



JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER 2

New timetable, new structure and upcoming dates for your diary.

Term 3 gets underway! Term 3 sees the start of new hours for Club night/afternoon swimmers, the commencement of 2 new entry-level squads, coaching changes and alterations to some existing squads swimming timetables. Club night/afternoon swimmers are now swimming once per week for an hour. The [full timetable](#) for Term 3 is available on the web, and will be available on the Club Noticeboard.

Due to the changes in the Club night/afternoon structure, the movement of swimmers into the newly created squads and a larger than normal volume of new members, we will be holding a grading session on the first week of term for all club night/afternoon swimmers. This means that all swimmers will be assessed so that they can be placed in a similar skilled lane. The regrading will be working off current [lane expectations](#), and it may mean that children will be moved several times throughout the session into various lanes whilst we juggle both lane numbers and skill levels to get the mix right.

Welcome to the 2 new entry-level squads – **Rebels** and **Vipers** - swimming twice per week, on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thank you once again to coaches working with these children this term. Any questions about Club night/afternoon sessions, please contact Club Captain Mel Jones (captain@swimtawa.org.nz)

Welcome to all our new members!

Rising Stars: A reminder not to come on Monday nights from 25 July. Your Monday night session has been replaced with Saturday morning 0700-0800.

Junior Development: A reminder that from 25 July, you no longer have a Thursday night session. All other sessions remain the same.



Upcoming Events

Club Prizegiving: Prizegiving is booked for 3pm at Amesbury School on **Sunday 31 July**. Please bring a plate and celebrate our swimmers' achievements and attitudes, and our volunteers.

Wellington Winter Championships: The next big meet for us is Wellington Winter Champs, held over 2 weekends in August. To see if you have met qualifying times, you can check the eligibility report on the [Meet Information](#) page. Please note **entries close on 31 July**. If you have any questions about this see your coach, any trouble with online entries, contact Ruth (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz)

Winter Champs pizza celebration: All swimmers attending Winter Champs are invited to a pizza night upstairs in the Club Rooms on Thursday **4 August**, 6.30pm to celebrate your hard work thus far. Jason will brief parents and swimmers on his expectations for the team at Winter Champs.

Uniform orders: Menique will be closing a new order for uniforms on **29 July**. Delivery time is expected to be approximately 2 months. You can access an order form, size chart and details of the uniform [here](#). We don't have any compulsory requirements of members (other than the swim cap that comes with your subs), however it is recommended that competitive swimmers purchase a uniform top. Shirts must be worn for any medal ceremonies (children share if someone in their team doesn't have one). If you have second-hand uniform wanted to buy or sell, there's a place for this on the Club Noticeboard.

Time Trials: The next Club time trials evening is scheduled for Thursday **18 August**.

Club AGM: The AGM is booked for Thursday evening, 7pm, Club Rooms, on **25 August**.

2017 Competition dates

From SNZ, 21 July 2017: [SNZ is] pleased to announce the dates and venues for the 2017 summer events have been confirmed, please find attached a PDF outlining the dates. Full competition flyers and booklets will be released no later than the 31st July. [Dates PDF](#).

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rachel Smart on her appointment to a Head Coach position in Auckland ☺ Rachel has made a tremendous contribution to our junior swimmers and many kids and parents will have enduring memories of the fantastic Junior Camp Rachel initiated and ran in January. Rachel will be leaving us in late August.



RACING INFORMATION

Here are a few tips on who to contact, when and how, for problems entering races, and how to get information you need.

- 1) Don't leave your entries to the last days before closing unless you have to. The earlier you enter, the easier it is to resolve any potential issues. If you experience any trouble with race entries, contact Ruth as soon as possible.
- 2) **All** race meet queries, result queries, SNZ account problems must be directed to Tawa Swimming Club Race Secretary Ruth Humble (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz). Do not contact Swimming New Zealand. Ruth will do that if she needs to.
- 3) If you have an account issue, Ruth or Sandra can reset your account (racesec@swimtawa.org.nz or treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz)
- 4) On race day, **text** the **TEAM MANAGER phone 0204 070 3032** if you are withdrawing or are arriving late. Note, there is no credit on the phone so don't expect a response. Programme this number into your phone.
- 5) **Black Swimming Wellington passes** are issued for getting into Regional Meets and Signature Meets. If you don't take one, you are likely to be charged a pool entry fee (even though you already paid meet entry fees). Contact Alex (secretary@swimtawa.org.nz) if you don't have a black card and you are entered in one of these meets.
- 6) Entry for swimmers to WRAC for Signature Meets/SW events is supposed to be through the **side door** on Kilbirnie Crescent, prior to warmup.
- 7) The [Meet Information page](#) has meets throughout 2016 listed.

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Billie Mudie, Lisa Wong, Sue Smart and Denise Roberts are also Committee members. Please feel free to talk to Committee members anytime, or come to a Committee meeting. If there is something you would particularly like to hear about in the newsletter (which generally follows Committee meetings), please let Alex know on secretary@swimtawa.org.nz.