

Christmas and New Year Break:



Our committee and coaches would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Please buckle up, drive safely, and take care, especially around water. While our members can swim well in the pool, we all know rivers and beaches can be very unforgiving for even the strongest swimmers.

We look forward to seeing you all back at the pool in the New Year.

2021 Start Dates:

Normal club sessions will resume on

- Monday – 1 February
- Friday – 5 February
- Sunday – 14 February

No Club Swimming on Sunday 7 or Monday 8 February due to Waitangi Day Long Weekend.

Learn to swim will start on Sunday 14 February.

Swim Wellington Annual Awards:

I was certainly proud to be part of Porirua City Aquatics at this event – the club did so well.

Steven Zhu was named Junior Coach of the Year. This recognised the coach whose club had top achievements

at the 2020 Junior Festival, and the 2019 Winter Champs and 12 and under Champs held in Dec 2019.

In his speech Steven thanked Swim Wellington, his swimmers, their parents and the club for their support over the year.

Capital coaches Andre Kudaba and Gary Hollywood were named Age Group Coach of the Year and Opens Coach of the Year respectively.

These three all became contenders of Overall Coach of the Year, with Steven Zhu taking out the title – truly well deserved, a proud moment for Steven, his squad and the club.

Murray Pugh received a well deserved Service Award for his contribution to PCA and SW as treasurer and a Board member over a long period.



Charlie Dickison was named Junior Swimmer of the Year. Key to this award was Charlie achievements as Wellington's top individual points scorer at Junior Festival and breaking 13 Wellington records during the year.

Charlie was also runner up for the Selectors trophy which goes to the swimmer breaking the most Wellington records – Bronson Lloyd was the winner with 16 records.

Then, as a total surprise PCA was the Tier 1 Series Competition Winner – well done to those 13 and over swimmers who swam in Swim Wellington Tier 1 series. Points are awarded at Tier one meets and as PCA had the biggest percentage increase in points in 2020 over our 2019 results were the winner with 146%.

Viv Morton - President

Learn to Swim:

Porirua City Aquatic's next course of Learn to Swim Lessons will begin on Sunday 14 February and finish on Sunday 28 March.

Classes are at 9.30 am or 10 am, with all six levels from water confidence to those aiming to swim 25m non stop being run at the same time.

Swimmers must be at least 5 years old and 1.1m tall.

The cost is \$45 (cash or cheque – no eftpos) for the course.

Enrolments are taken on the first day. Please be at the pool at least 15 minutes before your class to complete the enrolment process.

Meet Reports:

Wellington Junior Champs, 12 – 13 December:

What a fantastic meet this turned out to be for PCA.

PCA had the biggest team at the meet and were the only club to have over 30 swimmers competing – 37 to be exact.

Congratulations to everyone who qualified and swam at the meet.

PCA finished top of the points table with 1343 points, well ahead of Capital with 920 and Tawa with 664

All those who finished in the top 10 contributed to the points.

A number of PCA swimmers finished up in the top 3 on points for their age group.

- 9 and under girls. First Alyssa Bai. Third Camille Zhou.
- 9 and under boys. First Nathan Hu.
- 10 year old boys. Third Justin Wang.
- 11 year old girls. First Vinnie Tat
- 12 year boys. First Eric Yuan

Eric Yuan was the only swimmer to win a Gold Medal over Hunter Lloyd of Tawa.

Hunter was the in form swimmer at the meet breaking a NZ record in 200 medley by just .01 second.

Eric headed Hunter off in an exciting race in 50m butterfly to set a new, and his first, Wellington record with a time of 29.62. In fact he and Hunter both went under the 2015 record of 29.91

No doubt the PCA coaches Steven Zhu, Todd Morton and Dennis Smith will be pleased with all the personal best swims, individual medals and top 10 finishes.

Thank you to our team managers, and all those who covered PCA's share of officials and duties, especially those who attended the meet event though they didn't have children swimming.

Congratulations to Menaka Wijetunge who qualified as an IOT (Inspector of Turns), Well done.

Individual results:

Name - age	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Top 10 finish
Ovin Angamma - 8				5
Alyssa Bai - 9	4	2	2	1
Riley Bennett - 12				1
Alphon Cao - 12				1
Mackenzie Carnegie - 9				3
Travis Carnegie - 12				3
Lauren Crawford - 10				4
Charlotte Cripps - 11				1
Jonathan Cui - 9			1	7
Kayne Howat - 12		1		3
Jasper Hu - 6				1
Nathan Hu - 8	9	1		
Yani Jiang - 10				1
Desmond Lin - 9			2	4
Frederick Mills - 10				4
Jered O'Donnell - 10			1	2
Lewis Parker - 11				1
Zaria Phelps - 9				2
Yueran Shen				3
Holly Sorenson - 10		1	2	5
Vinnie Tat - 11	8	5		
Asher Thomas - 10	1	1		2
Felix Thomas - 11	2	1	1	9
Justin Wang - 10		1	1	9
Eric Yuan - 12	1	4		1
Rebecca Yu - 8			1	2
Victor Yu - 10				6
Camille Zhou - 9	3	2		
Karmen Zhou - 11		1	3	

All the other team members swam personal best times – well done on your performances, Lily-Ann Alderson, Cody Chen Jiya Lokuge, Sam Oliver, Indie Spalding, Liam Phelps and Eric Zhang.

For many this was their time competing at this level – what a learning experience.

PCA are very proud of all our swimmers.

Subscriptions:

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

- \$195.00 for club members. That is, those who swim in the Eels and Tadpoles squads and those who swim at the club sessions on Friday and/or Monday nights and/or Sunday mornings.
- \$150.00 for squad members, being those in the Senior squad, Orcas, Sharks, Swordfish, Seals, Penguins and those who swim in PCA's Johnsonville squad.

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 pro-rated 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.

You will need to report at 5:45pm to set up for a 6:00pm session start and stay until the start of the final session (8:00pm on Monday, and 7:20pm on Friday).

Those interested should contact Matthew Hall by e-mail at matthewhall@xtra.co.nz.

BBQ Roster:

On Club Nights, and Sunday Mornings during Club and Lean to Swim Sessions at Cannons Creek Pool there is an opportunity for parents to raise money to help with their club expenses.

The money raised from each sausage sizzle (or whatever else you would like to cook on the BBQ) less any direct expenses is kept by the club and allocated to the family who did the BBQ.

The purchase of some items (sausages, bread etc) is required at the time.

The money raised can be used for entry fees, subs, squad fees, to purchase uniforms etc.

Anyone interested in cooking for a night should contact Viv Morton e-mail president@swimporirua.co.nz or phone 234-7071 for further information.

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.

Please contact Becky Campbell on 021-044-8794 or e-mail uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz if you would like to purchase any PCA uniform items - see the web site for details, order form and bank details.

Bank Account Details:

Subs/Uniforms etc 03-0547-0205093-00
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:

16 – 17 January – SNZ Open Water – Taupo. Entries Closed.

23 – 25 January – SWN Summer Champs (13ys and over) WRAC. Entries Close 17 January.

29 – 30 January – SNZ All Stars Junior Festival (12yrs and under) – WRAC. Entries Close 19 January.

The 2021 Calendar page has been updated on the website with the meets in January and February with Meet Flyers and Eligibility Reports for the SWN Summer Champs and SNZ All Stars Junior Festival.

The calendar page can be found at the link below.
<http://swimporirua.co.nz/calendar2021.php>

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.

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