



# Swordy's News

## Farewell Carole

At the end of Term 2 we said a fond farewell to one of our founding staff at Swimland Carrum Downs. Our Manager, Carole Irving, has moved to Townsville for the next 12 months to implement her enormous knowledge of swimming and her management skills at our Townsville site. She will be greatly missed by everyone here at Carrum Downs; however, we wish her all the best in her new position as manager of Swimland Townsville.

## Welcome Sam

We would like to introduce our newest staff member, Manager Sam Holmes. Sam began her career at Swimland at Hampton Park and has been the Assistant Manager at Swimland Narre Warren for the past five and a half years. As 13-year veteran of the Swimland program, we welcome her extensive knowledge and experience to Carrum Downs. You can read more about Sam in our Staff in Focus section.

## VIP Car Park Grand Draw

Congratulations to the Athanatos family, who won our 'VIP Car Park' draw. A VIP car park will be reserved for the family whenever they come in for lessons (both regular classes and any make-up lessons) during Term 3.

Congratulations also to our 'Paid in Full' winners Kiara Clark (Wednesday am) and Connor Flanders (Wednesday pm). They have each won a free term of swimming lessons for Term 4.

## Client Survey Response

Thank you to all parents who completed our client survey. It is always good to read your feedback and put into action your suggestions for improvements. We were pleased to read that you are happy with our program and our teachers; however, some of the physical features of the swim school always come under some criticism. We would like you to know that we are budgeting to improve some of these, and already we have installed wall heating units in both the male and female change rooms. We have also evened out the gravel car park.



Carole Irving



Alex Athanatos



Kiara Clark

### **Term 4 –Swordy’s Early Bird Prize**

All clients who pay their Term 4 fees by Sunday 11 September will go into the draw to win a fantastic cash prize!

**One PSS family will win \$4,000!!!**

Upon full payment of their Term 4 fees, each swimmer will receive one entry into the Early Bird Draw, as well as one entry into the End of Term Draw (see below).

### **Swordy’sEnd of Term Prizes**

All clients who pay their Term 4 fees by Sunday 25 September will go into the draw to win some exciting site prizes!

**One PSS family from each site will win  
ONE YEAR OF SWIMMING LESSONS  
plus a VIP CAR PARK for a term!!!**

Upon full payment of their Term 4 fees, each swimmer will receive one entry into the End of Term Draw.

\*All prize winners will be announced and displayed at all PSS sites and on the PSS website.

### **Starting School in 2012**

Starting school can often be an overwhelming experience for children. In an effort to help make this transition as smooth as possible, we highly recommend changing your child to evening or weekend swimming classes during Term 4. By doing this, your child will settle into their new swimming routine by the time they start school, therefore avoiding yet another change on top of the many changes already happening at the start of the year. Some schools suggest cancelling all extracurricular activities during first term, but we have found that taking these special activities away can in fact cause more stress on the child.

In order to help with our planning, our Deck Supervisors will soon be talking to all our parents of children starting school at the beginning of 2012 to find out whether you would prefer evening or Saturday classes. Once we know your preferences, we will be looking at the classes and making the required changes. We will advise parents as soon as possible of their new class for Term 4.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Saturday 24 September**

Last day of Term 3. All make-ups to be used by this date.

#### **Monday 3– Friday 7 October**

‘Swim and survive’ intensive holiday program

#### **Monday 10 October**

First day of Term 4

## **Hot Dogs**

A big thank you to everyone who has continued to help us raise money by supporting our hot dog stalls each term. During Term 2 we raised a total of \$1221.60 in support of the RCH Good Friday Appeal. Hot dogs stalls coincide with our theme weeks each term, so keep an eye out for those dates.

## **Stock for Sale**

Have you checked out the range of merchandise for sale in our reception area? Products range from beanies and scarves that keep your child warm when leaving the pool in the colder months, to ear bands that keep water from rushing into their ears and also help keep long hair out of a swimmer's face. Keep an eye out each term for any stock promotions – this term we are offering a 10% discount off all beanies and scarves!

