

Summer's up

PCA wishes all its coaches, swimmers and their families a safe, happy and relaxing break over the festive season.

A big thank you to our coaches, committee members and volunteers for their contributions to the Club this year, we couldn't have done it without you.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2026!



Important dates for 2026

- Monday 2 Feb – club swimming will resume.
- Friday 6 Feb and Sunday 8 Feb – club and squad swimming is cancelled on Waitangi weekend.
- Friday night swimming will resume on 14 Feb.
- Sunday mornings swimming will resume at 8am on 15 Feb.
- Junior squad (normal timetable) swimming will resume Monday 2 Feb.

Learn to Swim Term One 2026

Our next course of lessons will start on 15 February and finish on 29 March 2026.

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

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

The fee is \$50.00 for this course of lessons – payment can be made on the first day - cash only, no eftpos, or deposited into account number 030547 0205093 01. Account name Porirua City Aquatics Incorporated. Please use your swimmers name as the reference and include L2ST3.

Please note. All participants must be at least 5 years old, 1.1m tall, long hair must be tied back – wearing a cap is preferable. Goggles are essential and can be purchased at the pool.

Officials

Congratulations to Yu Liu who qualified as an Inspector of Turns (IOT) over the course of the Wellington 12 and over Championships.

The club is looking for others to take up this training. In qualifying Yu thanked Swim Wellington and PCA for the training and support she during her training. If you are interested in becoming an IOT please contact Blair on officials@swimporirua.co.nz or Brent info@swimporirua.co.nz

Meet Reports

Meet 1: Nga Tai Tuatea A Taraika inaugural Swim Meet – 22 November 2025

Held on 22 November 2025 at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

This meet was hugely successful for most of our team of 23 with swimmers gaining valuable long course racing experience, achieving PBs, winning Goodie bags and PCA had a raffle winner!

To add to the excitement of the meet 'Bell heats' were run. If the Bell rang at the start of a race the winner won one of 20 Goodie Bags worth \$100.00. Four PCA swimmers came away with Prizes - Jackson Crawford and Lincoln Thomas both won a race by fractions of a second while Elizabeth Young and Justin Wang won by greater margins.

Rose Crawford was lucky to win one of the three raffles and came away with a basket of goodies worth over \$200 – how lucky was she!

In the pool there were some great PBs – Tai Lewis took 21.63 sec off his 100m breaststroke time and 15.39 seconds off for 200m freestyle. Jackson Crawford also did good PBs – 7.73 seconds in 200 IM and 6.17 in 200 free.

Thanks go to those who officiated, Rose and Jessie the team managers and coach Justin.

Meet 2: PCA 100m Handicap Meet – 24 November 2025

Held on Monday 24 Nov at Cannons Creek Pool, this meet proved to be as exciting as ever. Handicapped swimming is always so much fun and unpredictable.

Congratulations all our finalists. To get to the final they swam a 100m freestyle heat, needed to win their semi-final and then swim the final. Hana Lewis won the final just 1.68 sec. ahead of Harrison Boyte with Theo Bradley 3rd, Nate Hall 4th, Jackson Ellis 5th and Cody Chen 6th.



The relay final was also a close race with Team Two winning, just ahead of 0.16 seconds ahead of Team one in an extremely close finish. Team three finished third just 1.57 sec. behind team one.

A big thank you to all the officials, especially Elouise, the starter, the announcer and coaches who helped to make the meet a success.

Overall 66 swimmers entered this meet, with 55 swimming on the day. Only three swimmers officially scratched. Given the pre-meet preparation required 'no-shows' are annoying. Likewise, it is disappointing to have swimmers turn up for their normal club session training saying they 'didn't know this was on' when the meet was mentioned in the newsletter and advertised on the noticeboard.

Meet 3: Swim Wellington Summer Championships 12 years and overs – 5-7 December 2025

For PCA, results from this three-day event were fantastic with the club finishing up as TOP CLUB of the meet with 1801.50 points, Tawa was second with 1709.50 points and Pirates third on 1192. Twenty-seven clubs took part with swimmers coming from all around – Tauranga in the north to Dunedin in the south.

