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BACK IN THE SWIM!!!

WELCOME

Greetings members, and welcome to the beginning of another great season with Hornsby Swim Club. First of all, welcome back to our returning members, it's great to see you for another season. Also to our new members, it's great to see so many fresh smiling faces on the pool deck. This season we have exciting events planned, including the Primary School's Carnival, which is coming up in November. We hope to see as many club members participating in the running of this carnival, as well as our younger swimmers competing.

Have a great season, enjoy this newsletter, and see you on pool deck!

Your Club Captains: Ashley Edmonds and Mitch Ellicott ☺

UPCOMING CARNIVALS

The Swimming Metro North West Championships are just around the corner, and we would like to encourage as many swimmers as possible to enter this carnival.

The carnival is being held on the weekends of the 8th & 9th, and the 15th and 16th of November 2008 at SOPAC. There is a program of events on the clubhouse notice board, and if you are interested in competing at this carnival, please get your entries in TONIGHT with Ashley. She will be available before club in the clubhouse, and throughout the night. The entries cost \$4.50 per event, but it is a great experience, and will be able to start your preparation for next year's school carnivals.

WEBSITE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATION

A reminder that our club website, www.hornsbyswimclub.com, is a great source of information for upcoming events and carnivals, carnival results, the Friday night program, major dates, and general news. So make sure you add it into your favourites and visit regularly!

Have we got your email? Due to the simplicity of using email to communicate, we regularly send major swimming club news and events to our members via email. So if you haven't received anything from us recently, please just send a quick email to hornsbyswimclub@yahoo.com.au with your names, so you will no longer miss out!

PRIMARY SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

The Hornsby Amateur Swim Club's Primary School's Carnival will be run once again this year for the primary school's in the Hornsby area, with students from over 20 schools, ranging from Cowan to Pennant Hills and down to Pymble, competing for their school.

The carnival will be held on **Sunday 23 November, 2008** at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. All primary school students may enter, providing they can compete over 50 metre distances. The carnival is a great day for students to come and have some fun, compete for their school and cheer on their team. There will be a great range of prizes for the winning schools on the day!

We are also looking for liaison officers for schools to assist in encouraging the school to get behind the carnival and gather a strong team together. If you have connections at your school, please email us as soon as possible – hornsbyswimclub@yahoo.com.au. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Get your school team together now! Entry forms will be distributed to schools and available in the clubhouse and on the website in the coming weeks. The more swimmers you have, the better your chance of winning your school some amazing prizes, so start getting your teachers and students ready now!

IMPORTANT DATES 2008/2009

8th & 9th Nov 08 – Metro North-West Championships
15th & 16th Nov 08 - Metro North-West Championships
23rd Nov 08 – Primary Schools Carnival
19th Dec 08 – Fun Night & last club night before Christmas break
9th Jan 09 – First club night back after Christmas break
31st Jan 09 – Kuring-Gai Invitational Carnival
21st Feb 09 – Epping Bullets Invitational Carnival

Remember to keep an eye out for any new dates added to the club's website.

CLOTHING

For swimmers who may not be aware, the club does have clothing available in the forms of Caps, Shirts and Jackets. We recommend that all swimmers who represent the club at carnivals have a swimming cap bearing the green Hornsby colour, and the club's name across it. Clothing is available on any club night. Caps are \$10 and polo shirts are \$30.

CLUB NOTICE BOARD

For important notices in regards to upcoming carnivals, the week's program, an update of the point score and more exciting details please make sure you regularly check the notice board in the clubhouse when you register each week. Also to squad members, the notice board at the shallow end of the pool will contain information about upcoming carnivals.

STARTING ON TIME

Just a reminder that the summer times has now begun at Hornsby Pool, which means that we will start racing each week at 7pm. Please have all races in by 6.45pm and be ready for the weekly warm-up.

RELAYS

For all new members, at HASC it is around this time in the season when we begin the relay team challenge. Next week will be the first round of competition, please be ready to form teams for the night. The relays are handicapped by time, and points will be awarded each week for the winning teams. However, due to the handicap, teams must not swim more than 2 seconds faster than their entered time each week, or they will be disqualified. Most weeks the relays will be freestyle, with the occasional option for a medley relay. Committee members will be able to help form teams next week for some of the newer club members.

HORNSBY POOL PRICES AND POLICIES

At HASC, the regular pool policies and etiquette still apply despite being outside regular swimming hours. We therefore ask that swimmers and parents please view these policies which can be found at <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/recreation/index.cfm?NavigationID=671>. There will also be a lifeguard on duty each club night for safety purposes.

Recently at Hornsby Pool there has been an increase to admission prices. As we are using the pool, each swimmer and spectator are required to pay an entry fee each week. The current prices are;
Adult: \$4.50 Child: \$3.00
Student & School Leaver in full-time study: \$3.50
Pensioner: \$3.00 Spectator: \$2.50
Family (2 adults, 3 children, or 1 adult, 4 children): \$12.00

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome two new committee members, Anne Drea and Kellie Powell, who have joined the committee to assist in what should be another successful swimming season for 2008/09. The committee for 2008/09 is:

President: Stuart Ellicott

Vice Presidents: Mark Sweeney, Brett Gibbons

Secretary: Dave O'Brien

Treasurer and Public Officer: Andrew Hood

Race Secretary: Kellie Powell

Committee: Rob Fenwick (Life Member), Jan Hood, Alan Hitchins, Alan Brett, Michael Trenaman, Alison Sakurovs and Anne Drea

Girl Captain: Ashley Edmonds

Boy Captain: Mitchell Ellicott

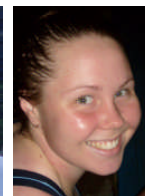
Girl Vice Captain: Megan Featherston



Stuart



Andrew



Ashley

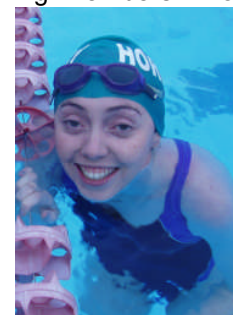


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BIRTHDAYS

HASC would like to wish all returning members who celebrated a birthday over the off-season, a happy birthday and best wishes.

Also, we have a special happy birthday message to our **Club Vice Captain, Megan**, who turns **21** tomorrow! We wish you a great day and year to come Megan.



PHOTOS

As the season progresses, Ashley and some of the committee members will be taking photos of swimmers in preparation for Presentation night next year. If you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken during club nights, please advise Ashley through the club's email or during a club night. We use the photos primarily for the slideshow at the Presentation night, as well as printing copies for the swimmers to take home as memories.

Stay tuned for next month's newsletter and remember - keep swimming!!

Your Captains: Ashley Edmonds, Mitch Ellicott and Megan Featherston ☺