

WHALES TALES

Saturday 23rd December, 2017

Christmas Hamper Raffle – drawn today

Our Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn today. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the prize hampers. Make sure you hand in your raffle ticket stubs to Danielle Vivic this morning so that they go in to the draw. If you would like to purchase some last minute lucky tickets also see Danielle.

Chocolate Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone who sold chocolates for our fund raising. Please return the funds to Danielle Vivic today so that we can wrap up this event.

NSW State Age Championships

Congratulations to Reece Tomkinson who competed in three events at the Age (13 - 18 Years) Championships over the past week, swimming one PB in his events.

Learn To Swim

A big thank you to our organisers, instructors and assistants who made the program a great success again this year.

Remember we will be holding a 6 week Learn To Swim program commencing on 3 February 2018. To register your interest for this next program email learntoswim@merrylandsasc.asn.au

February 2018 Important Dates

February 2018 sees our club holding two important swim meets, the Masters BPS on Saturday 10th February 2018 (entries close 2nd February 2018) and Merrylands SwimFest on Saturday 24th February 2018 (entries close 10th February 2018). We look forward to all of our club members participating in and assisting with these meets.

Christmas Wishes

Today is our last day for club races in 2017. After club races we will have breakfast with the stars, Christmas Hamper raffle draw, Junior Handicap and novelty events. All squads will commence training at 9.00am and conclude at 10.15am.

I would like to wish everyone of our members and their family's a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

We look forward to seeing you back at training from Tuesday 2nd January 2018 and club races on Saturday 6th January 2018.



SWIMMING:

The only sport in which you go from point A to point A and work like heck to get there

Australia Swims

A 9-day celebration of water in January 2018. For more information on planned events and activities visit <https://australiaswims.com.au>

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
MASC Breakfast Morning	Saturday 23 rd December	Closed
Christmas Day	Monday 25 th December	Never closes 🤖
Club Races Resume	Saturday 6 th January	Wednesday 3 rd January
Whales Challenge	Saturday 20 th January	Wednesday 17 th January
MASC 1500metre Freestyle (Open)	Friday 2 nd February	Wednesday 31 st January
Whales Challenge	Saturday 3 rd February	Wednesday 31 st January
MASC 50metre Butterfly	Saturday 10 th February	Wednesday 7 th February
Merrylands Masters BPS meet	Saturday 10 th February	Friday 2 nd February
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 17 th February	Wednesday 14 th February
MASC 400metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 24 th February	Wednesday 21 st February
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 24 th February	Saturday 10 th February

Important Information about Race Entries

Entries for races can be lodged either on manual race cards or online. There are cut-off dates for all race entries and these deadlines will be adhered to. So to make sure you have entries for races on the following Saturday please ensure:

Manual Card Entries	These are placed in the maroon entry box by 6pm Wednesday . Cards (including from a family) should be bound together with an elastic band. To ensure that you have entries in we suggest you purchase the cards on the Saturday prior and place them in the maroon box before you leave on that day. Manual race cards will not be sold during the week at training etc
Online Entries	These can be submitted on the club website and need to be entered by 8pm Thursday

Uniforms

Please see our Property Officer (Margaret) for your uniform orders or purchases. We are also progressively adding club uniform items to our new online store. Follow this link to see what items are currently available through an online order <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/>. Watch out Amazon!

Technical Accreditation

Most technical roles now have online courses available. Please let Graham know if you are interested in obtaining your first, or adding to your current technical accreditation (<https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=217>).

If you need to change a race entry already lodged or have any questions about the races please email race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

For more information & race results check out our club website www.merrylandsasc.asn.au
If you have any ideas or information for the newsletter, please email at publicity@merrylandsasc.asn.au or contact Graham Edwards on 0418 551 200