

Happy New Year:

The PCA Committee would like to welcome all members back for 2017 and hope you had a good break for those that were able to have a break, and for those who continued training we are sure the extra hours put in will show with results in the pool.

Cannons Creek Pool Closure:

Club Night Swimming and Junior Squad Sessions were due to start for the year from Monday 30 January at Cannons Creek Pool.

Due to issues with the pool tiles following the maintenance closure in January the pool is unable to be used.

Alternative venues are being looked at as well as a realistic timetable from the council of when the pool will re-open.

Senior and Junior Squad sessions scheduled at the Arena pool are not affected.

The council have advised their Dash swimmers that the pool will be open from 6 March, we are currently waiting to be advised of this and whether it may be available on 5 March if the repairs progress as expected.

Learn to Swim – Term 1:

This was due to start on Sunday 12 February but will not now be able to start until the Cannons Creek pool is re-opened.

At this stage a start date of 5 March may be possible, with a smaller number of sessions finishing closer to the April school holidays than normal, the price will be reduced to reflect the number of sessions.

Communications regarding Cannons Creek Pool Closure:

Please note that the Web Site, Facebook Page and emails to registered members will be used to update members on the situation regarding the Cannons Creek Pool closure.

As we are not in charge of the pool we can only pass on what the council staff tell us and have no control over the work or their timetable for fixing the issues.

Your patience as we deal with this unexpected and time consuming issue is appreciated.

Waitangi Day:

Please note that there will be no club or squad sessions on Monday 6 February – Waitangi Day Holiday.

Swimming NZ Zonal Competition:

Congratulations to Max Drummond, Bronson Lloyd and Jacob Reiher, and coach Nevill Sutton, who have been selected in the All Stars team to compete at the Zonal Meet in Auckland on 11 February.

Four regional teams are selected from throughout NZ with the All Stars team drawing on the best swimmers from Manawatu, Wairarapa, Wanganui and Wellington.

Each team consists of 40 swimmers (10 boys and 10 girls in each of the two age groups 15yrs and under and 16yrs and over).

The Meet will be televised on Sky!

Squad Fees:

As from 1 April 2017 monthly squad fees will increase by \$5.00 per month and will be as follows:

Seniors	\$130
Orcas	\$85
Swordfish I & II	\$55

To streamline administration PCA expects monthly fees be paid by Automatic Payment on the first of the month for that month into account 030547 0205093 **02**.

The Senior Squad fee was last increased in June 2013, and the Juniors in November 2010. Since then the club has been absorbing the cost increases relating to pool hire, ACC levies and wages/mentoring and up skilling coaches.

PCA Club Champs – 12 March 2017 Tawa Pool:

Club Championships are the premier meet on any club calendar and this year, because of the diving ban at Cannons Creek, and with the Te Rauparaha Arena pool not measuring a full 25 metre Porirua City Aquatics Club Championships will be held at Tawa's Pool on Sunday 12 March 2017.

The champs will be over two sessions (1:00pm warm up for a 1.30pm start, then 5.30pm warm up for a 6:00pm start).

See the flyer on our website and/or noticeboard for full details.

By hiring the Tawa Pool our swimmers will be able to dive (if they wish) and this will be an 'official' meet where swimmers can achieve 'official times'.

Over the years some fifty-odd cups and trophies have been donated to PCA to be swum for at the Championships. The Cups and Trophies are in age groups 9yrs and under, 10/11yrs, 12/13yrs, 14/15yrs and Open, cover four strokes, as well as medley, with separate events for boys and girls.

As well as the Cups and Trophies events, 'Age Groups' races are held in individual age groups, again with boys and girls separate, from 6yrs and under up to 17yrs and over. The points earned in these races (1st 8, 2nd 5, 3rd 3, and one for all others participating) contribute to the Age Group medals.

Both the Age Group medals (that is one Gold, one Silver and one Bronze in each age group) and Cups and Trophies will be presented at our Prize Giving on Sunday 28th May. (Further details will follow)

As many of the age group events are the same as the Cups and Trophy events the programme has been streamlined so no one will swim the same distance/stroke twice, but the results from one swim may count for both the Cups and Trophies and the Age Group points. All events will be swum in mixed age groups, graded/scratch, that is, from slowest to fastest, like Gold Coast Meets.

We would like everyone to 'Have a Go' at these Championships – there are many events on the programme. Everyone will be able to find something they are comfortable to swim. Session one is mainly freestyle and backstroke events, with breaststroke and butterfly events in session two.

As with all official meets entries must be done on-line through Swimming NZ's database. Many swimmers have been entering meets this way for some time now – it is easy to do providing you have a log-in. If you are unsure about your log-in contact Brent Harris on info@swimporirua.co.nz

For those new to on-line entries full details are on our website under 'Meets – how to enter'. All costs for hiring the pool, door entry etc will be covered by the club.

