



Hi everyone. We hope you have had a great start to the swimming year and that you are motivated to keep going as we move into the winter. Here's what you need to know for the coming weeks and months ...

### **Information evening**

This will be held at the clubrooms on Wednesday 8 April after evening training. Jim will present plans for the SC season, along with other information you need to know. This is open to all national swimmers and parents, and any other interested swimmers and parents. See Jim's comments below for more detail.

### **April school holidays**

There will be no training for national swimmers during the holidays - enjoy the break after the national meets season! Training for all squads will recommence on Monday 27 April.

### **Tuesday Night registration night**

IMPORTANT : Tuesday 28 April from 6.30 in the clubrooms. All members of RSC who participate in Tuesday night swimming must re-enrol on this night in order to secure your place in swimming groups. We do have waiting lists, so don't miss out! Further information is given in the notices at the pool and on the website, or contact our Club Captain, Jo Forster on 9021456 or [jo.paulf@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jo.paulf@paradise.net.nz).

### **Signature meets**

The first signature meet for the 2009 SC season is the Masterton meet being held at WRAC on Saturday 2 May. That's the first weekend after school starts. Please check the website and the pool notice board for details and the closing date for entries to be with our race secretary. Please note that all swimmers who attended national meets are expected to attend all signature meets through the year.

### **Raumati Matariki Signature Meet**

Our club's signature meet is on the SW calendar for Saturday 27 June. WRAC is closed throughout June-August, so our meet is being held at Huia Pool in Lower Hutt. Closer to the time, the committee will be asking for help in organizing the meet (mostly help on the day) so this is advance warning! We use this meet as our club's major fundraiser, so we will need all hand's on deck.

### **Race Secretary**

Lizette van den Berg is now the club's race secretary, but you can still use the email address [racesecretary@raumatiswimming.co.nz](mailto:racesecretary@raumatiswimming.co.nz) to reach her. Huge thanks to Yvonne Kay for all her efforts in this role over the past two years.

### **2009 Prize Giving**

The Club Prize Giving will be held on Tuesday 19 May - please keep that evening free. Further information will come out closer to the time. In the meantime, if you received a trophy last year, would you please give it a good polish and return as soon as possible. You can hand it to either Donna Lawton or one of our coaches.

### **2009 AGM**

The AGM will also be held on Tuesday 19 May at 7pm, prior to the prize giving. It usually takes less than half an hour, so please come along. All parents of squad swimmers and Tuesday night swimmers are asked to attend. If you are interested in coming on to the committee, have a chat to either one of the existing members. There is a list of contacts on the notice board.

**Raumati Pool closure**

We have been advised that the pool will be closed for its annual maintenance from Saturday 13 June. Therefore the last day of squad training will be Friday 12 June and the last Tuesday night swimming will be Tuesday 9 June. You'll be reminded closer to the time. We'll also let national swimmers know whether we are able to secure water time at other venues and what other coaching sessions will be available.

**Congratulations**

The committee extends a huge "Well done" to all swimmers who took part in national swimming meets over the past two months ; NZ Juniors, National Age Groups, NAGs Div 2, NAGs Div 3, and NZ Opens. You all swam your hardest and represented the club well by showing good sportsmanship towards your team mates and other competitors. And we hope you had fun! Thanks also go to the coaches and to those parents who went with the teams at team managers. It is an intense experience, but without you it simply wouldn't happen!

Please remember to keep checking our fabulous website for daily updates on what's happening with your club.

[www.raumatismwimming.co.nz](http://www.raumatismwimming.co.nz)

Thanks to parents and caregivers for your continued support and to all our swimmers, from the learners' pool to national squad - keep up the good work and happy swimming.

Yvonne Mansell, Club Secretary

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**From the Coach**

*Hi everyone*

*The meeting on 8 April will outline some of the adjustments to the different groups' training schedules going forward, as well some of the specifics for the national squads. The meeting will start right at 7pm, but shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to go over everything.*

*The conclusion of the national meets means we have reached the end of the swimming year and we can have a short break before regrouping for the short course season and onwards. From my point of view, it was a great year of racing, and after the upcoming two weeks off, we'll be energized and ready for another year of outstanding effort and results.*

*To all those swimmers who qualified for the national meets and who swam their hearts out - great work, great attitude and great swimming. It was fantastic to have so many athletes reach national qualifying standards this year and for the club to send away such strong teams. We had quite a number of swimmers going to nationals for the first time. I hope you enjoyed your first taste of competing at that level, that the whole experience was rewarding and fun, and that you will be motivated to take it to the next level in the coming swim year .*

*Thanks to the coaching staff and the parents who helped out in lots of different ways and made the events so successful for our club.*

*See you at the meeting tomorrow night and enjoy the break in training over the holidays.*

*Jim Floerchinger, Head Coach*

