



Swordy's News

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our families who once again supported our Hot Dog week. We had a very successful week and raised \$ 1888.00 which will go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This term Hot Dog week will be held in Week 9, the same week as Water Safety Week. We will also be holding a Christmas raffle during the term.

WATER SAFETY WEEK AND HOT DOG WEEK

From Monday, 29th November through to Saturday, 4th December we will be participating in the National Water Safety Week & holding our Hotdog Fundraiser. Lessons will be modified to include more water safety and survival activities Swimmers will also learn how to stay safe in different environments – at the beach, at the river, at the pool, and really get set for a great summer. Look out for Swordy dressed in his lifesaving gear! For more information on Water Safety Week please visit http://www.aquarecvc.org/arv_watersafetyweek.htm

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday 13th December – Saturday 18th December.
We will finish our year with a week of Christmas Fun – games, carols and everyone's' favorite – "THE GIANT SLIDE".

Term 1 2011 – PLEASE NOTE START DATE!!

Term 1 2011 begins Thursday 27th January (please note this is BEFORE the children resume school).

EARLY BIRD COMPETITION FROM TERM 3

Congratulations to; Harrison Low – who won Free lessons for Term 1 2011, Lauren Paeglis – who won ½ price lessons for Term 1 2011 and Declan Beech – who won a Free School Holiday Program. Pay your term 1 fees by 4th December to go into the Early Bird draw for a free term of lessons.

QUIET ACHIEVER

Neve Skillen began her swimming career at an older age than most children, she was 10 years of age when she started on 12th August 2009. At her first lesson she was given her Maxi Pink. She was then awarded a certificate almost every 2 months, 21st October – Blue, 11th December – Maxi Blue, 10th February – Green, 25th May – Maxi Green and 17th August her Pumpkin. Neve started in Squad 27th August. It has taken her just 1 year to achieve all her certificates !!!



Early Bird Winner – Harrison Low



Neve Skillen and Jason Nunn her teacher

COMMITMENT TO WATER SAFETY

Paul Sadler Swimland has a strong commitment to help reduce the number of infant and children drowning in Australia. Every term Swordy and members of the Paul Sadler Swimland team visit Kindergartens and Child Care Centers in the local community to teach young children about water safety and the dangers of different aquatic environments. During the water safety talks we discuss water safety around the home, by talking about the dangers of backyard pools and why children should never try to climb pool fences. We talk about water safety inside the house by giving examples like, what hot/cold taps to turn on and off first to not burn yourself. We talk about not running in the bathroom or kitchen where the floors can be slippery, and discuss the dangers of local ponds, rivers and why we swim between the flags when visiting a surf beach. We also bring along some swimming floaties and belts for the kids to try on and discuss what we would wear if we go on a boat (a PFD life jacket). We talk about being sun smart (Slip, Slop, Slap) and ask the children some hypothetical questions like what would you do if your ball falls into the water? (Call Mum, Dad or a grown up, never try to retrieve the ball yourself). We finish with Swordy joining the kids for an active song called "Do the 5" (fence the pool, shut the gate, teach your kids to swim it's great, supervise and watch your mate and learn how to resuscitate) written by Laurie Laurence. The Water Safety Talks are a very rewarding part of what Paul Sadler Swimland does to educate children in our local community on how to be water safe all year round.

If you know of a School, Kindergarten or Child Care Centre that would like more information about how Paul Sadler Swimland can conduct a complementary Water Safety Talk at your local centre, please see one of our receptionists who will organize for a PSS staff member to give you a call.

AWARDS

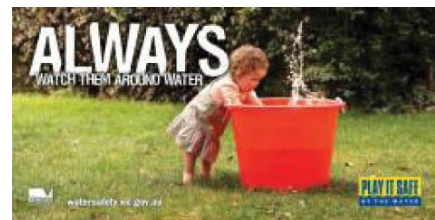
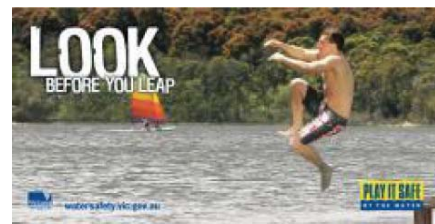
Thursday, October 7th was our second "Swordies" night (The Paul Sadler Swimland Annual Awards Night). This year 12 staff from Carrum Downs attended and what a successful night it proved to be for PSS Carrum Downs. Our Swim school won 4 awards – "The Community Spirit Award" – this was for our fundraising, so thank you again for buying hotdogs and raffle tickets. "The Building The Future Award" – for the percentage of our total numbers that are Swordy Tots. "The Wow The Customer Award" – for our customer service and finally "The 5 Star Business Award". We also had some individual award recipients. Andrea Rowan received "The Rock Award" for having the best attendance record for the past 12 months at Carrum Downs. Sally Boothroyd was given an award for 15 years of service with Paul Sadler Swimland. The following staff are to be congratulated on 5 years of service – Maria Burr, Julie Jansz, Jackie Gallagher, Katie McParland and Helen Bartley. ALL the trophies are displayed in reception. Well done to all staff at Carrum Downs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we near the end of 2010 we would like to wish all families a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable break. We trust that all Swimland Children and their families will put their water safety and survival skills to good effect while they continue to enjoy all the aquatic activities on offer during the holiday break.



Dionne Delaney at local primary school talking about Water Safety



Maria Burr, Julie Jansz, Katie McParland & Jackie Gallagher – 5 year recipients