



January 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of the new school year.

Our training times have slightly changed this term.

All our younger members will start at 3.45 to 4.30pm (don't worry we'll start soon after 3.30pm).

The 4pm slot will remain for those who can manage that group.

The 4.30 to 5.30 slot will be at least this week until Juniors (Feb 16) for all swimmers attending Juniors on a Thursday and Monday. (There is never training on public holidays)

This leaves our 5pm slot for seniors and 5.30 to 6.30 pretty much normal plus all Div 2 swimmers.

Epic Swim & Camp in Taupo January 10 to 14.

Another successful camp where 20 swimmers attended to prepare for Open Water Competition. A big Thank You to Tracey & Paul Croft who brought down their Kayaks to help supervise in the lake and generally ran the camp providing delicious and healthy food keeping the whole week ticking over. A huge thank you to the Dads, Alastair & Rhys, for taking our swimmers out and teaching them about drafting for which they were well ready for Race Day. A special mention to Teena, Niki & Lara for providing transport, supervision and cooking – we are very grateful for the parents being so helpful making this camp a success.

This year we had 6 swimmers tackle the 5 kilometre swim and that is no mean feat. Also several swam in more than one event so that too was a step up. To Eimh, Matthew & Joel . Amelia & Judd winning medals was very exciting and everyone swam faster than last year so I was happy too!

Thank you Alastair & Jacqui for again making us so welcome and your lovely home in the bays for a meal. We all love such a treat.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who have qualified for National Events.

Fantastic swimming at Anthony Moss plus Counties Champs Rewa! We are very proud of you. To Analiah, Amelia, Bailee, Giselle, Kyla & Jesse & Serisha and our boys Caleb, Isaiah, Jason M & Nathan H. All these swimmers are competing at Harlequins Meet at West Wave Pool on Friday afternoon Feb 16, Saturday 17 & Sunday 18. We have organised a special extra training for three weeks on Wednesday 4 – 5pm. Keith is entering you today now that Swimming New Zealand has approved Counties Champs. The club will pay the entry fee.

To all those who made it or nearly made it into Division 2 at Rotorua keep up the training. This meet is from 18 to 21 March and our last opportunity to qualify is at our carnival on Feb 24. We do appear to have a big team so very well worthwhile to keep training & competing. You too can step up Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 5pm until Wednesday 21st when we can start earlier.

Club Champs:

- **Session 1: Tuesday, February 20th at 6.30pm** - entry deadline: February 15th
- **Session 2: Tuesday, March 6th at 6.30pm** - entry deadline: March 1st
- **Session 3: Tuesday, March 13th at 6.30pm** - entry deadline: March 8th

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the **CLUB CHAMPS ONLINE ENTRY FORM.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the **Club Champs Rules**

The Club Champs Programme will also be on the noticeboard.

Please ensure that you complete the online form prior to the deadline dates above.

Please note on Tuesday, February 27 there is only training for starts & turns, not Club Champs.

Race Nights start again on February 13th and then resume again after Club Champs have finished on March 20.

[The Race Night Schedule/Events are on our website.](#)

Remember the points for entering races & breaking your own times are recorded and the most points over the swimming year from June 2017 to March (Club Champs is inclusive) receives age group points trophies at Prize Giving.