

Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving:

This combined event will be held on Sunday 27 May 2018 in the Lecture Theatre (upstairs) at the Te Rauparaha Arena commencing at 3:00pm.

All club members, their families and supporters are welcome.

Three things will be covered off during the afternoon – in no particular order, we will have -

Prizegiving - a time to acknowledge our club champions and reward those who have competed with success at the club champs and during the year. The club has over 50 Cups and Trophies to present, as well as Age Group Medals and Club Champs Certificates.

Afternoon tea. Club Members are asked to bring a plate of finger food.

Annual General Meeting. This usually takes no more than an hour.

This meeting is a time to acknowledge the work of the committee and coaches who have given many hours to the club and your children over the past 12 months, as well as an opportunity for new people to join the committee for the next 12 months.

The committee would appreciate your support at this meeting. (If you are thinking of joining the committee and wish to know more about the commitment required, please give Viv a ring, 2347071)

Note – Only those who have been financial members of Porirua City Aquatics for at least 30 days have voting rights at this meeting. A financial member is entitled to one vote. The voting rights of members under 18yrs may be exercised by that member or the member's parents or guardians. It is expected that the voting rights of members 13yrs and under will be exercised by the members parent or guardian.

Changes to Friday Night Timetable:

From the start of term II (Friday 4 May) there will be no 8:00pm group as the numbers attending are too low.

Those who normally swim at 8:00pm are to join the earlier group at 7:20pm, and swim through to 8:15pm

Queens Birthday Weekend 2 to 4 June

There will be no swimming on the Sunday or Monday of Queens Birthday weekend. Swimming will be held on the Friday night as usual.

More helpers are required, can you help out?

As you all know we have a person manning the door on Friday and Monday nights. Their job is to mark the swimmers on the roll. Give out new membership forms and new member information, deal with any queries, and if those queries can't be answered Viv and Eileen are pool side to help.

PCA would like a few extra volunteers to add to our roster. Currently committee members plus a few extra volunteers take turns. Ideally we would like to have enough on the roster so everyone has just one turn a term. If you can help out please email Matt Hall, his email address is matthewhall@xtra.co.nz

Have-a-Go Race Night:

Friday 15 June, Cannons Creek Pool.
6:00pm warm up, 6:30pm start

This race night is open to all our club members, especially those new to the club and those in Tadpoles, Eels, Penguins, Seals, Swordfish and in the volunteer coaches lanes.

Entries will be taken on the night. This meet is not about winning, but is about "Having a Go", learning to race, learning race rules and establishing a club time. Times recorded at this race night will not be official and therefore can't be used as qualifying times for other meet entries. Eels and Penguins training will be cancelled on Friday 7th. Sharks training will be held as normal, although these swimmers are welcome to join race night after training if they wish.

Any queries, speak to your child's coach or email president@swimporirua.co.nz

Novice Carnival (Sunday 8 April)

A huge thank you goes to all those who helped at the Novice Carnival, especially the many people who assisted when their own children weren't racing.

In keeping with tradition PCA offered many extras like Lucky Lanes and Presentations to ensure new swimmers enjoyed their first carnival, extras that could not happen without the help from our Squad swimmers

– thank you all for turning out and helping to give these new swimmers such an enjoyable experience.

Over the meet there were many words of praise and appreciation to PCA, and many comments about how great it was to the older swimmers turning out to assist and encourage the new swimmers. Thank you.

Where to from here?

This month has been very busy with our Div III meet, Club Champs and Novice Carnivals. Many swimmers have now swum their first ever meet/s and now they may be wondering what's next?

Gold Coast meets are the next step. The Gold Coast Zone is organised between PCA and the Kapiti, Raumati, Tawa Swimming clubs with official meets run at Coastlands and Tawa Pools usually on Sunday evenings. These meet are a great introduction to racing in a relaxed atmosphere. 'Winning and getting last' are not words you hear at Gold Coast. The total emphasis is around a setting a time and/or achieving a Personal Best, for which PB ribbons or in some cases Chocolate bars are the reward.

