thanks

As we move into the last weeks of 2017 we would like to thank the many groups of parents who have contributed to making it such a wonderful year for the children at OLOR.

At our P&F AGM this week we spent some time reviewing and celebrating the achievements of 2017. Thank you to the Executive members of our Parents & Friends Association. These generous parents meet regularly to discuss the priorities of the school. We thank our 2017 P&F President, *David Millar*, Vice President, *Helen Longney*, Treasurers, *Adam Ryan & Brendan Element*, Secretary, *Alex Oswald*, CSPC Representative, *Angela Hiley*, Social Co-ordinator *Christina Crasto*, Class Parent Co-ordinators, *Angela Cherry and AnneMarie Rapa*, Communications Co-ordinator, *Katherine Co-Elliott* and Spring Fair Co-ordinator, *Neal McCarry*. These Executive members have given so generously of their time, planning and coordinating events during the year.

I would like to especially acknowledge several of our P&F Executive members who are stepping down from various roles on the P&F Executive, either because they have completed their three year term or they have taken on other responsibilities..

*David Millar, President (2015-2017)*, father of Ruby (Year 5), Sam (Year 3) and Tom (Kindergarten). Back in 2015 David generously accepted the call to the P&F Exec and since then has brought a calm professionalism to the role. He has overseen the extension of the Infants Playground area and the introduction of Chromebooks into our senior classes and supported two Spring Fair years. During Funding discussions this year David simplified much of the information so that parents could be kept informed about the relevant details. Additionally David & Jules have co-ordinated the Year 3 Dads' Camp in 2015 and this year. He has been a valuable support to me and listening ear across many matters of school life and I thank him most sincerely for his contribution.

*Helen Longney, Vice President (2017)*, mother of Martha (Year 6) and Grace (Year 3). Helen has been a frequent participant at P&F Meetings over the years and her perceptive reflections are always insightful. This year her input into the Funding discussions has been most appreciated and helpful.

*Brendan Element, Treasurer (2017)*, father of Tom (Year 6) and Ben (Year 3). With this being a Spring Fair year, having Brendan working with Adam as joint treasurers has shared the challenges of this job.

*Alex Oswald, Secretary (2017)*, mother of Lily (Year 3). Alex has been a valuable support on the P&F over many years and we really appreciated her bringing her wisdom and knowledge of history to proceedings throughout the year.

*Linda Tysoe, The Dish Co-ordinator (2016 & 2017)*, mother of Alice (Year 6) has co-ordinated our involvement in the Dish initiative over the last two years and as she hands the reins to Mark Dibben, I would like to acknowledge Linda and her husband, Chris' generosity and commitment to this important community initiative. Linda is extremely well organised and has had a wonderful group of parents supporting throughout the years. Those who frequent the Dish and its hospitality are always very grateful for the care and delicious food they are given.

Thank you all for your generosity and commitment to our school.

The P&F President's report and my report from the AGM will be available on the website next week under Parents & Friends. I have listed the new P&F Executive for 2018 for your information and thank these parents for offering to contribute in this way for 2018. *We are still needing to fill the Vice president position so please contact the school if you feel you could contribute in this way.*

## Monday 29 January 2018 - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

We have been advised by CatholicCare that they will be having a staff training day on this first day of term and are therefore unable to provide vacation care for OLOR students. Parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for school aged students.

## Diary Dates - Term 4 & 2018

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| Monday 4 December             | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4.<br>- Gingerbread Night in the undercroft                  |
| Tuesday 5 December            | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4  |
| Thursday 7 December           | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4  |
| Friday 8 December             | - Whole School End of Year Mass @ 9.30am - Cathedral<br>- Thank You Morning Tea for Parent Volunteers |
| Monday 11 December            | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4  |
| Tuesday 12 December           | - School Christmas Concert @ 6.00pm   |
| Wednesday 13 December         | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4  |
| Thursday 14 December          | - Year 5 at St Ives Cares Day<br>- Year 6 Graduation Liturgy @ 6.00pm in the Cathedral                |
| Friday 15 December            | - Last Day of Term 4, 2017<br>- Year 6 at Surf Education Day  |
| <b>Monday 29 January 2018</b> | <b>- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY</b>   |
| Tuesday 30 January 2018       | - First day of Term 1, 2018 - Year 1 to Year 6 only.  |



