

Dear BSC Families

Further to our September update BSC has some important news and changes to announce.

Coach Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Jenni Gane has been appointed as BSC Coach from Term One 2019. Jenni has a bronze level swim coach accreditation with Swimming NZ and extensive knowledge of competitive swimming and coaching in NZ and Australia. We are sad to see Marian step down from her BSC role. She has been involved in the BSC for over 20 years. Due to Marian's work commitments she was unable to pick up any additional coaching hours over and above her existing commitment. Marian will continue to work in the Stadium's learn to swim programme, so we'll still see Marian poolside. In fact she will be a valuable resource within the Stadium, ensuring the kids entering the club have the skills required. We're sure to call on her skills.

Introducing Jenni...

I was born in Melbourne, Australia before moving to Blenheim in 1997. I am presently employed as the Marlborough Community Dietitian and excited to be given the opportunity to re-introduce swimming back into my life.

Swimming has been a large part of my life, both in and out of the pool. I trained under the guidance of Wayne Lawes achieving multiple Victorian age & open titles and national finalist. At the age of 13 I competed at the 1986 Australia Open & Commonwealth Games selection trials swimming the 400IM. My daughter took to the water at age 10 years swimming for Blenheim Swimming Club, winning multiple national titles during her journey – This was my introduction into Blenheim Swimming Club as a parent, committee member, manager and volunteer coach.



I believe swimming is a great sport for all ages. It builds a great community, helps with both team spirit and sportsmanship as well as individual growth. I am very excited to be returning to Blenheim Swimming Club.

Club Structure

As indicated earlier, the Stadium has encouraged us to become an independent club for some time and will no longer provide coaching services to the Club. While we had the Stadium's coaching support guaranteed until the start of term two, we are aware that the current state of transition, with five different swim teachers and coaches working with our squads, is not ideal leading into the business end of the competitive swimming season. The kids need coaching consistency. Now that we have appointed a coach able to offer us the 15 hours we require each week, we believe it's beneficial to move forward with our new structure as soon as practicable.

This means from the beginning of Term One 2019 onwards, you will pay your swim fees directly to the BSC. You will no longer get booking confirmations and invoices emailed to you from the Stadium.

What are we proposing?...

From our research into how other clubs run and using the knowledge we gained from Brigitte Mahan in October, we are moving to a model that best supports the success of your competitive swimmer. Essentially this means offering year-round training (not just during term time) and encouraging participation in a greater number of swim sessions each week.

Your swimmer will have the option to sign up for a number of weekly sessions and a corresponding cost structure, as follows:

- Twice weekly for \$35 per month
- Three times weekly for \$50 per month
- Four times weekly for \$65 per month
- Five times weekly for \$80 per month
- Six times weekly for \$95 per month
- Seven times weekly for \$105 per month

Please click on the link below to sign up for your preferred number of weekly sessions. We then ask that you simply set up a regular Automatic Payment starting Monday 28 January for the corresponding amount. The Club's bank account details are:

Bank: SBS
Branch: Blenheim
Account No.: 03 1355 0717291 00
Reference: Swimmer's Name and "swim fees"

[LINK TO SIGN UP FOR COACHING SESSIONS](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLL0UFM-cjLVDOs5mkPQzeczvF94jwXyh-dzx_Z6A_LfyonA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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The fees set out above are for coaching fees paid to the BSC. They **do not** cover your pool entry.

Pool Entry:

The Stadium will continue to charge a \$3 pool entry per session (which is currently factored into your swimming fees). There are a variety of ways to pay this:

- \$350 annual Stadium Membership for unlimited entries to the pool. This is our preferred way as it enables your swimmer unlimited pool entries. You will receive a swipe card that your swimmer can simply swipe each time they enter the pool. This \$350 payment may seem a lot, but in reality, it is only \$6.80 per week (less than three pool entries) and gives unlimited access to pool for swimming, water polo, casual swims etc. We are sure that for most swimmers this will be a significant saving. The Stadium prefers a one-off payment for this membership, however, if this is difficult for you or your family please contact Kirsty at the Stadium and she will be happy to work through some options.
- Concession Cards – you can purchase a 10 entry swipe card for \$30 or 20 entry for \$60.
- You can pay \$3 at the desk when you enter the pool. We have been notified by the pool that this will be strictly monitored.

Swimming NZ Membership:

As per the status quo you will need to pay your annual SNZ subscription (currently \$60 for club swimmers and \$120 for competitive swimmers) at the start of the new swimming season in July each year. Please note this is subject to change, and should SNZ raise their fees, we would have to also increase our Membership fees accordingly.

The Training Schedule

The training schedule below details the session times available to your swimmer. The Stadium has been very accommodating in keeping swim times as similar to the status quo as possible. Those with senior swimmers will appreciate the slightly earlier finish time:

Juniors (swimmers currently in the aqua dev and bronze squads)

Seniors (swimmers currently in the silver and gold squads)

Juniors & Seniors Combined

Please note that Jenni will be at our upcoming Camp and will try and make contact with swimmers to see where they fit into the groupings.

Jenni may also seek to change structure slightly as time progresses, but we will be sure to keep in touch with you regarding this.

Day	AM SESSION (6-7.45)	PM SESSION (4-5PM)	PM SESSION (5-6.30PM)
Monday	Seniors	Juniors	Seniors
Tuesday	Seniors	Juniors	Seniors
Wednesday	Juniors & Seniors*		
Thursday	SLEEP IN	Juniors	Seniors
Friday	Juniors & Seniors*		

*Juniors swim for approx. one hour - in the pool ready to go at 6.15-7.15am

Some dryland sessions will be incorporated into trainings for juniors and before trainings for seniors. Timing to be confirmed.

You do not have to commit to a set day and time. For example, your junior swimmer may sign up to twice weekly sessions. One week he/she might attend a Monday 4pm session and a Wednesday 6am session, the next week they may choose to do Tuesday and Thursday 4pm sessions. We hope this added flexibility will work for our families, especially with accommodating other sports, illness etc. The coach will take attendance at each session and sessions will not be transferrable across weeks (ie you can't have a week off and then do, say, four sessions the following week).

New Entry / Young Swimmers

Junior Swimmers who are Club Members but are yet to enter the current "Aqua Development" training level will be able to seek Jenni's advice as to whether they are best suited to join BSC training or stay with Swim School sessions for a period of time. Please inform Sarah or Lowri (see below) if you have a child that falls into this category and we can advise further.

Where to from here?

We know that the Stadium 2000 have already sent out letters with details of Stadium providing coaching and lessons for next term. If you have already paid these – please do not be concerned as the Stadium will work with us to arrange reimbursement as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lowri (lowri.mcnabb@gmail.com) or Sarah (sarahloza13@gmail.com) from the committee with any queries or concerns you may have:

We're really excited about the club's future and hope you will be too!

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2019
BSC Committee