

HASC Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2008

Hello swimmers & supporters!

I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter – there has been a lot going on that the club and mainly the executive have been trying to wade through.

I would like to take the time to thank EVERYONE affected by the recent pool closure as Hamilton City Council Engineers carried out structural checks on the pools. The entire emptying, refilling and bringing the pools back up to temperature was managed very well by a group of people who had never had to deal with such a 'project' before. I would also like to thank the people who spent much of their own time organising the way the timing of this closure – reopening occurred, and for helping reschedule as many swimmers as possible to other facilities. And thanks you to everyone for their understanding and patience over the pool closure time.

I would also like to thank all swimmers and families affected by recent and ongoing changes to your lesson or squad sessions. It is not easy for swimmers when changes occur and we acknowledge the upheaval this causes. The end result however is to get the best teacher teaching your child to swim in a way that keeps them happy, interested and learning skills in the water. I will have contact with ASD swimmers & parents about the expectations from your lessons, the times that suit the majority and the fee structure – on a case by case basis.

If anyone has queries to ask of those helping to run the pool and club, there are a number of us you can contact. If your query is about the squad your child is in or about upcoming meets I would be the first point of contact. The days I am down at the pool have changed given changes in my daughter's training schedule. I will usually be poolside Tues, Wed, Fri & some Thurs afternoons – between 4.30-6.00pm. If you have a query regarding fees please contact Tracy Maidment via our club email address. Tracy is also poolside most afternoons (4.30-6.00pm). Most enquiries however should go via the club secretary at hasc@hamiltonswimmingclub.co.nz . Jo can then direct your query to the right person.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 st Sept	Training fees due (due by 7 th Sept at latest)
13 th Sept	3 Regions Grand Prix (have to have qualified for this), Te Awamutu
26 th Sept	Term 3 ends
28 th Sept – 1 st Oct	SNZ Spring Competition, Tauranga
29 th Sept – 10 th Oct	Skills and drills run by John/Mat, Municipal Pools (times and dates to be advised)
11 th Oct	ACE Swims & Skins LC Spring Series 1 (a good competition for all squad levels)
13 th Oct	Term 4 starts
17 th Oct	HASC Club Night 1 (open to all club swimmers incl. ASD – if your membership fees are paid), Municipal Pools

SPECIAL NOTICES

Bookings for Learn to Swim block holiday courses and Term 4 are now open. Please contact Naomi Ngaropo on 843 8996 or nome.ray@xtra.co.nz .

There are some vacancies in roles around the club that we would like to encourage keen people to have a go at. These include Secretary (answer emails and record minutes of meetings), Webmaster (responsible for keeping the website up to date), Fundraising Co-ordinator (in charge of helping to fundraise money for the club), Recorder (takes entries for swim meets and keeps track of swimmers' race times), Pool Administrator (looks after maintenance of the pool, opens pool to public and runs the shop - a paid position). I know some people have been approached or indicated interest but we need to make everyone has a chance to vie for positions by advertising any vacancies. Other vacancies which may be of interest our teenagers or other family members are life guard positions of Learn to Swim Instructors – both needed over the summer months. If interested in further information on any of these roles please email the club secretary at hasc@hamiltonswimmingclub.co.nz .

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