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# GRACE SWIMMING CLUB

## Newsletter

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"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE ALWAYS"

AUGUST 2008

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### **SQUAD NEWS**

#### **Coach's Report**

Hi everyone and welcome to the first issue of the Grace Learn to Swim and Squad Newsletter.

What we hope to achieve with this newsletter is to keep you informed of what is happening in the Learn to Swim School and Squads, upcoming meets, birthdays, promotions, holiday notices, etc.

First of all I'd like to thank everyone for their warm welcome to the club, it is certainly a challenge taking over the reins from Mr. D but I know I am up to the challenge and I am very keen to continue what has been done and with the excellent staff we have here take things to the next level.

A little about myself,

I am married to Bronwyn and have a little boy Joshua with our second due in late October.

I have been coaching for the last 18 years starting at Deception Bay, Manager/Coach Bribie Island Aquatic Complex for 7 years, most recently spent 3 years in Singapore coaching and was fortunate enough to make several nationals teams.

I hope you find this newsletter useful and that it keeps you as a parent up to date with what is going on with your child's training and please remember if you have any questions regarding your child's swimming don't be afraid to approach your child's teacher/coach (before or after sessions please), PLEASE DON'T seek out another teacher or coach and ask them as they are possibly unaware of your child's progress and please DON'T seek out another teacher or coach to see if your child is ready to progress to the next level, as it is

not up to them - only your child's teacher can make that call.

Please read and enjoy

Yours in Swimming  
Steve

At present we are reviewing the criteria for progression from Mini through to Championship Squads.

The gym is only available for athletes in the Senior Championship and selected Junior Championship swimmers. All other swimmers are not permitted in this area.

**SQUADS WILL BE ON IN THE  
AFTERNOONS ONLY ON THE MORETON  
BAY REGION SHOW DAY HOLIDAY,  
MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST & BRISBANE  
SHOW DAY HOLIDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

#### **Upcoming Meets**

##### **Heritage Short Course States**

On 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August

Closes 3<sup>rd</sup> August

##### **Brisbane Open Spring Meet**

On 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September

Closes 11<sup>th</sup> August

### **Membership Fees**

All Club/QSA/BSA Membership Fees are now due for the 2008/09 financial year. All swimmers in Development, Jnr Championship and Championship Squads must be members to be eligible to swim, plus any swimmers who wish to participate on Wednesday Club Nights from October. Mini and Junior Squad members should pay an affiliation fee of \$10 per year. Please see the office as soon as possible to fill out new medical forms and membership forms. We must sight Birth Certificates for all competitive swimmers please.

### **LEARN TO SWIM NEWS**

**PLEASE NOTE : LEARN TO SWIM WILL BE CLOSED ON THE MORETON BAY REGION SHOW DAY HOLIDAY – MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST & THE BRISBANE SHOW DAY HOLIDAY - WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

During the quieter Winter months our Learn to Swim Instructors and Coaches will be upgrading their skills and learning some of the most up to date methods of teaching. An in-service was held with Assistant Coach, Horrie Clarke, on 19<sup>th</sup> July to demonstrate to our Instructors the criteria necessary for children to progress to the Mini Squad level. Instructors and Coaches will also be attending a Conference on the Sunshine Coast in August, ensuring we continue to provide a quality service to all our customers.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST TO:**

KAIEISHA AFOA	DANIEL MORRISON
ELIZABETH COFFEY	HANNAH PAUL
LAUREN CRASE	PRESTON PATTERSON
RYAN FELSCHOW	ALEX PULFORD
SOPHIA GRIMSHAW	OWEN PULFORD
ARCHIE HAFFENDEN	JESSICA SCOTT
ERIN JONES	MADDISON POLITCH
KATE WYSE	

**IF WE HAVE MISSED YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE BIRTHDAY LIST, IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAVEN'T FILLED OUT A MEDICAL FORM YET. PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE FOR ONE. THANK YOU.**

### **WELL DONE**

*To all our swimmers who graduated to a higher class in June and July 2008:-*

#### **Seahorse to Turtle:**

**AMBER GEORGE**  
**ISAIAH WHITBREAD**  
**TALIA WILKIN**  
**HUNTER BOWEN**  
**HANNAH PETERS**

**Turtle to Dolphin:**

**ADAM WELDON  
TAYLOR WRIGHT  
MADDISON POLITCH  
JADE BUTLER  
RYAN FELSCHOW  
TRISTAN VOGRIN  
ZOE FLETCHER  
REGHAN MITCHELL  
ALEISHA BALNEAVES  
JANNA SHARRY  
ETHAN MUNT  
ALANA KLAPPAS  
JAMES PULFORD**

**Dolphin to Stingray:**

**JULIA BAILEY  
KYE MORGAN  
TARAN VARDON  
LACHLAN WILSON  
BRITNEY EATON  
ZACHARY NIEBLING  
NATHAN FELSCHOW  
TAYLOR BALNEAVES  
KATE WYSE  
SAM SMITH**

**Stingray to Shark:**

**NATALYA TABAKOV  
JAMES PETHERICK  
BLAKE WHITEHOUSE  
MORGAN CRASE  
BRIANNA SPYRAKIS  
TAYLOR BALNEAVES  
BAILEY THOMPSON  
ELINOR MURPHY  
LARNEE HOWE  
BRAITHAN NEYLON**

**Shark to Mini Squad:**

**LIAM KIRKPATRICK  
MOLLIE SCHULTZ**