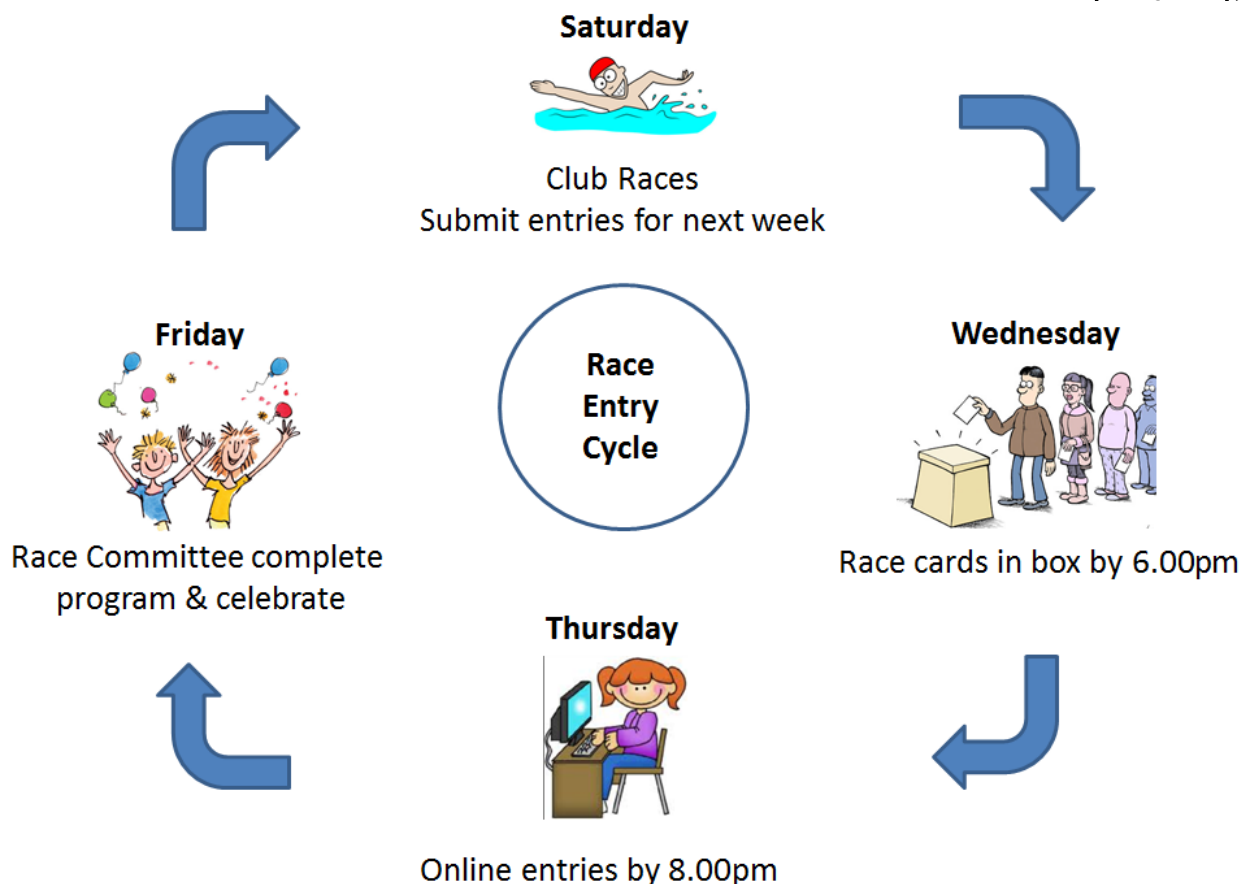


WHALES TALES

Saturday 13th January, 2018



If you have questions about club races or entries please email race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

Ready.Set.Race

Our next Ready.Set.Race event will be held on Saturday 27th January, 2018. This is a great morning for kids looking to have fun and get some racing practice for their school swimming carnival.

Do you know someone who has children aged 7 to 12 years who are not already a swimming club member and would enjoy some races and a skills coaching session? A great way to prepare for school carnivals. They must be able to swim 25 metres Freestyle and 25 metres Backstroke and/or 25m Breaststroke.

The cost is \$5 per swimmer (plus pool entry) and entry is at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/readysetrace/>

Speedo Sprint Heats

The Speedo Sprint Series caters for girls and boys aged between 8-13 years in 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50 m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly events and is a great way to have fun and learn new skills in a friendly environment.

Due to its timing, the meet, along with the Merrylands SwimFest, also provides good practice for School Swimming Carnivals. All club members aged from 8 to 13 are encouraged to enter.

This year's meet will be held on Sunday, 11th February, 2018 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre (races start at 1.00pm). Online entries close on Tuesday 30th January, 2018.

Australia Swims

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

Sports Camps Australia – Junior Swimming Camp

Sports Camps Australia and Swimming NSW are hosting swimming camps these school holidays at Barker College, Hornsby on the 22nd & 23rd January, 2018. Cost is \$160 and for more information see the noticeboard in the club room or visit

<http://www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au/swimming/sca/sca-junior-swimming-camp-at-barker-college/>

February 2018 Important Dates

- Masters BPS Saturday 10th February, 2018 (entries close 2nd February, 2018)
- Merrylands SwimFest 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.

Youth Advisory Panel's Twilight Race Party

Swimming NSW's Youth Advisory Panel has been busy organising an event designed specifically by teenagers for teenagers. Reece Tomkinson is a member of the Youth Advisory Panel and he has been active in the work to plan this event. The Twilight Race Party will be held on Saturday 17th February, 2018 from 4pm to 8pm at the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre, Bexley.

Cost is \$10 with more information on the noticeboard in the club room or visit

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/u742iET46J> or @snswyap on Facebook

Active Kids Program

As previously advised this NSW Government initiative commences on 31st January, 2018. It is a program open to all NSW school enrolled children and provides each child with a voucher for \$100 to use towards an eligible sport activity every calendar year.

Registration to obtain a voucher will be available from 31st January, 2018 and the voucher is valid for use until 31st December, 2018. You can retain the voucher to use when swimming registrations for the 2018/2019 season occur in October 2018.

For more information see the noticeboard in the club room or visit the MyServiceNSW website at www.service.nsw.gov.au or Swimming NSW website at <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=258>

Uniforms

Visit our new online store at <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/> to order uniform items.

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
Whales Challenge	Saturday 20 th January	Wednesday 17 th January
Ready.Set.Race	Saturday 27 th January	Wednesday 24 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
Speedo Sprint Heats	Sunday 11 th February	Tuesday 30 th January