## P & F Executive 2018

President – David Westgarth  
Vice President – *still to be filled*  
Treasurer – Adam Ryan  
Secretary – Angela Hiley  
Social Co-ordinator – Christina Crasto and Vanessa Marando  
Class Contact Co-ordinators – AnneMarie Rapa and Angela Cherry  
Catholic Schools Parent Co-ordinator (CSPC) representative – Marie Stephens  
Communications Co-ordinator – Katherine Co-Elliott

Our P&F spends much effort building community throughout the school. We think of events such as the Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten and new families at the beginning of the year, our Blokes and Buddies BBQ, morning tea at our Open Day in March, Kinder Orientations in October and November, Mothers', Fathers' and Grandparents' Day celebrations, Mothers' Day gifts, Bingo Night, Men In The Morning, Discos, involvement in The Dish initiative and Gingerbread House night. Special thanks to our co-ordinator of Men in the Morning, Genesis Co-Elliott, who organises these sessions twice a term for children and dads. Special thanks to all those who have supplied meals through the Support Pantry this year. As we keep the recipients of the meals confidential, they don't always get to offer their thanks to the chef. Thank you parents for your generosity and care when helping out with this initiative. I thank the various committees who have co-ordinated these events throughout the year. Our Class Parents do a wonderful job supporting the classes in many ways. We thank all our Class Parents for their efforts and time in helping to build community as they have organised various occasions this year.

Throughout the school we have many other volunteers, parent helpers, those working in classrooms assisting with English groups, helping in the canteen, on excursions, covering library books, sorting library shelves and books, walking to Barker swimming, making costumes and props for our concert, co-ordinating our Book Club, co-ordinating our Banking, transporting, managing and coaching sporting teams and also those who have assisted at our various carnivals and Gala Days. A special thank you to our Cuppa Crew team who are available to serve morning tea and offer hospitality as the need arises. We would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to join us for morning tea following the End of Year Mass on Friday 8 December. Invitation below.

### **Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12 December**

On Tuesday 12 December religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Students are invited to dress in festive colours, wearing red, white or green, a Christmas t-shirt or tinsel in their hair. Bring a rug and some finger food dinner or snacks and if the weather is good we will gather on St Leo's bottom oval and get into the spirit of Christmas. The concert will start at 6.00pm, while it is still daylight and the carols should conclude by 7.15pm. The basketball courts will be open for parking from 5.00pm.

### **Pirates of the Curry Bean Photos**

These photos will be uploaded to the Class Pages site tomorrow. A reminder that we ask that you do not share these photos on social media as it breaches the privacy laws.

### **Barker Swimming**

A reminder that the Barker swimming program starts next week for students in Kindergarten to Year 4. All students should supply their own swim cap and goggles (if needed). Barker do not have these items available for casual use. A timetable is available on the school website at [Barker Swimming Timetable](#)

### **Beyblades**

On the playground we often see the latest trend, be it marbles, Pokemon cards or Beyblades. I have noticed that Beyblades are the "thing" at the moment and just to clarify children are welcome to bring them to school to play but I have asked them not to give them away or trade with each other. It is great to see them taking turns, negotiating and sharing with each other. Several years ago we had a lunchtime competition which was great fun. Regrettably we have run out of time to run one now, however, if the craze continues into 2018, we will have a competition in Term 1.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe - Principal

*Please ensure that you have returned your Application for Sibling Discount and Payment Arrangements -2018 form to the school office. This must be completed each year to ensure any sibling discounts are applied and payment arrangements are known. Any queries please contact Sue Hanrahan.*



Thank you for all you do for our school.

Please join us for morning tea in the staffroom following the End of Year Mass

When: Friday 8 December 2017  
Time: 10.30am.

