



Newsletter

Teach a child to swim and change their life forever.

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NO CLASSES NEXT WEEK

March 12th (next Saturday) is the State Carnival at Penrith and we wish our elite all the best of luck. A large percentage of our Admin Staff and Instructors will be attending with their children. Safety regulations dictate instructor:child ratios especially for learn-to-swim classes and with so many instructors absent – we cannot meet these requirements on this day.

Therefore **Squad and Learn-to-swim will both be CANCELLED next week.** Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but just think... a Saturday morning where no-one needs to get out of bed before 8! Oh unless you have to consider Ballet, Soccer, Rugby etc.

PRESENTATION EVENING

The date is set! The awards and trophies are organized. MARCH 19th approaches swiftly. Not only is it the last Learn-to-swim/Squad lesson of the season but also PRESENTATION NIGHT. Come one... Come all. This years Presentation evening promises to be festive and memorable.

Where: Peakhurst West Swimming pool (right here).

When: Saturday March 19th – Gates Open 5.30pm. Festivities commence at 6.00pm. In case of inclement weather, 6.00pm commencement in the pool building.

What: We have a jumping castle, BBQ dinner, buffet style salads and desserts. Drinks for the kids, fun & games – prizes to win! A Treasure hunt and Swimming.

What is the cost: Your fund raising efforts throughout the year and a considerable subsidy from “The Club” enables us to provide the pool hire, BBQ & cordial for Presentation evening at **NO COST** to families. However, a \$5 fully refundable deposit is required from each family when they RSVP. This is solely to recuperate some of the cost of over-catering for families who agree to come and then don't show. Please place your \$5 in one of the envelopes (provided) at the front desk and note your Surname on the front. It will be returned to you on the night.

What to bring: Bring the **WHOLE FAMILY**-The more the merrier. A blanket or table & chairs – we picnic! Your pre-dinner snacks. Your swimmers and a towel – we have use of the pool for the evening. A torch for each child for the treasure hunt. Your selected dish – Parents will be asked to make a contribution of one

dish – either savory or sweet to add to the buffet table for all to share. Please place your name & preference to the sheet located at the front desk. Get in early so you can advise your preference. A few gold coins – for the Easter Raffle. There are lots of great prizes to be won.

What NOT to bring: The Department of Education prohibits alcohol and tobacco consumption within its confines. We believe a little leeway is appropriate & “everything in moderation”. Therefore smokers, please bring an ashtray so no butts get left behind. Alcohol consumption too should be minimized – we want the evening to be enjoyed by all. Please remember – this presentation night is for **YOUR CHILDREN** as reward for their efforts over the season – this is their party, not ours! **NO GLASS WHATSOEVER** is to be brought onto the grounds. The potential for accidents is far too great. Parents please note: your children and their supervision are your responsibility. There will be no lifeguard on duty in the pool area.

Mums and dads - **EVERY Learn-to-swim & Squad child who attends the evening will be presented with an AWARD** & also a “goodies” show-bag. It's a night well worth attending. We find, even from the youngest child, that it promotes fond memories of their Learn-to-Swim/Squad season. A bonus when encouraging them to return in October for the new season!

Ladies.. We need your stockings! If you have any old clean stockings/pantyhose around the house that aren't propping up a tomato or rose bush – we'd like 'em! Three-legged races require the binding of two limbs together and rope is harsh. From experience – stockings are much kinder (and safer) on “little legs”. Please bring them along next lesson.

EASTER RAFFLE



We will be holding an Easter Raffle at the Presentation Night - one week before Easter. **Donations of baskets, toys, Easter eggs, Bilbies and Bunnies are still being sought.** A basket is located at the registration counter for your donations. The more goodies, the more prizes to be won! Remember to bring along a few gold coins on the night!



STATE CARNIVAL

As previously mentioned, the State Carnival is to be held next week at Penrith. We wish all our swimmers the very best of luck. All Zone 2.7 swimmers are asked to be at the pool no later than 8.30am. Gates open at 8.00am and first race commences promptly at 9am. We hope to secure the area between the fixed seating and the staff area to the left of the Main entry. Please be aware: There will only be one call to the marshalling area. Swimmers who are not in the marshalling area in sufficient time will be replaced by the reserves – no exceptions. The warm-up lane is **LANE 6 ONLY**. Parents please take your camera and remember to email the photos in for inclusion on the web-site.

WENTWORTHVILLE RSL CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 10TH April 2005. The last Carnival of the season is the Wentworthville RSL Carnival. The venue is the Wentworthville Heated 50m Outdoor pool – Dunmore Street, Wentworthville. It is very easy to get to. Just hop on the M4 at Homebush and get off at the Cumberland Hwy (Emert Street) exit. Turn right and travel 1km before turning left into Dunmore St. The Gates open at Midday and the first race commences promptly at 1pm.

Squad parents – if your child can swim the length of our pool (25m) and has not participated in a Carnival as yet – why not consider making this their first!

The “Wenty RSL” carnival is a great icebreaker for “first timers” with 25m races for the 7 & under children in both freestyle and backstroke. This carnival is NOT HANDICAPPED and all swimmers go on “Go”. Your child swims in the race corresponding to the age they are **ON THE DAY**.

For the more competent swimmers there is a new race to consider. The 200 IM (Individual Medley) for 12 years and under and 13 years and over.

Penshurst RSL fully subsidise the substantial cost of entering each child into a race. (\$3 per child per race) and therefore it is essential that you only commit if you are certain you will be attending. No-shows will need to reimburse The Club for all costs involved in entering their children.

Our entry form must be received by Wentworth RSL by March 20th so please – consider the event and mark your name down on the form provided at our registration desk this week or at latest on the morning of the 19th of March.

Calendar

Please note these dates on your calendar.

March 12 th	State Carnival – Penrith
March 19 th	Last lesson of the season.
March 19 th	Presentation Evening.
April 10th	Wentworthville Carnival.

Clothing Sale

End of Season run out!

There is a variety of Penshurst RSL Swim Club clothing for sale near the registration desk at heavily reduced prices. Be quick – some items are already running low.

Female swimsuits - \$15.00.
Male swimsuits - \$10.00.
Green/White cloth swim caps - \$5.00
Bucket Hats - \$5.00
Tee-Shirts - \$8.00

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