Each race is swum graded/scratch - meaning those without a time swim first and the rest of the swimmers swim in order from slowest to fastest. Entries for these meets are done on-line through the Swimming NZ database. All swimmers should have a log-in and details of how to enter are on our website.

The next Gold Coast Meet is at Coastlands, Sunday 20 May – 5:00pm warm up for a 5.30pm start. The June meet is on 17 June at Tawa with relays and Chocolate!

Meet Reports:

Gold Coast Meet – Tawa Pool 25 February:

PCA's team of 66 swimmers was the biggest team at this meet, and probably the biggest team PCA has ever had at a Gold Coast Meet. Thanks to the team managers Susan Li, Yvonne Pugh and Matt Hall for the fantastic job they did organising the swimmers. There were many, many PBs, many new events swum and a number of new swimmers competing for the first time.

Gold Coast Meets are the ideal meets for newer swimmers to gain times with the total emphasis being around achieving a Personal Best and receiving a PB ribbon.

A big thank you goes to all the officials, and especially Ben for ensuring swimmers were well prepared for their races.

The next Gold Coast in 20 May at the Coastlands Aquatic Centre. The flyer is on the noticeboard.

Swimming NZ Div II – 18 to 21 March:

It was a privilege to be part of the wonderful PCA team throughout Div II. All our swimmers did extremely well in the pool and represented PCA with pride, well done Team PCA.

Thank you to the PCA committee and all our Club for supporting our swimmers attending this meet, it really does make a difference when swimmers are given the opportunity to travel and stay together and bond as a team.

It was fantastic to see our swimmers supporting and cheering each other on in the pool as well as having fun between sessions and around the dinner table each night.

We enjoyed Christmas and Easter themed dinners at our 'Book-a-Bach' base and a beach party at the pool on the last night with everyone donning costumes to celebrate. Our travel to Rotorua and back was fun too - with 'playground' stops McDonalds and clambering over tanks at Waiouru being notable.



However, we were in Rotorua to race, and that we did with lots of PBs, finals and medals. The team warmed up together in the pool before each session with the senior members helping those for whom an away National meet was an exciting new experience. Between sessions all rested, slept or met their study commitments to keep up with school work.

Swimmer	Events entered	PBs	Medals	Top 8 Final A Final	B Finals (16-18 yrs only)
Mia (12)	5	4		2	
Troy (16)	2	1		-	
Jess (13)	4	3		-	
Greer (15)	5	4		3	
Dillon (13)	7	5		3	
Emilee (14)	4	3		-	
Sophie (16)	7	2	1 Bronze 50 Breast	2	2
Seth (16)	6	4	1 Bronze 1500 Free	3	1
TOTAL	40	26	2	13	3



Yvonne Pugh and Louise Wills
Team Managers



PCA finished 37 out of 76 clubs.

To our whole team's delight, Dillon was selected to swim in the All Stars regional relay on the last night. He was the fastest 12/13 year old freestyler in the Wellington/Manawatu regions. This was an awesome event, so much excitement. Dillon swam his heart out, breaking his PB from earlier in the evening and helping his team place third. Dillon stood on the podium to receive his bronze medal. Well done Dillon.

Another exciting race was Seth's 'swim-off' in the 50 Breast to go through to the finals, both swimmers were tied for 8th place in the prelims. Seth did amazingly well to secure his place in the finals, it was very close until the final 10 meters when he pulled away for the win. Well done Seth.

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful PCA support team who helps these away meets happen. Thank you to Viv for your advice and support throughout the planning and execution and thanks to Keri helping with entries, passes and results. All this support and knowledge makes everything run smoothly.

Subscriptions:

The membership year begins on 1 July, and subs for the year are:

\$175 for club swimmers

\$120 for squad swimmers

(those swimming with Nevill in the Senior Squads, or Ben in the Orcas, Swordfish, Sharks, Penguins and Seals).

