



WHALES TALES

Saturday 17th March, 2018

Whales Picnic

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing time at the Whales Picnic last Sunday. Thank you to our organisers for their work in arranging & promoting this event. We may hold another social catch-up during the winter break so stay tuned to the club's Facebook page for more information.

Trophy Return

Last chance to return any perpetual trophy's you have from last season on a Saturday morning to the club room, you have 1 more week left to do this.

Merrylands Money

If you have Merrylands Money from last season don't forget to spend it before the end of this season. You have 1 week left and you can use it to purchase race cards or club uniforms.

Easter Raffle – Saturday 24th March, 2018

To celebrate the end of the season we are holding an Easter Raffle with the winner drawn next Saturday (24th March, 2018). To provide prizes for the raffle we are seeking donations of Easter eggs so that we can have a number of hamper prizes. Donations for the hamper prizes can still be made next Saturday morning. We will also be holding a club bbq on the morning to celebrate the end of the season.

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club – 50th Anniversary

Don't forget to have your guess in the Lolly Guessing competition. See Margaret to have your guess. The winner will be announced next Saturday.

Swim Meets

We have a lot of our members swimming at swim meets this weekend. 12 at the Masters NSW State Championships at SOPAC and 25 at the MSW Sprint Meet at Blacktown. Good luck to all of our swimmers and may the Whale be with you.

Senior Handicap

With the Masters State Championships today there is no Senior Handicap this morning. This heat has been postponed by the Committee and it will be held next Saturday morning.

Squad Training

Training moves to Granville Pool on Tuesday 3rd April, 2018. At this stage there are no changes planned to the current schedule and due to limited lane space there are no training sessions planned for Saturday mornings.

All swimmers who intend on continuing to train in April must complete the Training Enrolment Form by Friday, 30th March so that the coach can determine what time sessions will be held. Squads will also have a training break over the coming months. To complete the online Training Enrolment Form and to find out about the training breaks for your squad visit the club website.

Annual Presentation & AGM

Our Annual Presentation will be held on Saturday 2nd June, 2018 at Club Merrylands (Newman Room). Arrive at 6.00pm for presentation of trophies to commence at 6.30pm. You may wish to arrive at the club earlier to have dinner before presentation starts, or you may want to have dinner after the presentation of trophies has concluded. It is a great opportunity for us to support one of our club sponsors.

The date for the Club's AGM is yet to be set, but it is generally the Monday night following the Annual Presentation (we will communicate this as soon as the Committee sets the date). The dates for nominations for committee positions and awards are:

- Service Excellence Award – closes 31st March, 2018
- Life Member nomination – 60 days before the AGM
- Committee nomination – 30 days before the AGM

See the club website for more information about these and how to submit a nomination.

Uniforms

Final orders for winter clothing items such as long coats & hoodies are being taken, so if you would like to order a coat or hoodie please see Margaret, as an order for these items will be placed at the end of March.

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

Race Entries

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

Active Kids Program

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>

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 17 th March	Closed
MSW Long Course Sprint Meet	Saturday 17 th March	Closed
MASC 200metre Freestyle	Saturday 24 th March	Wednesday 21 st March
Annual Presentation	Saturday 2 nd June	

Winter Swimming

So what do you do with swimmer's over the winter months? McCredie Park Aquatics Swimming Club run club races on a Friday night at Guildford Pool (races start at 6.30pm). Their winter season commences in April and concludes in September. There are breaks over the school holiday periods in April & July. See Graham for more information.

Contacts

For more information & race results check out our club website at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au
Our Club Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/MerrylandsSwimmingClub/>
Swimming Metro South West website link is www.metroswsw.swimming.org.au