Please RSVP to the school office at:  
[olorw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olorw@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



### **Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree will be set up tomorrow afternoon in the student foyer. The gifts that are donated under this tree will be given to St Vincent de Paul and distributed in our community. The tags that will be hung on the tree will have the ages and gender of children indicated on them. Families are invited to select a card and place their gift under the tree. Please remember that this is optional. If you are not at school to collect a gift card, please send in a note giving your child permission to choose a gift card. If donating, please place your gift under the tree by Tuesday 12 December. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

A wonderful tradition at OLOR is the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal which starts next Monday 20 November and will continue to Monday 4 December.

#### What do you need to do to support this drive?

Simply send in any of the following to your class teacher:

- ◆ Christmas treats such as Christmas cake, bon-bons etc.
- ◆ biscuits and lollies etc.
- ◆ non-perishable foods such as jam, long-life milk, coffee, tea etc.
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ recyclable material shopping bags - (very important for storage and transport)

Note: The annual *Giving Tree* where we place wrapped gifts, will begin closer to December.

## Library News

### Library Borrowing

This week has been the final week for borrowing books from our school library for this year. After this we will be making sure that all books are returned before the holidays.

Sometimes when a student forgets to bring their library bag I have allowed them to use a spare bag from the library. These are the black fabric "Blackmores" bags. If any of these are still at home please return them to the library so that they can be washed and ready for use next year.

### Overdue Book Reminders

Last week overdue reminder notices were sent home with students who still had books outstanding. If you feel that a book has already been returned, please write this on the overdue notice and send this back to the library. We will then check on shelves and in classrooms for the missing book/s. Unfortunately, sometimes books are not properly returned via the library computer and can end up back on the shelves still out in a student's name.

There are also quite a few Guided Reading books which may be still at home. These have a white and red "Guided Reading" sticker on the upper right-hand corner of the book. Please send any of these books back to school either to the classroom or to the library and they will be happily accepted (no questions asked!). These books are often difficult to replace and we need to have enough copies in the set so that they can be used in reading groups. Home Reading books which are taken from the class book boxes during the year (K - Year 3) should also be returned. If you come across any of these books during the holidays we will happily welcome them back next year.

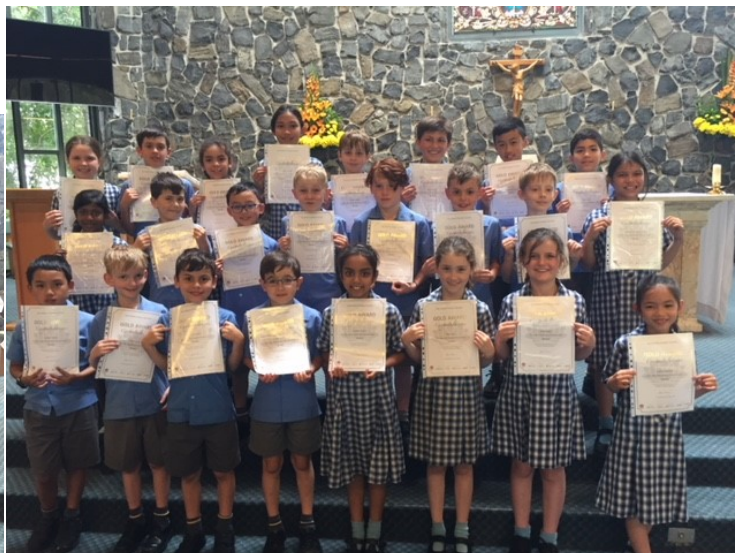
Many thanks. Mrs Sandra Todd - Teacher Librarian



## Congratulations

Congratulations to students who were awarded certificates for the Premiers Reading Challenge.

The group below have completed 7 years in the challenge and the group to the right 4 years. Well done and keep on reading!

