

### Christmas and New Year Break:



The PCA Committee and Coaches would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Enjoyable New Year.

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.

### 2025 Important Dates:

Normal club sessions resume on

- Monday 27 January
- Friday 31 January
- Sunday 2 and 9 February at 9:00am to 10:00am

The is no Squad swimming on Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February

- Sunday 16 February – Learn to Swim starts, therefore club training will be from 8:00am to 9:00am until 23 March
- Sunday 30 March – club training is cancelled PCA is holding Club Champs.
- Sunday 6 April club training will be 9:00am to 10:00am

### Newly Qualified Technical Officials:

Congratulations to Tina Hua and Paul Reiher who both qualified as Inspectors of Turns (IOT) at the recent Swim Wellington Championships.

Swim meets require a minimum number of officials for swimmers to get times for qualifying for National Championship Meets. All the officials are volunteers and having a reasonable sized pool of officials to call on spreads the load.

For those interested in contributing towards their child's swimming and getting a close up view of swimming at a meet can email Brent Harris to register your interest at [info@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto:info@swimporirua.co.nz).

The Officials Pathway can be found on the Swimming NZ website here <https://www.swimmingnz.org/officials-education-information>.

### Swim Wellington Annual Awards:

Congratulations to PCA Senior Coach Gerusio Matonse who was recently named Swim Wellington's Age Group Coach of the Year.

As we all know this award is truly deserved as Gerusio has coached and inspired our swimmers leading to excellent results at Regional and National Championships during 2024.



## Learn to Swim Term One 2025:

Our next course of lessons will start on 16 February 2025 and finish on 30 March 2025.

Class times are 9.15am and 10am with all levels held at each time slot.

On the first day swimmers arrive at least 15 minutes earlier than their class time to complete enrolment process.

The course fee is \$45.00 – payment can be made on the first day -cash only, no eftpos, or deposited into account number 03-0547-0205093-01. Please use your swimmers name as the reference and include L2ST1.

**Please note** Swimmers must be at least 5 years old, 1.1m tall and long hair must be tied back.

## Meet Reports:

### Swim Wellington Long Course Champs:

This meet was held over three days (6 to 8 December) at Kilbirnie with heats in the morning and finals at night.

The meet was a huge learning curve for swimmers and their parents who had never been involved in a meet before with heats and finals. This is an important learning as National Championships are generally held in this format.

The PCA team of 27 did really well winning 47 Regional Gold Medals, 36 Silvers and 24 Bronze Medals. Points earned by the medallists and all those who finished in the top 10 in the finals contributed to the club points.

For the second year in a row PCA won the Top Points trophy with 1559.50 points. Tawa Swimming Club was second on 1174 points with Capital 3<sup>rd</sup> on 946.50.



Individual Results:

Name	Age	Regional Placing			
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Top 10
Jackson Crawford	12			2	5
Patrich Reiher	13	3			3
Cody Chen	13	1	2	2	4

Name	Age	Regional Placing			
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Top 10
Asher Thomas	14	1	3	1	
Justin Wang	14	3	4		
Victor Yu	14	1	3	2	
Boyi Zang	14			1	
Felix Thomas	15	1	1	2	1
Jayden Ng	15		1	1	5
Daniel Turetsky	15		1	1	3
Nathaniel Wood	15	5	2		3
Aaron Zang	16		2	1	3
Joe Reiher	17+	4	1		
Rebecca Yu	12	8			
Ashley Liu	12	1		1	
Sofia Nguyen	12		1	1	3
Alyssa Bai	13	7			
Camille Zhou	13	1	6		
Ite Alaifea	13	2	1		
Emma Harrison	12			2	2
Lauren Crawford	14	4			2
Indie Spalding	14		2	1	3
Charlotte Harrison	14	1		2	
Jade Lin	17+		4	2	
Dannielle Rule	17+	4	2		
Sam Olliver and Maddy St Just also swum					

This meet was huge and tiring. A big thank you goes to our swimmers and their families and all those who officiated and helped at the meet, especially those who didn't have children swimming.

## Subscriptions:

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

- \$200.00 for club members. That is, those who swim in the Tadpoles squad and those who swim at the club sessions on Friday and/or Monday nights and/or Sunday mornings.
- \$160.00 for squad members, being those in the Senior squad, Orcas, Sharks, Swordfish, Seals 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 reduced on a sliding scale from October to the following June based on the month of joining, and if the swimmer is a squad or competitive swimmer. These rates are available from the [info@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto:info@swimporirua.co.nz) or the person 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 at [treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto: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 at 8:00pm on a Monday and 7:30pm on a Friday.

Those interested should contact Viv Morton on 027-645-1146 or email [president@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto:president@swimporirua.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](mailto:president@swimporirua.co.nz) or phone 027-645-1146 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, shorts and ponchos in various ages.

Please contact Jessie Guo on 021-232-1533 or e-mail [uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto: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:

Sunday Learn to Swim	03-0547-0205093-01
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02
<b>Everything Else</b>	<b>03-0547-0205093-00</b>

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact [treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto:treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz).

### Club Lane and Squad Information:

A summary of how we structure our Club Lanes for new swimmers, and also our booklet for competitive swimmers can be found at the links below.

[Club Lane Swimming](#)  
[Competitive Swimming](#)

**Report of Best Times:**

If you require a list of your times, please email Elouise Thomas the Race Secretary at [race@swimporirua.co.nz](mailto:race@swimporirua.co.nz) and they will be sent back to you.

**Club Contacts:**

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