We will need help to run these Championships. Timekeepers will be called for at each session. With seven lanes we must have three timekeepers on each lane to run the meet. We will also need at least three or four IOT's at each end of the pool, as well as a qualified referee, stroke inspector, and starter.

All parents and caregivers of those entering must be available to officiate as required.

If there are any queries see Viv Morton or Keri Martin

Novice Carnival – 2 April – Cannons Creek Pool:

A great opportunity for those who are new to the club and those who have not competed in many carnivals.

Come along and **"have a go"** – an introduction to racing.

Porirua City Aquatics will host our Annual Novice carnival on Sunday 2 April 2017 at the Cannons Creek Pool.

Warm up is at 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start.

Races will be held in single age groups from 6 years and under up to 11 years and over, over 25m and 50m, in freestyle and backstroke only.

This meet is an introduction to racing and is targeting newer club members and swimmers who have not raced in three or more zone or interclub events.

Swimmers who have qualified to swim at the Wellington Champs or interclub events may not enter.

Every effort will be made by the officials to put swimmers at ease and to ensure they enjoy their first swim meet.

The club will appoint a team manager to look after the Porirua City Aquatics team at the meet. The team should sit together with the team manager.

All those competing will receive a 'participant' ribbon. Swimmers will swim the each event/s they enter once, and the times will be collated to rank the swimmers – in swimming this is known as *timed finals*. Ribbons will be presented to those who place first, second or third overall in each event.

Full details and entry instructions are on the noticeboard.

Entries close on 23 March 2017.

It would be great if our club had the biggest team at the meet. If you have a query about this meet, speak to your child's coach or ring Viv on 234 7071.

Porirua City Aquatics Div III Meet:

8 April 8th – Naenae Pool

All clubs are allocated two meets a year on the Wellington Swimming Calendar and Div III is the first one for PCA this year. This is a club fundraiser and it is hoped we will have the biggest team at the meet.

The meet is open to all developing swimmers who have **not** qualified for the 2017 National Div II meet, National

Age Groups and/or Opens. This means swimmers who you often read about medalling at National and Wellington meets can not enter. Swimmers 12yrs and under who have qualified to swim at the NZ Junior Festival 17 to 19 Feb may enter, the exception being 12 yr olds who have qualified for Div II.

The purpose of this meet is to give developing swimmer a chance to shine, medal and gain finalist ribbons.

It is the PCA's expectation that our National swimmers (in club uniform) will help at the meet in return for the support they have received from the club to attend Nationals.

For full details, see the flyer on the noticeboard or website. On-line entries close on 1 April.

Meet Reports:

Swim Wellington Summer Champs:

Well what a pleasure it was for both Louise and myself to manage this fantastic team.

All the kids were so well behaved, polite and great team support to each other – a great credit to PCA and parents.

Also let's not forget our wonderful coaches Nevill Sutton and Ben Walsh who gave up their long weekend to be there to support the team and offer words of encouragement – we couldn't do it without you.

To all the parents who officiated, whether it be Refreshments, Ribbons, Timekeeping, Marshalling or IOT thank you so much - PCA and the swimmers really appreciated this. However I would like to offer a BIG thank you to Ange Reiher who wasn't rostered on for duties but stepped up not once but twice when SWN called on extra helpers – FANTASTIC.

We had a total of 30 swimmers enter this meet (listed below) with a total of 125 personal best times achieved. The club finished 7th out of 34 clubs entered, so given the number of swimmers we had this is a great achievement.

Swimmers who entered the meet

Bronson Lloyd, Hunter Lloyd, Caroline Kaulave, Kiah Kaulave, Max Drummond, Ella Drummond, Greer Pugh, Ryan Pugh, Sophie Wills, Georgia Wills, Faith Siamani, Danielle Rule, James Van der Voort, Cody Bennett, Dillion Riamona-Pahetogia, Katie Jones, Sophie Jones, Seth Wilson, Jacob Reiher, Liana Reiher, Grace Reiher, Emilie Wilkinson, Lucy Peterson, Freeman Yu, David Zhu, Gemma Orsman, Anna Schofield-Matthews, Jed McLaughlan, Jessica McManaway, Ted Callaghan

Individual results

Max Drummond – Seven Gold Medals, Two silvers (Top 13yr old for meet)

Katie Jones – One Silver

Kiah Kaulave – One Gold, one Silver and two Bronze medals

Bronson Lloyd – Eight Golds, two Silvers and two Bronze medals (Top 14yr old for meet)

Hunter Lloyd – Three Bronze Medals

Gemma Orsman – One Gold

Jacob Reiher – Three Golds

Georgia Wills - Three Bronze medals

Seth Wilson - One Bronze medal

David Zhu – 2 Silvers

Top ten finishes (4th to 10th)

Ella Drummond 1, Katie Jones 3, Sophie Jones 2, Caroline Kaulave 1, Kiah Kaulave 3, Hunter Lloyd 3, Jed MacLachlan 6, Gemma Orsman 1, Grace Reiher 5, Jacob Reiher 6, Dannielle Rule 1, Anna Schofield-Matthews 1, James van der Voort 2, Emilee Wilkinson 3, Georgie Wills 6, Sophie Wills 1, Seth Wilson 2, Freeman Yu 1.