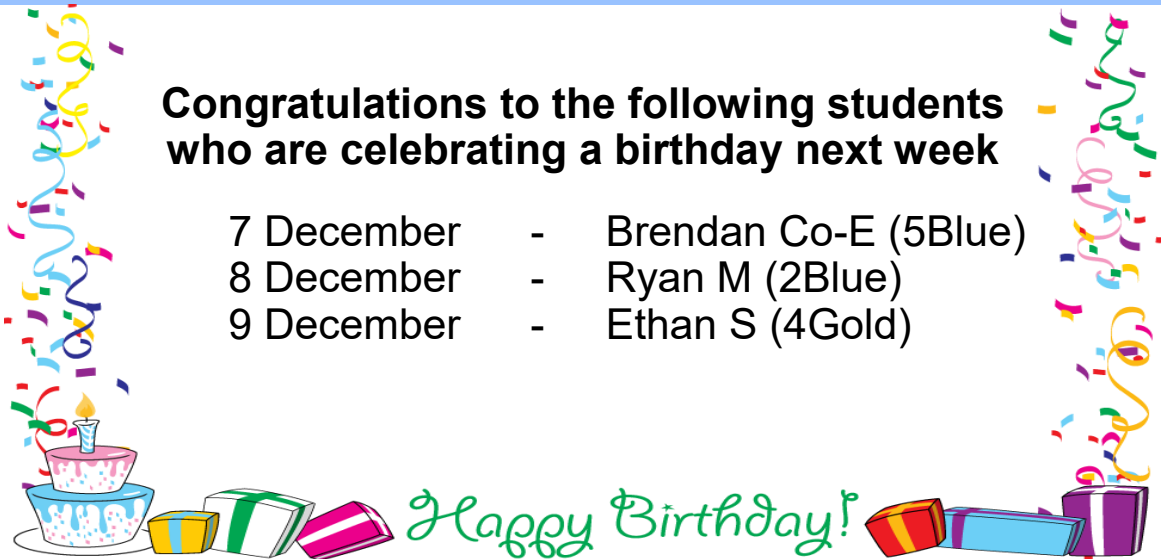


CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Caring For The Place We Are In.
Kindergarten Blue	Colin McC	Ava C
Kindergarten Gold	Dominic D	Riley L
1Blue	Lucas C	Luke McC
1Gold	Gabriel N-B	Joddy C
2Blue	Mitchell C	Kirsten M
2Gold	Mariella D	Lucy L
3Blue	Lily O	Nicholas A
3Gold	Sienna D	Audrey M
4Blue	Peter B	Amber A
4Gold	Lucy B	Ethan S
Year 5	Arianna G-P Ella G	Logan D Ashley H
6Blue	Jordan S	Noah M
6Gold	Tara W	Meeghan P

Awards and birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday 4 December

## Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating a birthday next week

7 December - Brendan Co-E (5Blue)  
 8 December - Ryan M (2Blue)  
 9 December - Ethan S (4Gold)



### SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

HOTDOG DAY - WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER  
**Orders close 9 am THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER.**  
 No late or cash orders excepted.



As we are getting towards the end of the school year I will be running stock down, therefore the options for canteen orders may not be available. Thank you Carmel Daniels

### COMMONWEALTH BANK



Next week will be the last week for school banking this year. Thank you to our wonderful co-ordinator Mateki Payne who heads up a small group who do the banking every Wednesday. We are still in need of a couple of mums or dads who can help with this banking each week. If you are interested in being involved in 2018, can you please contact the school office.  
 Many thanks.



# School Community News & Holiday Programs

**Attention all Kindergarten Mums:**

## Ladies Night Out

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6:30pm onwards

Kipling's Garage Bar, Turramurra

### DECEMBER-JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

#### SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4.30pm followed by Tom Foolery The Magician at 5:30pm.

**Thursday 7 December, Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 0-14 year olds

A free event for Summer Reading Club members. No bookings required. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping. Great Christmas fun for the whole family!

**Wednesday 6 December 6.30pm-9pm**

Hornsby Library

Cost \$32. Bookings essential.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

#### JUNKYARD BEATS

An innovative workshop combining rhythm with movement and drumming. Children will be using unique and original instruments made out of recycled materials.

