

SURREY PARK NEWS

Term Three 2021 Edition



LEARN TO SWIM AND DIVE

REMINDERS & NEWS

A message from our Swim School Manager, Emily

Welcome back to term 3!

The Olympics/Paralympics is in full swing in Tokyo and our Australian swim team performed exceptionally well. We hope the Olympics has provided some reprieve from the lockdown and inspired the generation of swimmers (all of you!) to achieve your swimming goals in the near future.

After 8 years managing Surrey Park Swimming's learn to swim program, I will be taking 12 months off to have a baby. While I am on leave, we will have some lovely new team members on pool deck to assist you. Filling in for my role will be Charity, our current school group coordinator. Assisting Charity will be our two new learn to swim coordinators, Simone and Reilly. Simone will be based at Aqualink and Reilly will be at our Blackburn centre. They look forward to meeting you all and I hope to see most of you when I return from leave in 12 months.

Meet Charity, our Acting Swim School Manager

Charity has been working with Surrey Park for the past 4 years as our Schools Coordinator. She has a keen interest in Surf Lifesaving and a wealth of experience being involved in the aquatic industry for the last 25 years. Her 2 girls swim with Surrey Park in our Development Squad, and as a family they are heavily involved in sport and volunteering in our local community. Charity is looking forward to leading the Learn to Swim Team and is excited for the year ahead.

Fun fact: Charity has swum the Pier to Pub 17 times!

A message from Charity

What an eventful start to term 3. As we find ourselves in another lockdown Surrey Park Swimming is following the public health advice to ensure the safety of our families.

When the Government determines it is safe to reopen we will open within capacity allowances as per the guidelines. All updates will be communicated via email so please keep an eye out. We understand these interruptions are difficult but heading into the warmer months your perseverance will have life saving benefits for your children. We look forward to returning to the pool and seeing you all very soon.

Important dates

Term Dates

Water Safety Week: Anticipated Monday 16th August (lockdown dependent)

Re-Enrolment Commences: Monday 30th August

Last lesson of term: Sunday 19th September

Term 4 commences: Monday 4th October

School Holiday Program run at Aqualink Box Hill

Week 1: 20th of September to 23rd September

Public holiday: 24th September

Week 2: 27th September to 1st October

Water Safety Week Reminder

Water Safety week will commence the Monday we come out of this current lockdown. Anticipated date is 16th of August. This term we are covering water safety in public and backyard pools. Please remember to bring an old t-shirt as we mimic real life scenarios during the lesson.

This week is not just about educating our swimmers, but parents as well. We encourage you to read our reminder email messaging and speak to your children after their lesson about what they have learned.

Swimming/Play at Aqualink

For all enquiries about swimming or aquatic play before or after your lesson please call Aqualink on 9843 2900 for their latest advices.

Lockdown Credits

All lessons missed during July lockdown have now been credited to your account. Credits for this current lockdown will be added to your account once we have returned to lessons. If you wish to use any of your lockdown credits in the form of lessons, please let us know and we can issue you with tokens instead of the credit. All credits issued on your account may be applied against your next enrolment and are valid for 12 months.

Customer Portal

If you haven't already logged into the customer portal, here are the reasons why we think you should:

- It is a condition of swimming with us that all policies are accepted. This is where you do this
- Report absences through the portal
- Book make-up lessons
- View our class timetables
- Transfer your current class enrolment
- View your child's skill level achievements via evaluations
- Make all your payments online
- Access QR codes for entry to lessons at Aqualink
- Re-enrolment is quickest and easiest through the portal
- Book into school holiday programs
- Make new enrolments through the portal
- Update your account information and add medical notes onto your child's account
- Read the latest news and events
- You can access and amend your account and bookings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Online Payments

Starting August 24, 2021, you'll notice that making a payment using our Customer Portal will look a little different. No need to be alarmed, the payment form has just been given a facelift.

Development and Fitness Squad swimmers

Swimmer equipment list for term 4

From term 4 2021, all swimmers in Level 8/Development and Fitness squad will need to bring their own fins and a water bottle to every session. We have made this change to assist

with the smooth running of sessions by ensuring each swimmer has correctly fitted fins, as our program will be incorporating greater usage of fins at these levels. This will also help minimise the sharing of equipment going forward and also negate the need to purchase fins as they progress to other squads.

Surrey Park Swimming Club swimmers recommend DMC fins as they are excellent quality, durable, and some of the most comfortable available

We are offering a [FREE Surrey Park club swim cap and a Surrey Park half mesh bag](#) with every pair of fins purchased. DMC fins are available for purchase at our Blackburn Centre (313 Middleborough Road, Box Hill South).

If you don't wish to purchase DMC fins, you are welcome to get fins from elsewhere however we recommend the short blade fins.

If you have any questions, please contact our customer service team. During the term, reception at Blackburn is open Monday to Friday from 2pm and Weekends from 9am to 1 pm.

Food fun during lockdown

We're introducing more fun additions to our newsletter - check out these animals we created out of fruit. Can you think of any other food animals, especially those around the water? Upload your photo to socials and tag us in it. We would love to see and share your creations.

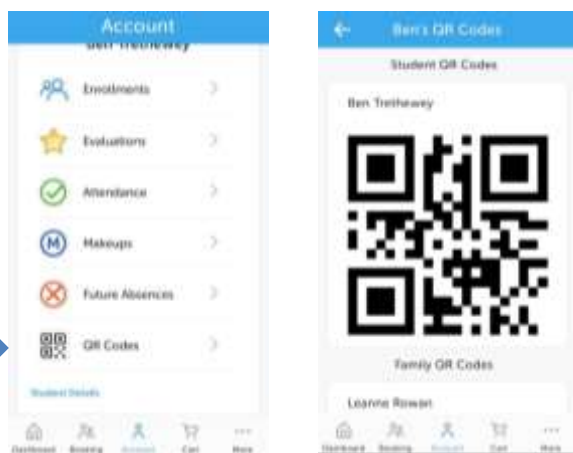


Turnstiles at Aqualink

Our turnstile is up and running. To enter the aquatic area you will now need to scan entry through our turnstiles as our attendance reporting will be linked to this process. Moving forward, check-in cards will be issued for those with prams.