This meet was held at Kilbirnie's 50m pool. For many swimmers this was the first time they had experienced a meet with heats swum in the morning and finals at night, making it a very busy 3 days. All finalists earned the club points.

PCA swimmers made the podium often with many achieving huge PBs and personal milestones like going under 30 seconds for 50 free or under 1m10 for a 100m – all were really good achievements, thanks to the efforts of our coaches Cliff, Steven and Justin.

In his meet report Justin Roberts named Tai Lewis, Amokura Olsen and Jackson Crawford for swimming way beyond expectations. Also of note was lite Alafia's gold medal swim in the 14yrs girls 50m breaststroke. Her time of 32.13 broke the club record and was the fastest swim of any girl at the meet for that event.

A big thank goes to our Team Managers – Rose, Tracey, Catherine, Jessie and Carla and PCA's coaches Cliff, Steven and Justin.

Also meets like this can't run without officials – thanks to everyone who helped out especially Brent Harris (the Meet director) and all those who did multiple sessions.

The results are attached at the end of the newsletter.

Subscriptions:

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

- \$220.00 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.
- \$220.00 for PCA's Johnsonville Squad swimmers
- \$185.00 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 were due on 1 July and are now overdue.

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 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 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 starts at 7.20pm.

Those interested should contact Viv Morton on 027-645-1146 or email 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 or phone 027-645-1146 for further information.

PCA Swimming Caps:

New members are entitled to a club 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:

PCA uniform is to worn by all swimmers at swim meets. We hold a stock of PCA uniform hoodies with zips, t-shirts and ponchos in various ages. To order see the web site for details, order form and bank details.

Please contact Sophie Khun-Hammond on 021548669 or e-mail uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz

Bank Account Details:

Sunday Learn to Swim	03-0547-0205093-01
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02
Everything Else	03-0547-0205093-00

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz.

Upcoming Events:

- NZ Open water champs, Lake Taupo – 10 January 2026
- Oriental Bay Challenge (open water) – 29 January 2026
- Scorching Bay Challenge (open water) – 28 February 2026
- Gold Coast Chocolate Carnival, Tawa Pool – 15 February 2026
- Junior Festival – all stars, Coastlands Aquatic Centre - 28 February 2026
- 2026 Division II Competition (SC) Moana Pool, Dunedin -20 March 2026

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 and they will be sent back to you.

Club Contacts:

President (Viv Morton)027-645-1146
Vice-President (Oliver Bennett)	
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Treasurer (Sonja Maharaj) e-mail
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Junior Squad Coach e-mail
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Swim Wellington Summer Championships – 12 years and over (5/7 December Results)

		Regional Placing			Overall	PBs	# Races
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Top 10		
12 year	Chao Wang	3	2	1	1	6	13
	Alistair Bai	2	2	4		5	15
	Tai Lewis	2		2	1	9	10
	Sarah Choi	3	3			3	12
	Amokura Olsen		2		2	7	8
	Peixin Tian			1	2	4	6
	Elizabeth Yang	2	2	2	1	2	11
	Kristen Young	4	3			5	15
13 year	Jackson Crawford		4	4		13	15
	Sofia Nguyen			2	5	7	14
14 year	Cody Chen		2	2	1	3	10
	Patrick Reiher	3	1		2	2	13
	Iite Alaifea	2	2			3	8
	Camille Zhou	4	1	1		3	15
15 year	Asher Thomas		2	4		4	12
	Justin Wang	3	2	1	1	4	11
	Victor Yu	1	2		2	6	10
	Boyi Zang					1	7
	Livy Andrews					4	4
	Lauren Crawford	2	2	2	1	3	12
	Charlotte Harrison			1	2	0	6
	Indie Spalding	3		1	1	3	11
	Maddy St Just				6	5	12
16 year	Jayden Ng			1	4	2	11
	Felix Thomas	1	1	2	2	5	12
	Nathaniel Wood	1	4	3		7	18
17 & Over	Joe Reiher	4			2	1	13
	Aaron Zang				1		3
	Dannielle Rule	1	2	2	2	1	14
Totals		41	39	36	39	118	321