

Term 3 2017 Newsletter...

TADPOLES SWIM SCHOOL



Here we are coming into Term 3 already! Thank you for keeping your child swimming in the cooler months of the year..... It's fantastic that you understand that taking your child out of lessons means that they will take a backwards step in their swimming education. We sometimes get quizzed by parents about their child's progress and when we look at the attendance of the student we find that they only swim in summer and miss a few lessons . Not surprisingly these children progress much slower than year round swimmers whose parents make sure they miss as few lessons as possible and take advantage of makeups as well. Swimming is an education that can potentially save your child's life. The more consistent this is, the better the outcome for your child .

- Tadpoles Newsletter once per Term
- Our in-house information whiteboard
- Our A Frame Information Whiteboard situated near our front entrance.
- Our Facebook Page – at least weekly updates. (*If you are a Facebook user, please LIKE our page and if you don't mind, please give us a Review 😊)
- Our Website – as often as possible. *Currently our website is undergoing a make over. It should be all up and running with a fresh new face in the next couple of weeks 😊

Please take the time to read any Tadpoles Information so you can stay up dated and informed. Thank you.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS:

Thank you to all of our parents who sent in photo's of your children at their swimming carnivals. It was fantastic to see their smiling faces and awards, being so proud of their achievements.

KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

TADPOLES: We do our best to keep everyone as informed as possible with the goings on at Tadpoles. This happens via the following methods:

WINTER SWIM SPECIAL: Our Super Winter Swim Special is on again! This will run from June 5th to September 4th 2017. It is super value giving your child 12 extra lessons at half price. Terms & Conditions are available in our Office.... Come and see us today whilst we are still taking enrolments!!! Your child will leap ahead in skill and confidence all ready for summer! **Please note that WSS Invoices will be issued separately to Term 3 Invoices.*



RELEVANT DATES

<u>LAST DAY OF TERM 2 2017:</u>	Saturday 1 st July 2017
<u>FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 2017:</u>	Monday 10 th July 2017
<u>LAST DAY OF TERM 3 2017:</u>	Saturday 23 rd September 2017

Something from the Pool...

Many Parents of our babies and transition students can become nervous or even anxious about their child's swimming lesson OR with their child's responses in class OR even their reactions to some of the skills they are being taught. As experienced Teachers, this is not certainly not new, particularly with 1st time Mums! We are here to help, guide, encourage, support and teach both Parent and child. Our experience will hopefully put Parents and little ones at ease. Our Office has an open door policy, which anyone is free to come in and discuss their concerns at any time.

Some important facts to remember as Parents (or Carers) in the Pool are:

*Relax. If you are tense and stressed, your child will be too.

*Have fun! Remember We are learning through play so it's important to make your child's lesson fun – with all the necessary boundaries.

*Comparisons aren't necessary. Children learn at different rates, and respond differently.

*Young children will behave differently for Mum In the pool, than they do for Dad, or even a Grandparent.

*Expect your child to be unsettled for the first few weeks of lessons. It's all new and that big body of water and new faces can be a bit confronting to a little person!

*If your child is upset every week, review what's happening in life that may be affecting that le; Sleep time; eating, emotional, teething etc before coming to the conclusion that it's swimming lessons that are the issue. We are very open to trying different days, times, teachers and even trying some intense lesson therapy to help solve the problem.

*Getting the best out of your lesson means hearing your Teacher & following their instructions. Parents are a child's biggest influence! So go underwater and show your child that it's OK! This is your investment in your child's aquatic education and YOU make the majority of the difference! That baby or transition class you did a makeup lesson in with those children who you thought are amazing in the water? Their Parents have taken it all on board, been persistent in boundaries, strict on safety plus listening to the Teachers instructions & guidance.

AQUANAPPIES FOR OUR NON TOILET TRAINED STUDENTS.....

We'd like to remind all parents that if your child is not toilet trained we require them to wear a **washable** (or reusable) swim pant/nappy. The brand we sell at Tadpoles is the Happy Nappy by Little Toggs (www.littletoggs.com.au) Other brands are also acceptable- just check with the office. **WE DO NOT allow disposable swim nappies** (ie: Little Swimmers) in our pool under any circumstances.

REASONING: Disposable swim nappies expand in water. If a child opens their bowels in the pool with one of these on, the parent is not usually aware until they change the child, after their lesson. This means, there is water flowing in and out of this nappy whilst other children & adults are in the pool. With a reusable swim nappy, you can see immediately and are able to get the child out of the pool quickly before anyone else is hygienically effected 😊
Thanks for your understanding!



STAFF NEWS....

We welcomed Miss Samantha Wood last term, who passed her Austswim with flying colours! Unfortunately, Sam has torn her ACL from the bone is awaiting surgery & will therefore be out of the pool and only covering Dry Deck until this is corrected. 😊 Miss Kaissi is also out of action with health problems and will hopefully be returning to Tadpoles in Term

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We also welcome Abbey Charnley to our Dry Deck team. Abbey will soon be training in our Pool. Please make her welcome.

And this week you'll see Miss Ashley back in the pool. She's helping out whilst Miss Kristina flies home to Hungary with her ill Mother. I'm sure you'll all love to see Ash back in the Pool.