If you don't already have an access card, to reduce our impact on the planet we are encouraging you to download our customer portal app (the iClass Pro app). Once downloaded, to enter, all you will have to do is scan the QR codes with your phone. See below showing where to access both student and adult family QR code.

[Click here](#) for assistance in downloading the App.



A tip for those that are using access cards:

- Do you sometimes forget to bring your card? Take a close-up photo of the back of your pre-existing access card and use the photo to scan through our turnstile if you forget it. That way if you forget your card you can still gain access to your lesson

A tip for those needing multiple family accesses:

- Do you have different people bringing the kids to swimming? If so, we recommend either everyone downloading the app and each of you logging into your account, or each person has a photo of the barcode from the access cards. By doing this, you alleviate the need to remember handing around access cards. (Please be aware that while you can have multiple emails on your account you can only log in with the one primary email address and password).

Infant activities at home

Here are some fun activities you can do with your infant at home to continue with their water familiarisation and skill development.

6 months to 1 year - Toy Scavenger Hunt - Simply place several toys in the water and try and get the child to grab the toys with their hands. Reaching out to objects will promote arm extensions needed for all strokes. This encourages the promotion of fine and gross motor development in infants.

1 to 2 years - Kicking Away Toys. Place floating toys at your child's feet and ask your child to begin kicking. As your child kicks, the toys should float away. Continue to grab the toys and place them at their feet. Encourage straight legs and pointed toes when kicking. This activity promotes your child mobility and propulsion, which will help their kicking ability in future, levels of swimming.

2 to 3 year olds - "Traffic Light" Game - Chose a colour for your child to kick to, "Green" is fast, "Orange" being slow and "Red" is stopping. This activity encourages the development of their kicking and the ability to follow instructions. Encourage straight legs and pointed toes when kicking.

We hope you have some fun with these activities.



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A message from our Head Coach

The second term was a big one at Surrey Park Swimming Club with the club returning to full training again and continuing to build towards our major events. It's also been fantastic to see so many of our Development Squad swimmers progress into our Junior Beginner Squad over the last term.

Thanks, to everyone who attended our Development Squad Clinic which is run by our Lead Junior Coach, Anthony Di Petta. This clinic will be run every school holiday as a way for the Development Squad swimmers to experience some coaching from the club level and to refine the necessary skills.

We had 8 Surrey Park swimmers qualify for the 2021 Olympic trials which were held in Adelaide this year. Unfortunately, due to border closures during the last lockdown, 7 swimmers were unable to attend with one lucky swimmer fleeing to NSW in time to make an appearance. Mia Holah represented our club proudly with some great swims!

The upcoming term holds some real excitement with some big events including the Victorian Age and Open Championships, and the Australian SC Championships which are held in Melbourne this year.

A reminder to look out for our Club Night information for term 4. We look forward to getting everyone together for some fun racing and fingers crossed some warmer weather!

Kind Regards,

Justin Bell
Head Coach

Safe Sport Framework

To access further details about the framework, visit our website <http://surreypark.org.au/safesport>.

The Safe Sport Framework and the Victorian Child Safe Standards confirm the shared responsibility everybody in the swimming community has to ensure that there is an overarching culture of child safety.

Surrey Park members are required, at all times to comply with the Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct for Dealing with Children and Young People in the Safe Sport Framework. Additional Codes of Conduct apply for Club members participating in team camps, trips and other activities.

In accordance with the Safe Sport Framework all applicants for employment at Surrey Park are required to undergo extensive screening and background checks.

All paid staff, committee members, officials and other volunteers who could potentially have unsupervised contact with children are required to have a valid Working With Children Check.

If you have any concerns about a breach of this code please [click here](#) to view the reporting process.



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DMC Fins

We are now selling DMC fins at our Blackburn Learn to Swim Centre on Middleborough Rd.

DMC Swim Fins are the manufacturers of innovative swim fins that are used by junior squad swimmers all the way through to our high performance squads.

Note: With every fin purchase you will receive a FREE swim half mesh bag and Surrey Park swim cap.

We are stocking the Elite Max, Elite II, Elite and Original Training fins. These fins are available to try on and purchase over the counter.

For more info about DMC fins, visit their [website](#).



Rewarding Career Opportunities

- Are you looking for a new career?
- Are you finishing parental leave and wanting a casual/part time position while your kids are young or at school?
- Are you retired and looking for a rewarding challenge?
- Are you 16+ years or older and looking for a job?

Swim teaching is an incredibly rewarding job. It pays well, hours flexible, and is a stable and growing industry. You don't even need to be a great swimmer to be a great teacher. Those who have a friendly, warm, and patient personality are all that is needed and you will be taught the rest.

To find a course, please follow this link:

<https://oramsocb.austswim.com.au/coursefinder/> and search for the course Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety.

Following your course, you can complete shadow hours with our qualified teachers to get signed off and begin teaching on your own. To organise this, please email our acting swim school manager at charity@surreypark.org.au. Shadow hours can commence prior to your course date once booked if you hold a current working with children check.

We are hiring! Due to covid-19, there has been a full calendar year where no new teachers have been trained. If you know of any swim teachers looking for work, please pass along our acting manager's email address.

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Contact the friendly team at the Surrey Hills Branch to see how we can assist you.

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