

# MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

A big hello to our Splash Swim School families.

As we begin to move towards some cooler weather, we understand that it is easier to stay at home in the warmth.

I would like to emphasise the benefits of keeping your child in our Learn to Swim program to allow them to build upon the skills learnt during summer. Swimming is a great all year round activity and can become part of a lifelong healthy lifestyle. The advantage of being part of Splash Swim School is that your child can continue their lesson in our indoor heated pools while they continue to achieve their milestones and progress through the program.

Here at GRALC we are always happy to receive feedback, both positive and negative. This helps us to continue to grow and improve. Please reach out to Lynette, our Swim School Coordinator, or myself if there is something you wish to suggest. You can do this in person or via the QR Code located at the front reception.

Again, thank you for entrusting us with teaching your children to swim here at GRALC.

Cheers

Craig

GRALC Manager



## TERM 2 2025 NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APR - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUL



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### TERM 3 2025

MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUL - SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

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A very warm welcome to all of our Swim School families for Term 2, 2025.

We look forward to seeing old faces again, your continued support means a lot to us.

We also look forward to meeting and welcoming all of our new families.

## GREAT CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all the children that participated in their school swimming carnivals this year. It was great to see so many swim school and squad children participate. Congratulations to those that had success at their school carnivals and progressed onto higher levels and to those that placed. This has been a successful year for Splash Swim School and Squad swimmers with some awesome results in the pool.

Well done, we are so proud of you all.

## 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.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The centre will be **CLOSED** on Monday 8th of June due to the Public Holiday.

You will not be charged for lessons on this day.

## MESSAGE FROM FRONT RECEPTION STAFF

**A big welcome back to everyone attending Swimming Lessons in Term 2! It will be lovely to see all our returning families and meet lots of new faces.**

Smooth entry 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. A replacement card is 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 of 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 at 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

### • Lifeguard and Parent Benefits:

Bright swimwear allows lifeguards and parents to quickly and easily locate swimmers, bright and neon swimwear colours significantly enhances underwater visibility, especially in crowded areas or when visibility is poor.

### • Avoidance of Colours that Blend:

Dark colours (navy blue, black, dark green) and pale colours (white, light blue) can blend into the water, making it difficult to see swimmers quickly.

### • Important Note:

While bright swimwear is important, it's crucial to remember that parental supervision and water safety education are vital for ensuring a safe swimming experience.



# 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.

## 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.

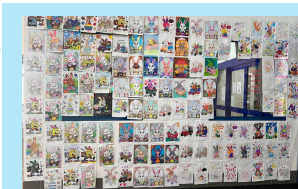
## EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Firstly, we want to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done to everyone who participated in our Easter colouring in competition. It made judging very hard! Congratulations to:

Isla Connelly  
(winner of under 5 yrs)



Tiya Patel  
(winner of 9+ yrs)



Khloe Oberholzer  
(winner of 6-8yrs)



## TERM 3 2025 MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUL - SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ENROLMENT DATES

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June (wk 7)** - Weekday morning classes.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June (wk 8)** - 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 30<sup>th</sup> June (wk 10)** - New Students.

**Second lesson at half price** - Book from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July (school holidays).

## 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.



## WATER SAFETY

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.



## WATER SAFETY TERM 2 2025 MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUN - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUL

This term's Water Safety week Theme is 'State of Origin'.

All of our swimmers who are currently enrolled in Splash Swim School at GRALC from levels Starfish - Dolphin, please come dressed in your State of Origin attire such as jerseys, jumpers, shorts etc, or even state of origin colours to wear over your child's swimwear in the pool during week 10.

## WINNER WINNER - WATER SAFETY

Firstly, we want to take the time to thank everyone for participating in Water Safety Week back in term 1.

Congratulations to Willow Bosua for winning the prize of the Water Safety draw Term 1, 2025.

Reminder - if your child would like to be in the run in to win the prize, make sure they come dressed in the current terms theme.



## WINNER - EASTER EGG GUESSING COMP

What a close call!!!

Thank you to all who took the time to guess how many Easter Eggs were in the jar, there were many that were close.

Congratulations to Alexis and Ruby Trembath who guessed correctly. We hope you enjoy eating all of those chocolates!



## GET TO KNOW ME...



**MAKITA POWER**

Experience as an instructor?

I have been a swimming instructor for 9 years this year. I have also been Squad Coaching for 4 of those years.

Favourite level to teach?

Every level has something unique about it that I really enjoy, but, I must say as an instructor I probably enjoy the level octopus the most and when I'm a coach, I really enjoy teaching the level dolphins.

Favourite part of the job?

Overall, it is a very rewarding job, and I love every small part about the job, but I especially enjoy witnessing a child become independent in the water for the very first time.

Random facts about yourself?

I actually started swimming when I was 8 years old and I myself have completed all the levels of swim school with GRALC, all the way to Silver Squad. I was also even apart of the Griffith Swimming Club for some time competing.

Swimming has always been a huge part of my life.

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Experience as an instructor?

I've been teaching for five months now, and it's been an incredibly rewarding journey from day one.

Favourite level to teach?

I really enjoy teaching swimmer crab or penguin, but honestly, every level has something unique that I love. It's amazing watching confidence and skills grow at all stages.

Favourite part of the job?

Seeing the kids' faces light up when they achieve something they didn't think they could do. It's the little 'I did it!' moment that makes everything so special.

Random facts about yourself?

I once swam with dolphins, so I'm used to the water. Keeps life fun!



**BEN SINCLAIR**