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Saturday 27th January, 2018

Ready.Set.Race - Today

Today we are hosting a Ready.Set.Race event as part of the Australia Swims celebrations. We extend a welcome to our visitors this morning and hope you enjoy this event.

NSW State Open Championships

Reece Tomkinson & Alison Sakurovs both represented our club at the NSW State Open Championships last weekend. Congratulations on your achievements including two PB's to Reece and a season best time for Alison. Enjoy the well earned rest (even though it may be short lived!).

Next Friday Night - 2nd February, 2018

Don't forget next Friday night we are holding our 1500 metre Freestyle Open Championships together with Junior Handicap & Mystery Medley events. Entries close Wednesday (manual card entries) & Thursday (online entries). Warm-up & marshalling is at 6.45pm.

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.

Metro South West Area program changes 2018/2019

As part of the Swimming NSW competition changes being implemented in 2018/2019 Metro South West Area programs will be changing.

An invitation is extended to all Coaches, Club Members and Parents to attend an information evening where the proposed new competition structure will be presented by MSW.

This meeting is being held on Tuesday 6th February, 2018 at Guildford Pool (McCredie Park club room) from 7.30pm.

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

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 obtaining names of helpers, so please see him to confirm you can help on these days.

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.

Learn to Swim

Next Saturday (2nd February, 2018) sees the start of another Learn to Swim program. This program will run for 6 weeks. Thank you to all of our instructors and helpers for volunteering for this program.

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
Ready.Set.Race	Saturday 27 th January	Closed
MASC 1500metre Freestyle (Open)	Friday 2 nd February	Wednesday 31 st January
Junior Handicap & Mystery Medley	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

The Big Swim & Little Big Swim

The Big Swim (Palm Beach to Whale Beach – 2.5km) & Little Big Swim (Palm Beach – 800m) are on tomorrow, Sunday 28th January, 2018. Online entries close today (27th January, 2018) at 3.00pm. Visit <https://www.thebigswim.org.au/>

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