



WHALES TALES

Saturday 3rd February, 2018

Race Entries

As we enter the last 8 weeks of our season we have championships every Saturday morning. A couple of reminders to help these mornings run smoothly:

- A limit of 2 swims in addition to a championship swim (when there is a championship for your age group)
- Manual card entries close at 6pm on Wednesday
- Online entries close at 8pm Thursday
- No late entries or changes to swims are accepted

Any questions about races should be emailed to race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

Trophy Return

It is now time to return any perpetual trophy's you have from last season. Please return these on a Saturday morning to the club room.

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 at 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 closed)
- Merrylands SwimFest Saturday 24th February, 2018 (**entries close 10th February, 2018**)

Please see Graham to confirm you can help on these days. The more helpers we have on the days the smoother the meets run. If you have family members or friends who would like to also help out please let Graham know.

Learn to Swim

Our Learn to Swim program commences this morning and runs for 6 weeks. Welcome to our returning and new learn to swim participants and thank you to all of our instructors and helpers for volunteering for this program.

Hosting Duties

We are 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 commenced 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 is available 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>

Whales Picnic – Sunday 11th March, 2018

Sunday 11th March, 2018 (11.00am – 4.30pm) sees a Whales Picnic being held at Blaxland Riverside Park, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park (off Holker Street, Silverwater). A great time is planned to relax and socialise away from the pool.

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club – 50th Anniversary

As we have mentioned earlier in the season 2018 will see our club celebrate our 50th anniversary. As the swimming centre officially opened in November 1968 we will have a range of celebrations over the 2018/2019 season. We have a sub-committee (Ian Wilson, Trish Johnston & Margaret Edwards) working on ideas for these celebrations. If you have any ideas or would like to assist please see one of these people.

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 3 rd February	Closed
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
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 24 th February	Saturday 10 th February
MASC 50metre Breaststroke	Saturday 3 rd March	Wednesday 28 th February
MASC 50metre Backstroke	Saturday 10 th March	Wednesday 7 th March
Speedo Sprint Finals	Saturday 10 th March	
Whales Picnic	Sunday 11 th March	
MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 17 th March	Wednesday 14 th March
MASC 200metre Freestyle	Saturday 24 th March	Wednesday 21 st March

For more information & race results check out our club website www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/