

Learn to Swim News

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2025 Update – WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!



Important Dates and Events:

-Term 1 2025 starts on Monday 3rd February and goes until Saturday 12th April.

-We have Waitangi Day as our only public holiday for Term 1 on Thursday 6th February where we will have **no lessons** on that day. *Please note we will run lessons on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th as per normal schedule.

Swim School - Programme Review and Updates

As we have previously forecast, 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 have changed the way we structure a class and fuelled adjustments to some of the competencies in each level. We believe these changes will help set up a student to have more opportunity 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 School-age 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.
- Our School-age Levels 5-8 - have the most changes to their competencies. These changes are centred around our belief of “Quality over Quantity”. The new competencies will also align a swimmer to be better prepared for our Squad programme where they can feel more confident to further their swimming as they will be more prepared for the environment.
- Our Level 8 classes have a structural change where they now have competencies to achieve before progressing from the level. These competencies are designed to help prepare a swimmer in understanding the essential skills and technique to help swimmers succeed in competitive squads.
- Level 8 will also no longer have a requirement of attending 2 classes a week. They will move to a 1 time a week standard at \$15.00 per session. A swimmer can still attend more than 1 session a week if they choose with the charge of \$15.00 per session. This change reflects the current attendance rate of Level 8.



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***Please note** that with the introduction of new competencies in our levels, all students will start that new competency at 0% until they have been graded by an instructor after the start of term. This will also change their overall percentage (on Monday 27th January) as we are changing to this new programme. We ask that the instructors have a three-week grace period to allow them time to teach new skills and update the grading accordingly. We also ask parents to look at Term 1 2025 as a transition term to help swimmers not feel too disrupted in the programme. Our instructors have gone through extensive training over the holidays with a plan in place to help this transition be as smooth as possible.

Our team will be out and about for the first couple weeks of Term 1 to help with any questions or help understanding the new competencies.

Speedo Swimmer of the Term 4 2024

We had another term of hardworking swimmers who have made it quite difficult to choose who receives this award! Ka Pai to all swimmers as the hard work really shows and we are all proud of your achievements!



Preschool Speedo Swimmer of the Term 4 2024 goes to Maisie Boyd! Maisie, you have worked super hard this term and you have gained heaps of confidence! You gave everything a go even when it has been outside your comfort zone.

School Age Speedo Swimmer of the Term 4 2024 goes to Leo Spiers! Leo, you have won this award for overcoming your fear in the water! You gave everything a go and your instructor is very proud of your hard work as you have come a long way in a short amount of time.

We can't wait to see everyone again from the Monday 3rd of February!

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

Julia and the Swim School Team 😊

