

Congratulations to: Erika Fairweather who has been placed on the long list to compete at the Youth Olympic Games later in the year.

Olivia Gold, Carina Donegan and Olivia Andrews who won a Bronze Medal at the **Eastern Regional Surf Life Saving Competition** held at Mount Maunganui. The ERCs is the second largest competition next to Nationals and attracted over 850 competitors this year including NZ Reps. The conditions were very trying, big swell and waves so its lucky these girls are used to these rough conditions.

## Results

### Alexandra Cup - Waitangi Meet - 3 February 2018 – Kurt

Twenty-six swimmers enjoyed a great day's outing competing at Alexandra at the beginning of the month. A number of personal bests were recorded with some other very close and a some swimmers won some money prizes. Results can be found on the Swim Otago website.

### Results by Event

## Upcoming Events

- **New Zealand Junior Festival SC Dunedin** - 16-18 February - Coach - Kurt
- **Taieri Carnival**, Saturday 3 March - Kurt
- **New Zealand Div II Competition**, Rotorua, 18-21 March (Kurt)
- **Otago Anniversary Meet, 24 & 25 March**
- **New Zealand Age Group Championships**, Auckland, 17 – 21 April (Coach – Kurt)

*Please refer to DSCB, Swim Otago, or your club's websites for further details on events and how to enter and eligibility and speak to your coach about which meets you should enter if you are not sure.*

## Cancellations

### All Afternoon Squads Cancelled - Friday 16 FEBRUARY

B SQUAD – Welcome to Join A Squad morning session

### SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

A SQUAD – Training as usual (Short Course).

**C SQUAD & D SQUAD SESSIONS to be HELD AT PORT CHALMERS SWIMMING POOL**

C SQUAD – 10.00AM – 11AM

D SQUAD – 11.00AM – 12AM *(please note time change)*

*(open to all C & D squad members, if wishing to make up an additional session)*

Albertson Avenue, Port Chalmers. Ph: 472 7664

Coach – Cameron Tang

## **From the Board**

Firstly thank you to all parents who dedicate their time and effort to their child's swimming activities. Parents are the foundation for their child's swimming success providing access to the sport and moral support by providing a supportive, loving and stable environment in which their swimmer can develop.

Secondly there's been a number of occasions recently where coaches have been interrupted on pool deck while conducting training sessions. Please be respectful to our coaches during training sessions or working at swim meets when their attention is required in the pool. We would not interrupt a teacher in the classroom!

If you have any questions about something your swimmer's coach has instructed or said during sessions, please ask, however the coach's attention will be on the swimmers they are coaching during session times. Either grab a word with them before or after training or drop them a line.

Please refresh yourself with the SNZ Parent Handbook by clicking on below.

### **[Swimming New Zealand Parent Handbook](#)**

#### **Coach availability Thursdays at 6.15pm**

Kurt will be available at this time for you to speak with him over any queries or concerns you may have about your coaching and goals. It would be great if you could maybe email him or send him a text so he knows you are coming, or just go along at 6.15pm prompt. If you are wishing to meet with him at another time please email to arrange an appointment. His mobile no is 027 4359939, email – [kurt@swimdunedin.co.nz](mailto:kurt@swimdunedin.co.nz)

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

The DSCB is continuously trying to improve our coaching services to get the best possible results for swimmers. To make this happen we need your valuable input as a parent to see where we can improve. We are introducing a monthly parent/coach/board member meeting time to hear your voice. If you are unable to meet in person, we still hold our monthly surveys, or you can contact one of the board members any time

#### **Monthly parent meetings – First Thursday of the month.**

The Head Coach and a Board member will be available from 6.15pm on the last Thursday of each Month. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet & discuss any aspects of their swimmer's training and to have answers to questions, queries or concerns you may.

Fifteen minute appointments will be made available. If you wish to make an appointment please email [admin@swimdunedin.co.nz](mailto:admin@swimdunedin.co.nz). If you are wishing to meet with Kurt at another time please email [kurt@swimdunedin.co.nz](mailto:kurt@swimdunedin.co.nz) or phone 0274359939. If you are unable to meet in person we still hold our monthly surveys, or you can contact one of the board members any time.

#### **Meeting Dates and rostered Board Members**

Thursday 22 February 2018 – Richard

Thursday 22 March 2018 - Nic

Thursday 26 April 2018 - Jonathan

Thursday 31 May 2018 - Brendan

Thursday 28 June 2018 - Andrea  
Thursday 26 July 2018 – Jonathan

## Administration

### C & D Squads

A number of swimmers have changed their session times/days due to other commitments. If you wish to change a session you need to contact the administrator. Swimmers cannot attend other sessions unless previously arranged with the coach or made a specific request for a permanent change of session. This is to keep sessions balanced.

### Missed sessions due to cancellation

In the situation where there has been a session cancelled, whether through unavailable pool space (through competition), pool closure through adverse weather conditions, or coach absence, swimmers are welcomed and encouraged to discuss with their coach a catch up session on an alternate day, this especially applies to C and D Squad members

### Breakfast Club

Time: Breakfast club runs from 7 - 8 am Monday to Friday.

Cost: Bond \$12.00 \$3 per day of attendance

For further details please contact Co-ordinator: Shirlene Pryde. Mobile 021 929975 or [prydefamily@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:prydefamily@vodafone.co.nz). Thank you to those parent volunteers whose support has enabled this to continue and we hope someone can step into the co-ordinator role or alternatively take on a shared responsibility.

**Pool Passes** – All early morning swimmers (5.00am and 6.00am squads) require Pool membership passes, not multi-passes. Moana Pool staff access attendance sheets regularly to check passes are up to date. Periodically pool staff bring to our attention swimmers entering with expired passes. Please ensure your memberships are current as not to jeopardize or risk being banned from entering the pool to attend squad training. For further details <http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/facilities/swimming-pools/moana-pool>

### Fees

**There are a number of members with outstanding accounts.** It is appreciated fees are paid on time. Fees are invoiced monthly in the last week of the previous month **and payment is to be received no later than the 07<sup>th</sup> of each new month.**

2018 NZ JUNIOR FESTIVAL - MAKOS ZONE, DUNEDIN 16-18 February  
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Congratulations and best wishes to the following swimmers who will be competing at Moana Pool next weekend. Ella-Rose Crooks, Abi Gibson, Caitlin Hewson, Ella McBride, Olivia McBride, Andie McGrouther, Clara Peniamina, Harry Summers, Ella Wills, Eva Zoghbi

***Finally ..... Best wishes to those heading away to the Wanaka Challenge this weekend***

Sincerely,  
Team Swim Dunedin

*If you notice something missing or spot a mistake, please let us know so we can correct it. If you have any swimming news or photos you would like to see in the newsletter, make sure you get in touch!*