Subs can be paid directly into the PCA bank account 030547-0205093-00 – please use the swimmers name as a reference, or can be paid at the duty desk on a Monday or Friday night, or left in a named envelope in the black letterbox on our storeroom door.

Annual Subs are due on 1 July and should be paid as soon as possible.

For new members joining during the year the sub is pro-rated based on the month of joining, and if the swimmer is a squad or competitive swimmer. These rates are available from the Treasurer or the Committee Member on the desk on Monday and Friday club nights.

Swimmers are required to be financial members to enter swim meets and attend training nights (club and squad) and to attend and vote at the AGM or other club meetings.

Some leeway will be provided for the attendance at training as long as the annual sub is paid by 31 July, within four weeks of joining if a new member, or are on an agreed payment plan and no payments have been missed.

There is no leeway for entering swim meets or being able to vote at club meetings. You must be a paid up member to participate in swim meets and club meetings.

Any family wishing to spread their payments should contact our treasurer on 021-247-7730 or e-mail treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz to make an arrangement.

Duty Roster:

The club is also looking for volunteers to staff the desk on Monday and Friday nights at Cannons Creek.

You will need to report at 5:45pm to set up for a 6:00pm session start and stay until the 8:00pm starts.

Those interested should contact Matt Hall by e-mail at matthewhall@xtra.co.nz.

BBQ Roster:

On Club Nights, and Sunday Mornings during Club and Lean to Swim Sessions at Cannons Creek Pool there is an opportunity for parents to raise money to help with their club expenses.

The money raised from each sausage sizzle (or whatever else you would like to cook on the BBQ) less any direct expenses is kept by the club and allocated to the family who did the BBQ.

The purchase of some items (sausages, bread etc) is required at the time.

The money raised can be used for entry fees, subs, squad fees, to purchase uniforms etc.

Anyone interested in cooking for a night should contact Viv Morton e-mail president@swimporirua.co.nz or phone 234-7071 for further information.

PCA Swimming Caps:

New members will be given a cap on receipt of their first subscription payment.

Caps are replaced free of charge if they split, on presentation of the damaged cap.

The cost of caps are \$10 each if a swimmer requires another cap.

It would not normally be expected that any swimmer would need more than 1 or 2 caps each year.

Caps can be obtained from the sign-in desk at Monday and Friday night club sessions (at Cannons Creek) or the Team Manager at swim meets.

Club Uniform:

The club orders uniform items several times a year based on the demand. The items that are available for order (and order forms) are on the notice board at Cannons Creek Pool and on the Website.

Items ordered must be paid for before the items will be included in an order sent to our supplier.

The delivery of any order we place takes about eight weeks from the time of ordering.

We also have a limited amount in stock of PCA uniform hoodies with zips, T shirts and shorts in various ages.

Club togs are also available (supplied by a local firm so can be ordered and delivered anytime). They are produced by Spank and are black with PCA logo on them.

They come in the following sizes:

Style	Size	Price
Girls	6 – 14 years	\$46
Boys	6 – 14 years	\$50
Women	10 – 18	\$60
Men	14 – 18	\$60

Please contact Becky Campbell on 021-044-8794 or e-mail uniforms@swimporirua.co.nz if you would like to purchase any PCA uniform items - see web site for details, order form and bank details.

Bank Account Details:

Subs/Uniforms etc	03-0547-0205093-00
Squad Fees	03-0547-0205093-02

If you are unsure which account you should be using, please contact our Treasurer, Murray Pugh, at treasurer@swimporirua.co.nz

Upcoming Events:

12 May – Tawa T2 Meet (SC) WRAC – Entries Close 5 May.

20 May – Gold Coast Woollahra Trophy (SC) – Coastlands Aquatic Centre – Entries Close 14 May.

26 May – Capital T2 Meet (SC) WRAC – Entries Close TBA.

Report of Best Times:

If you require a list of your times, please email Keri Martin the Race Secretary at race@swimporirua.co.nz and they will be sent back to you.

Club Contacts:

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