

# MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Hi and welcome to 2025.

I hope everyone enjoyed their festive season! Welcome back for Term 1, 2025.

For our new families, Welcome to Splash Swim School. We are sure you will all enjoy watching your child's Learn to Swim journey, as much as we take pride in providing you with the best experience possible. Thank you for entrusting Splash Swim School in this important part of your child's life skill journey.

Another important part of your child's Learn to Swim journey is ensuring our families play their part in ensuring safety around water. It only takes a split second for something to potentially go wrong (especially with kids) and whilst we have a fantastic group of Lifeguards, it is imperative that as parents, we also remain vigilant and be prepared to sometimes enter the water to assist. This will assist our Lifeguards in ensuring that all patrons in the facility are kept safe.

Have a great Term.

Cheers

Craig

GRALC Manager



## TERM 1 2025 NEWSLETTER



### **GRALC Contact Details**

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Email: [swimschool@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swimschool@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Website: [www.gralc.com.au](http://www.gralc.com.au)

## **TERM 1 2025**

### **MONDAY 3RD FEB - SATURDAY 12TH APR**

A special warm welcome to all of our Swim School families, we look forward to delivering your lessons in 2025. Swimming is a great skill to learn and our passionate instructors love watching the children grow and develop new skills each week.  
We thank you for your continuous support for us each term.

### **CARNIVAL SEASON**

Carnivals will be held here through the month of February. Because of this, there will be Carnival Prep classes offered throughout the term.

**Please note that these are NOT stroke correction classes.**

**Your child must be in levels between Seal Cubs - Squad and be able to swim 50m confidently to enrol.**

To make an enrolment or for further enquiries, see front reception for more information about Carnivals and carnival prep classes.

Goodluck to all the swimmers participating in their carnivals.

## **WATER SAFETY TERM 1 2025**

### **MONDAY 7TH APRIL - SATURDAY 12TH APRIL**

**This terms Water Safety Theme is 'A Onesie Party'.**

All of our swimmers who are enrolled in Splash Swim School at GRALC from levels Starfish - Dolphins, please come dressed in your coolest Onesie's to wear over your child's swimwear in the pool Week 10.



## **TERM 2 2025**

### **MONDAY 28TH APR - SATURDAY 5TH JUL**

### **ENROLMENT DATES**

**Monday 17th March (wk7)** - Weekday morning classes.

**Monday 24th March (wk8)** - Afternoon and Saturday classes for current students and their siblings and direct debit class changes for current students.

**\*\*Direct debit enrolments will automatically roll over into the next term. To change or cancel the enrolment please see reception staff\*\***

**Monday 7th April (wk 10)** - New Students.

**Second lesson at half price** - Book from Monday 14th April (school holidays).

### **SWIM SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025**

To make it easier for you to find all of our important dates throughout the year, we have carefully planned out a 2025 Swim School Calendar. You will be able to find this calendar on our website or at the front desk.

### **CLASS LEVEL ASSESSMENTS**

Wk 2: Dolphin and Mantaray  
Wk 3: Seal and Seal Cubs  
Wk 4: Penguin and Octopus  
Wk 5: Swimmer crab  
Wk 6: Starfish

## CONTACTING THE SWIM SCHOOL

Communication with you is always important to us. There are a number of ways you are able to contact Swim School:

- Call the centre on 02 6962 8228
- Email your enquires to [swimschool@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swimschool@griffith.nsw.gov.au).
- Approach the Swim School Coordinator, Lynette Skirving.

If your enquiry is about progress during the assessments, we kindly ask that you wait until all assessments are over with before approaching an assessor on pool deck.

We understand that feedback is important, and we are happy to communicate with you about your child's progress. However, we ask that you don't approach the swim instructors during the lessons as they are busy teaching.

## CANCELLATIONS

No longer wanting your enrolment - Direct Debit Enrolments must complete a cancellation form found on our website. We cannot cancel Direct Debit Enrolments without a completed form.

Cancelling swimming lessons: If you DO NOT wish to continue your child/children's swimming lessons for the upcoming term then you are required to give us 2 weeks notice prior to your cancellation. This is to avoid being charged for lessons that you will no longer be able to attend.

## TERM REMINDERS

Please be aware:

- Make-Ups are to be used within the SAME term of your notified absence.
- Cancellations - 2 hours notice is required before a make-up is granted.
- Please take the time to call GRALC (02 6962 8228) to cancel your child's lesson if you are NOT attending the lesson for the week.
- The wearing of other Swim School clothing and logos are NOT permitted at GRALC.

## MESSAGE FROM FRONT RECEPTION STAFF

**A big welcome back to everyone attending Swimming Lessons Term 1!  
It will be lovely to see all our returning families and meet lots of new faces attending.**

Smooth Entry Process at Reception - Please have your swim cards ready to scan. Every child that is doing lessons needs their own swim card and must scan in **every time** they attend lessons.

If it is your first time doing lessons and you do not have a swim card, please stop at Reception and let us know.

If you have lost your card and need a replacement, please let us know, replacement cards are charged at \$3.00 each.

Scanning your card saves time for you!

If you do not have your card with you, please wait in line patiently to be served by one of our Cashiers to mark your child's attendance.

**Entry Age – Your Supervision is Crucial.**

Please be reminded that all children that are under the age of 10 years must be supervised by a person 16 years or older for swimming lessons or casual swimming entry at GRALC.

If your child enters GRALC alone, scans in for swimming lessons and is under the entry age, they will be asked to wait in Reception for the person supervising to take them to their lesson.

We understand that parking may be busy, or you have errands to run, life is busy, but your child must be supervised if underage. There are no exceptions to this rule.

## BE AWARE - SAFETY AROUND WATER

**Drowning prevention starts with you, before heading out this summer learn how to enjoy the water safely:**

- Know your swimming abilities
- Always supervise children around water
- Avoid alcohol around water
- Wear a life jacket when boating and fishing
- Avoid going alone
- Know the conditions
- Swim at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags



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# WATER SAFETY WEEK

Thanks to everyone for participating in our Water Safety Program week. Your support and enthusiasm towards these weeks have made it fun and enjoyable for all. Swimming in clothing is an important skill for all students to experience and practice, as it replicates an 'unexpected fall into water'. It is very important that students have the opportunity to practice falling into the water, recovering and moving to a point of safety whilst wearing clothes.



## WINNER WINNER!!

Firstly, we want to take the time to thank everyone for participating in Water Safety Week back in Term 4 2024.

Congratulations to **Josie Caldwell** for winning the prize of the Water Safety draw Term 4 2024.



## GET TO KNOW ME...



**KAREN OWERS**

Experience as an instructor?  
18 months and I'm loving it.

Favourite level to teach?  
I love ALL levels I teach, but seeing Starfish become independent is pretty cool.

Favourite part of the job?  
Seeing children develop confidence in the water and confidence within themselves.

Random facts about yourself?  
If I could eat Pavlova for every meal, I would.

## GET TO KNOW ME...

Experience as an instructor?  
2 years.

Favourite level to teach?  
Swimmer Crab.

Favourite part of the job?  
Helping young children improve and achieve their swimming goals.

Random facts about yourself?  
My favourite sport is NRL.  
I have been swimming for over 10 years and even have a state gold medal for swimming.



**PAIGE SERGI**