## **Invoices**

So far we have had great feedback about our new invoice system. To help us with this system, please make sure you keep us up to date with all of your contact details, including your address, phone number and email address.

Places for next term are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Timely payment allows us to confirm places and provide quality customer service by preparing more thoroughly for the coming term.

## **Swimland Staff in Focus – Sam Holmes**

### **How many years have you been working at Swimland?**

13 years

### **What is the best thing about working for Swimland?**

Seeing the kids enjoy themselves and the opportunities for professional development.

### **What is the most challenging part of your job?**

Finishing admin work.

### **What is your favourite level to teach?**

Kinder-aged swimmers

### **What is your personal motto?**

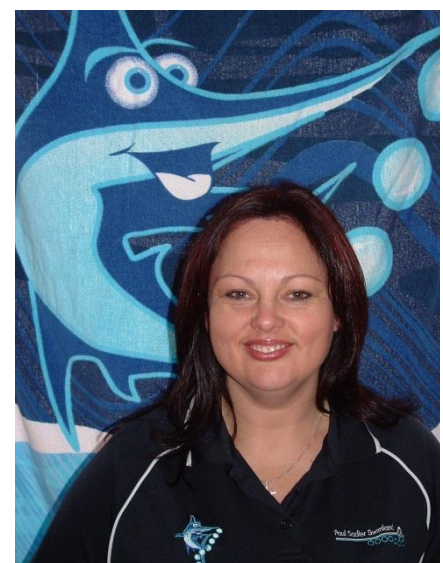
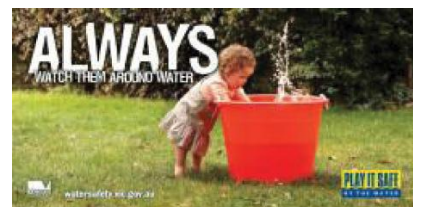
Believe in yourself and find something to be grateful for every day.

### **What is your favourite holiday destination?**

Vanuatu

### **What would you be doing if you weren't teaching swimming?**

That would be when I win Tatts lotto and buy an island to explore.



Sam Holmes – Staff in Focus

## Swimland Swim Club

Swimland Swim Club defended its 2010 title at the Western Region SC Championships, held on 7 August 2011 at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. SSC won in resounding fashion with a total of 2036 points (compared to 1705 in 2010), with second place coming in at just 832 points. Swimland's athletes also topped the medal count with 82 medals, an improvement on their 2010 total of 69.

The atmosphere was rich with excitement as Swimland's 42-athlete team marched onto the pool deck, putting fear into the hearts of the 14 other teams vying for the 2011 team title.

From the beginning of the warmup to the end of the relays, our athletes walked tall and showed their dominance, taking GOLD in almost half of the events (32 out of 67). During the campaign, SSC athletes posted 107 PBs in 193 swims (55.44%), improving a total of 390.93 seconds from previous bests (6min 30.93sec).

Amongst all the flurry of successes there were also seven athletes who qualified for the Victorian State Age Championships being held at MSAC on 26 – 28 August. These swimmers were Kaitlyn Cooper (14yo) 50 m FR, Nicholas Galileos (12yo) 200 m FR, Nathan Huynh (13yo) 100 m IM, Canis Nugroho (10yo) 50 m FR, Glenn Strutt (15yo) 100 m IM, Lachlan West (15yo) 100 m BK and Corey Wilson (16yo) 100 m FLY.

If you would like more information regarding SSC, please contact our Site Coach, Julie Jansz, via email at [julie.jansz@paulsadlerswimland.com](mailto:julie.jansz@paulsadlerswimland.com)

## Coming Soon!!!

Coming soon is an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY for local businesses to ADVERTISE in our newsletter. The newsletter goes out once a term to all of our families and is handed out at shopping centre promotions. That's a circulation of over 800 families! To register your interest in this exciting opportunity, please speak to one of our friendly reception staff.



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Western Regional Meet Competitors