

Overseas Visitors

Steve has recently been approached by his swimming contacts in Singapore to see if the club can host a team to train and experience the life of swimming in another country. There will be about 20-25 swimmers visiting for about a week. They are looking for the families to host some of the swimmers for 1-2 nights. The Singapore Ministry of Education will pay about \$60 a night to cover costs in order for the kids to experience Australian life/culture. The kids will be training with us and we will probably have a fun club day for competition. The average age will be about 10-12 yr old. Please register your interest at the front gate. They will be here in late November.

Club Shirts / Togs

This is the time of year we are putting in orders for club shirts and swimwear. Please get your sizes from the office and put your order in asap. They are great value and helps our kids with that "team spirit".

Club Night Nominations

Please take note of nomination procedures in the handbook. There are two ways to do this. A) on paper through the front office or B) online via our website (www.graceswim.org.au) username "grace", password "swimmer". Nominations need to be in prior to 5pm on Monday unless your child may not earn any points that night towards the end of year awards.

Our Aim is to have your children's time on the window at the coaches office by Friday afternoon so you are aware if your child has qualified for the next distance in that stroke.

NB - Swim Meet Nomination Procedure (Outside Meets)

You must pay for your swim meets at the office/shop **before** we can accept your nominations.

If the shop is closed and the meet is closing that day, please leave Lori/Donna a note or ring the office explaining that you will pay the office **that afternoon**.

Nominations left on the desk with no payment and no explanation, may not be entered and your child might miss that meet.

Upcoming meets are in the Green folder and also marked on the whiteboard outside Steve's office.

Sports Store Discounts

Over the off-season, the committee have been looking at ways of making your membership with the club more valuable. We are continuing to look at opportunities where both the club and our members can benefit. We have had two offers of discounts from Sports stores in the area.

- A Mart All Sports at The Zone in Rothwell
- Sportsco at Northlakes Shopping Centre and Kippa Ring Shopping Centre

By mentioning you are from Grace Swimming Club, you will receive a 10% discount off items in the store. I believe both store are in the process of creating an identification card, however, in the mean time just let them know where you are from.

Volunteers Lucky Draw

As outlined in the Handbook, the club depends on the work of its volunteers each week. We have had a number of people show their willingness to pitch in and help already. For club nights, we will need each parent to help throughout the year. A minimum of eight is required for your child to qualify for Club Champs in March.

As an incentive, we will be continuing the Volunteers Lucky Draw. To top it off, everyone who gets in and does a bit, makes some great friends and the night goes a lot quicker. If you are time-keeping the chances are you could end up with some red frogs as well. (if you don't know...you'll see) We are looking forward for us all to work together for a great year.

State Titles 2009

There are a number of swimmers training for the Queensland State Titles Championships this year. Both Steve and Amy are working on the technique and speed to help this happen. We have already have had a number of children qualify for this carnival already. We will be letting everyone know who they are when we can. These name will be shown (again) on the whiteboard outside Steve's office. Congratulations to those who have already qualified and good luck to those striving to do so. We are all behind you and wish you the best in your hard training ahead.

Farewell Sandra

For those of you who have been around a while, you may have noticed that Sandra Maloney, our office lady, is no longer there. Sandra has taken up a new role at the college. Sandra was always there to meet everyone with a smile and a friendly greeting, and went above and beyond to help anyone out. She will be sorely missed by a lot of people.

From those on the committee, both past and present, I would like to thank Sandra for her years of service to the club and we hope her new job gives her all she was looking for. Thank You Sandra.

Coffee Van now at Club Nights

This year we have been approached by “club members” Adrian & Julie Chippendale (Morgan’s folks) to see if they can set up their coffee van for club nights. As you can see, we thought it was a great idea. They will be selling all types of coffee, hot chocolates and all the usual stuff we don’t sell at Flippers. So ensure you warm the bones and relax with a cuppa throughout the night (whilst you are timekeeping).

Next Club Night - 14th October 2009

12.5/25/50	Freestyle
12.5/25/50	Breaststroke
12.5/25/50	Butterfly
12.5/25/50	Backstroke

Nominations close at 5pm Monday evenings.

Overnight successes are years in the preparing.



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Club Night Newsletter: Season 2009/2010

Club Night No. 1

7th October 2009

Welcome

Welcome everybody to the first club night for the 2009/2010 season. There has been quite a bit happening this season and we believe that you are all in for a great year. We hope that everyone enjoys the season ahead. If anyone has any questions, please come and see one of the committee members. Their names and contact numbers are in the Club Handbook. Please see the office for your copy.

There are quite a number of new faces at the club this year. I would like to welcome you to our family and trust you will enjoy the season ahead in swimming. For those “older” faces (you know what I mean), please make everyone feel at home and be ready to point them in the right direction if needed.

Club Captains

Our Club Captains for this are Brooke Tarr and Alex Chambers. They are both permanent fixtures around here and are happy to help out where ever they can. Feel free to introduce your child to them, or any of our older swimmers for that matter, as they will be happy to make your child feel welcome and “give them a hand” if they need. We will arrange to get a profile of both of them out in another edition soon.

Introducing the “PB Lucky Draw”

This year we will be introducing the PB Lucky Draw. Each week, once we collate all the times for club night, any swimmer who gains a PB will have their name put in the barrel. We will have a draw the following week and the winner will get to choose a prize from the box of goods. We will have a trial run this week with every swimmer’s name in the barrel.