



KING'S SWIM SCHOOL

June Newsletter 2013

Welcome to Mid Term 2 2013. Hope that you are all staying warm amid this cold snap. Mid Winter Christmas Parties are in full swing.

2013 TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2: 6th May—7th July 2013

Term 3: 29th July—27th September 2013

Term 4: 14th October—15th December 2013

Office hours are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 8am – 6pm

Saturday: 8am-2pm

Winter Lessons

We appreciate that making the trip to attend your swim lesson in less than joyous weather can be tough. We'd like to remind parents that we do have lovely warm showers in our change rooms that your children are welcome to use. Please be courteous of others and keep your shower to a minimum.

Individual Lessons

We are pleased to be able to offer Private Tuition for both Adults and Children.

Limited times are available (not available in peak times) and swimmers must book for the Term.

Call the office today for further details!

Swim Stars

We congratulate our swim stars for their great effort and achievements over the last term. Our 2013 Term 1 stars are:

Branwen Hastings, Jessica Finnegan, Angus Brady, Rafe Paroe, Sid Williams, Declan Colling, Jonathan Chen, Olivia Greenwood, George Boyden, Harrison Ford, Heath Body, Blake Richardson, Claudia Willis, Max Brady, Luke Bellingham, Jack Moutter, Marcus Ho

About to Start School?

Do you have a pre-schooler heading off to school soon? Be sure to let us know, so that we can get them enrolled in our after school swimming classes.

Parking

Parking around the school can be at a premium during parts of the day, so be aware that we have some ever-vigilant towing companies who do the rounds regularly. Please ensure you park legally and do not encroach on driveways or the school gates.

Introducing Lucy McDonnell Kings Swim Club Head Coach

We are excited to announce the appointment of our new Head Coach, Lucy McDonnell.

Lucy has a strong and successful competitive swimming background and worked under well-known NZ Coach, Frank Tourelle. Lucy swam competitively for 8 years reaching NZ Opens and her specialist stroke was Freestyle. Lucy then moved to Australia to gain some overseas experience and was Head Coach at a club near Noosa.

Lucy has both her Bronze and Silver International Coaching accreditation and decided to return to NZ and establish herself in Auckland.

We are extremely fortunate to have Lucy on the team and look forward to growing the Club and embracing her new ideas.

If you think that your child may be interested in becoming a competitive swimmer, please contact the office on 520 3545 for further information on assessment and commitment.



T2 School Holiday Program

A quick note to let you know that we have started taking names for our School Holiday Program which will run for two weeks during the holidays.

Week 1—15th to 19th July

Week 2—22nd to 26th July

If you want to put your child's name down, please contact the office and we will add them into the program. Confirmation of swim times will be issued closer to the end of Term.

We are also offering one on one lessons, please contact the office if you are interested in this.

Swim Schools

We are aware that some families utilise more than one Swim School for their child's tuition

Please be aware that every Swim School operates differently and have different criteria for passing each of their swim levels. For this reason we recommend you use only one swim school so that your child is not receiving conflicting tuition from different instructors.

We are a technique based school, it is not about how far you can swim, but how well you can swim. You can swim 25 poorly or swim it well!

Staff

We welcome new faces to our squad of instructors. Mitch, Anthony, Alex and Mark have joined us and bring with them experience and enthusiasm. We are sure you will make them all feel welcome.

We have lost a few members of our staff over the past term and are thankful to our existing Staff for picking up extra shifts to deliver excellent tuition

Thank you for your patience over this placement period.

Payments

A big thank you to the majority of families who have paid their accounts promptly. With 2000 swimmers this is a big job, time that could be better spent on dealing with customer enquiries, waitlists and rolling assessments.

We recommend that you pay by internet banking. This is hassle free and saves queuing at the office window waiting to be served.

Please note that it is essential that you put your child's name when paying by internet banking so we can trace the payment.

Fees are due in Week 1 of each term. We are now into Week 5.

We also accept VISA, MasterCard and Cheques.

If your fees are unpaid, expect a call. If the office has not been contacted, your child **will be removed** from class.

Toddler Classes—Nemos

Classes run Monday and/or Wednesday mornings and are for children between 2-3 years old (up to 3). It is great to see so many parents and grandparents bonding with the children in the pool.

The classes are a great way to build water confidence and improve basic motor skills before they start pre school classes.

Achievement Ribbons

Ribbons are a great reward for your kids and a visual confirmation of how far they have come and the mastering of crucial skills. Be sure that your child has their achievement ribbons.

Make-Up Policy

A review of our Make-Up Policy has been undertaken and we have listened to your feedback.

Should your child miss swimming due to a medical condition, and we sight a medical certificate, we will endeavor to schedule a make-up lesson to ensure your child's progress is not disadvantaged by their illness.

Make-Up scheduling is based on class availability and we will do our best to accommodate your swimmer.

We have implemented make-ups now, and we will continue to offer credits for the rest of this Term. However, we will not be issuing credits for missed lessons moving forward into Term 3 and beyond.

NEW—Triathlon Squad

King's School is excited to offer a Triathlon Squad for children in Years 6, 7 & 8.

We are very fortunate to have Mark Mathieson join our team in the Aquadome who is an experienced Triathlete and works with Haydn Woolley (Hayden trains some of Auckland's top Triathletes).

If this sounds like you—please phone Emma in the Aquadome to register your interest. Session disciplines, days and times are still being finalised and an idea of Squad numbers is important to planning.

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