**Monday 22 January, 10.30am, Pennant Hills Community Centre.**

**Tuesday 23 January, 10.30am, Berowra Community Centre.**

**Tuesday 23 January, 2pm, Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 5-10

Cost: \$12.00

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

#### CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME- SANTA OF THE NEVER NEVER

With a truly Australian flavour, this show offers a feast of characters who help Santa when he is stranded with Rudolph at Uluru. How will he get the sleigh started again, and will he make it in time to deliver presents to all of the children in the world?

**Tuesday 19 December, 10.30am-11.30am, Hornsby Library.**

**Wednesday 20 December, 10.30am-11.30am, Pennant Hills Community Centre.**

Ages: 2-7 year olds

Cost: \$8.00 per child. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

#### THE JERAL PUPPETS

A fabulous puppet show performance with large, colourful puppets, based on traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes. An interactive learning experience not to be missed!

**Monday 8 January, 10.30am, Hornsby Library.**

**Friday 12 January, 10.30am, Pennant Hills Community Centre.**

Ages: 2-5 year olds

Cost: \$12.00

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential.

Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)



CHERRYBROOK LEO'S

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

# The Lion King

FUN, FOOD, DRINKS AND MORE!

WHERE: RUDDOCK PARK, WESTLEIGH  
WHEN: 9TH DEC @ 7:30PM

Tickets: [tiny.cc/75bnoy](http://tiny.cc/75bnoy)

SUN 10 DEC | 2.30PM

## Kid's Christmas PARTY

**GIANT Toy Raffle**  
With over \$4,000 in prizes.  
Drawn 4.30pm

Be astounded and mystified by the magic of Adrian Dean, master magician. And, direct from the North Pole, Santa will make an appearance with gifts for the kids. (Children 12 years and under).

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0425 320 389  
[valeriecooper61@bigpond.com](mailto:valeriecooper61@bigpond.com)



Netball Registration 2018 (online)

Normanhurst Netball Club

From under 8s - seniors welcome

Registrations close Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Come and play netball if you are aged between 7 through to seniors. Mums you might like to find some friends and bring a team. You are never too old for netball.

Season starts early May

Come and try session for under 10s

Friday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

5.30 - 7pm

Bryan Avenue Netball Courts

Normanhurst

Registration is online. We need your email details to keep you in the loop. Email us if you are new and we will include you in all our material.

[normonetball@gmail.com](mailto:normonetball@gmail.com)



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- JUNIORS: U9-12, YOUTH: U13-17
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- WOMENS: JUNIORS, SENIORS & O30

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IN PERSON

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through to  
Ladies



# AGGIES

St Agatha's Netball Club

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[aggiesnb.rego@outlook.com](mailto:aggiesnb.rego@outlook.com)

Registration closes December 8, 2017



## Junior SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - [mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$122



## RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS



Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics  
1 Ashley Lane Hornsby NSW 2077  
Phone: 9476 6689  
Email: [info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au](mailto:info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au)  
Website: [www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au](http://www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au)

BOOK  
NOW

DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the December/January school holidays for all children aged 5 - 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, more!!

Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches. Bookings are essential via our website.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

Time:	9am - 3pm each day	
Dates:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Theme: Ho! Ho! Ho!
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Theme: SNOWMEN and REINDEER
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Theme: CHRISTMAS PARTY
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: SUMMERTIME FUN
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: CRAZY CREATURES
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: WILD WILD WEST
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: SUPERHEROS
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: SOMETHING STARTING WITH 'P'
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Theme: FLURO MANIA
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Theme: AUSTRALIA DAY FUN
Cost:	Members Price* = \$40 per day	Non Members Price* = \$45 per day
	* A member is a person who has paid the annual fee for that year (1 <sup>st</sup> January - 31 <sup>st</sup> December)	
What to bring:	Morning tea, lunch and a drink. No nuts permitted.	
What to wear:	Dress to suit the theme for the day!! Please ensure clothing is suitable for gymnastics or the dress up items can be removed for the activities!! ** Children must have bare feet prior to entering the floor area	
Cancellations:	Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted.	

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT HOLIDAY GYM OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✓ Tumble, Tricks and Flips sessions (8 years plus)
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