



WHALES TALES

Saturday 20th January, 2018

Ready.Set.Race

Next Saturday (27th January, 2018) we will be hosting a Ready.Set.Race event as part of the Australia Swims celebrations. 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/>

NSW State Open Championships

Reece Tomkinson & Alison Sakurovs are both representing our club at the NSW State Open Championships this weekend. Congratulations on qualifying and may the Whale be with you both for your swims.

Speedo Sprint Heats

The Speedo Sprint Series caters for girls and boys aged between 8-13 years in 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m 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 from 20th January, 2018 to 28th January, 2018. For more information on planned events and activities see the noticeboard in the club room or visit <https://australiaswims.com.au>

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)

Graham is starting to obtain names of helpers, so please see him to confirm you can help on the days.

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

Hosting Duties

We have been rostered to provide hosting duties at the Metro South West 5 – 8 Years meet on Saturday 3rd March, 2018. This is an afternoon meet held locally at Guildford Pool. Our duties include helping with gate entry, result posting, presentation of medals & ribbons etc. We need about 4 or 5 helpers on the day, so if you can help please let Graham know.

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	Closed
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
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 17 th February	Wednesday 14 th February
MASC 400metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 24 th February	Wednesday 21 st February

Race Entry Cycle

Saturday



Club Races
Submit entries for next week



Wednesday



Race cards in box by 6.00pm



Friday



Race Committee complete
program & celebrate



Thursday



Online entries by 8.00pm

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