Also of note;

Jacob Reiher, Bronson Lloyd and Max Drummond selected for the All Stars Zonal Team to compete in Auckland on the 11th February 2017.

The Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) Zonal Championships is a thrilling swim meet that pits the fastest swimmer from each of the 4 'Zonal' regions of NZ against each other in a teams based swim meet format. There are four teams Aquaknights, Makos, All Stars and Harlequins

Lastly I would like to give a huge thanks to Matt Meehan, Graeme Seagull, Brent Harris and Terry Laws who worked hard as Senior Officials and Viv Morton (Club President) who worked behind the scenes to help make this meet run smoothly. Without their assistance in the background we wouldn't be able to have these meets – so THANK YOU.

Louise Wills and Adele Lloyd

Subscriptions:

The membership year begins on 1 July, and subs for the year are:

\$160 for club swimmers

\$110 (\$120 from 1 July 2017) for squad swimmers (those swimming with Nevill in the Senior Squads, or Ben in the Orcas, Swordfish I & II, Penguins and Seals).

Subs can be paid directly into the PCA bank account 030547-0205093-00 – please use the swimmers name as a reference, or can be paid at the duty desk on a Monday or Friday night, or left in a named envelope in the black letterbox on our storeroom door.

Annual Subs are due on 1 July and should be paid as soon as possible.

For new members joining during the year the sub is prorated based on the month of joining, and if the swimmer is a squad or competitive swimmer. These rates are available from the Treasurer or the Committee Member on the desk on Monday and Friday club nights.

Swimmers are required to be financial members to enter swim meets and attend training nights (club and squad) and to attend and vote at the AGM or other club meetings.

Some leeway will be provided for the attendance at training as long as the annual sub is paid by 31 July, within four weeks of joining if a new member, or are on an agreed payment plan and no payments have been missed.

There is no leeway for entering swim meets or being able to vote at club meetings. You must be a paid up member to participate in swim meets and club meetings.

Any family wishing to spread their payments should contact our treasurer on 021-247-7730 or e-mail treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz to make an arrangement.

Duty Roster:

The club is also looking for volunteers to staff the desk on Monday and Friday nights at Cannons Creek. Times: 5:45pm (for 6:00pm session start) ending 7:30pm on a Monday and until 8:00pm on a Friday.

Those interested should contact Onolata Little on 235-5646 or e-mail o_g.saunders@xtra.co.nz.

PCA Swimming Caps:

New members will be given a cap on receipt of their first subscription payment.

Caps are replaced free of charge if they split, on presentation of the damaged cap.

The cost of caps are \$10 each if a swimmer requires another cap.

It would not normally be expected that any swimmer would need more than 1 or 2 caps each year.

Caps can be obtained from the sign-in desk at Monday and Friday night club sessions (at Cannons Creek) or the Team Manager at swim meets.

Club Uniform:

The club orders uniform items several times a year based on the demand. The items that are available for order (and order forms) are on the notice board at Cannons Creek Pool and on the Website.

Items ordered must be paid for before the items will be included in an order sent to our supplier.

The delivery of any order we place takes about eight weeks from the time of ordering.

We also have a limited amount in stock of PCA uniform hoodies with zips, T shirts and shorts in various ages.

Club togs are also available (supplied by a local firm so can be ordered and delivered anytime). They are produced by Spank and are black with PCA logo on them.

They come in the following sizes:

Style	Size	Price
Girls	6 – 14 years	\$46
Boys	6 – 14 years	\$50
Women	10 – 18	\$60
Men	14 – 18	\$60

Please contact Andrew Wilkinson on 021-986-533 or e-mail andyandnicola@gmail.com if you would like to purchase any PCA uniform items - see web site for details, order form and bank details.

Bank Account Details:

Subs/Uniforms etc	03-0547-0205093-00
Meet Entry Fees	03-0547-0205093-01
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact our Treasurer, Murray Pugh, at treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz

Upcoming Events:

17 – 19 February – SNZ Junior Regionals (WRAC).

26 February – Gold Coast Ribbon Carnival (SC) – Tawa

4 March – SwimZone Signature Meet (LC) WRAC

Report of Best Times:

If you require a list of your times, please email Keri Martin the Race Secretary at race@swimporirua.co.nz and they will be sent back to you.

Club Contacts:

President (Viv Morton)234-7071
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Treasurer (Murray Pugh)021-247-7730
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