

Learn to Swim News

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Midterm Term 4 2024 Update

Important Dates and Events:

This term is our Swim School's Warm Water, Water Safety Day and will be during Week 8 (2nd – 7th December) of the term. During this week we will be learning about how to stay safe in activities that happen over the warmer months. If you have a lifejacket your child wears during the warmer months, please bring with you to wear and practice with during lessons.



-We will also be running our 3rd year of the Swim School Summer Games during Week 10 (16th – 21st December). These Swim School Summer Games are a great way for our swimmers to understand the competitive side to what swimming has to offer. This week is always an opt-out week where if you let us know that you will be away before Monday 2nd December, then you will not get charged for Week 10's swim lessons.

Instructor News

We want to celebrate Darlene on completing her New Zealand Apprenticeship in Aquatics Specialized Swim & Water Safety Teacher and achieving her Level 4 certificate with a concentration in Early Childhood Swimmers and Adult Swimmers. Darlene is an integral part of our Swim School Team with her knowledge spanning from waterbabies up to our highest levels to Adult swimming. We are proud of the mahi you put into the completion of the apprenticeship and look forward to continuing to build the programmes you are passionate about.



Please also welcome Emma into the Swim School Coordinator role! We are excited to continue to support professional development and growth in our team. She will be taking on the role during the weekdays helping our preschool and waterbabies students settle into classes and overseeing the day to day with our School Swim Lesson programme.

Ka Pai to our awesome instructors!

LTS Programme Review and Updates

Over the past year we have been deep diving into our current competencies for each level and reviewing them to ensure we are providing the best programme to our community. Some of our findings will change the way we structure a class and change some of the competencies in each level. We believe these changes will help set up a student to have more introduction and opportunities to learn the foundational skills that can be hard to master.



- Our preschool levels - will have a new level "Minnows" for those who have never been around water and/or not confident in the water. The addition of this level should hopefully help our new swimmers have a better structured lesson to help them gain confidence.
- Our Schoolage Levels 1-4 - have small competency changes but bigger changes in the structure of their lessons to help swimmers have more opportunities to achieve harder foundational skills.

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- Our Schoolage Levels 5-8 - have the most changes to their competencies. These changes are centred around our beliefs of “Quality over Quantity”. The new competencies will also align a swimmer to be better prepared for our Squads programme where they can feel more confident to further their swimming as they will be more prepared for the environment.

As this Term 4 progresses, our instructors will be aligning their teaching with the new competencies to help assess for where students will be for Term 1 2025. We will be looking at week 9 of Term 4 2024 for our main week of assessing and aligning to the new structure.

For all enrolment queries please contact our friendly customer service team at eanccsr@adc.govt.nz

Julia and the Swim School Team 😊

