

Dear Parents,

The year is running to an end. We are happy about the progress that all made and are looking forward to the opportunity to show off to the families at our annual fun day. E-mail in this regard to follow...



FUN DAY



Sat 2 Dec 2017.

Evaluations:

Coaches are currently busy with evaluations and it is of extreme importance that children do not miss this time of year. We have changed the evaluation process slightly this time, where Chané is evaluating all groups with each coach. This way we ensure that all kids are evaluated correctly and on the same principles. Each week a different coaches' group is being evaluated. Points that can improve is then worked on the next week to see if the marks can improve by end of evaluation period. We want to finish the evaluation process by Saturday 25 November in order to give the coaches time to write their reports. We hand out reports and certificates at the fun day (separate e-mail in this regard to follow) on Saturday, 2 December 2017. If you are not attending, reports may be collected by a parent during office hours in week 4 – 9 December or it will be handed to the kids after their lessons in mentioned week. **Reports will only be handed out if and when accounts are up to date, including December payment.**



If a child misses during these weeks, especially in the Intermediate and Advanced groups, a coach cannot go back to points not evaluated for a specific child. With these activities there will be an "A" for absent next to the specific activity. Please understand that we work according to a plan and difficult to keep a whole group waiting to catch up for one child. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Absence:

Please inform us if your child will miss a lesson for whatever reason. Besides the fact that it is showing respect, it is also a point in our Terms & Conditions. We are planning each trip carefully and it often happens where the bus picks up a group of children and more than half the group is absent. We then would have either used the Avanza and depending on numbers, even the Kia. This helps us to save petrol/diesel as parents are not paying for this additional service. Your co-operation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Children know which days they are swimming, where pick-up points are and must wait at designated area. Drivers do not have time to search through school grounds and in the process groups arrive late. It is a parent's responsibility to pack swimwear on swimming days and it cannot be our fault if you forgot. We did send out an e-mail where parents gave permission that we rent out swimwear @ R20-00 when a child forgot theirs. However, only a handful of parents reply on these important issues. Melanie then sent messages on the day which is time consuming and becoming costly. New enrolments automatically give permission by initialling the point on our Terms & Conditions and amount is added on the statement with date that we gave the child swimwear.

December Payment:

Please note that your contract is ongoing and does not terminate automatically at the end of a year. We require a calendar months' notice on termination and unfortunately do not accept November as notice month. Reason for this is that you received all your term lessons, except for the 1 week, 2 days in December, already in Oct and Nov, although you are paying the last instalment only in December. Note that you are **NOT** paying for weeks that we are closed in December, but only the term fee for Term 4 that we gave you the option to pay this term fee into 3 equal instalments in Oct, Nov and Dec. Also refer to the "General Term fee explanation" attached.

If you/your child will not continue in 2018, you must put in notice to reach us on or before 1st of December 2017. This aids us in our planning for the new year.

Make-up lessons:

"We are under no obligation to give credit or work in any extra or catch-up classes due to adverse weather, the swimmer being sick or on holiday or any other reason whatsoever. The decision regarding the cancellation of swimming classes due to adverse weather conditions etc. resides with the swimming coach or staff." T's & C's

Please note that if a child/adult miss a lesson, it is forfeited. I have tried in the past to help here and there, but it is becoming extremely difficult with full groups. Our core business is to provide quality swimming lessons, and make-up requests, allocations, follow-ups is currently taking up too much admin time which result in more important aspects falling behind. For the adults, we did try many different options, but most people do not adhere to any rule we apply. Therefore the **make-up sessions will no longer be allowed.**

Communication:

As everyone is aware, we, as many schools and extra mural activities, are making use of the D6 system. It is a convenient and cost-effective way of reaching our clients. I cannot imagine life before D6 with regards to my own children's school news and information. I am always up to date with what is happening and what is important and info at my fingertips day or night when convenient for me to read.

We understand that many parents are not able to, for whatever reason, download this D6 School Communicator. Unfortunately, it is difficult for us to trace who is using it and who is not. You are welcome to indicate on this mail, if you are using it and your general view of using D6. We always appreciate your feedback. We do not post a lot, unless evaluation time, time for fun day etc. as we do not want to overflow you with information. We do not have the time to send out mails to all, but if you indicate that you have a problem with receiving/downloading D6, we can e-mail it to you.

Info for parents to make an informed decision:

Please read through the attached letter that we send out every end of a year to help parents make an informed decision with regards to staying with us or only doing school swimming. You are welcome to respond to me with any questions or suggestions in this regard.

Fee Structure & Calendar 2018:

We always aim to keep our fee increase to the minimum to be able to accommodate all. An e-mail with the 2018 fee structure and year calendar will go out on Monday, 13 November 2017.



Enjoy the last stretch of the year and make the most of every day.

Kind Regards
Mari

Why would you want your child to learn to swim?

1. Swimming helps kids develop respect for the water.

It's important for children to understand how dangerous water can be. They need to learn to be careful playing around the edge of the pool.

2. Swimming is great exercise.

Swimming is a fun way to get kids moving and active. Who knows, you may be nurturing a future Michael Phelps!

3. Swimming develops coordination, muscle strength and flexibility.

Swimming is a full-body resistance workout that builds long, lean muscles. Good incentive for parents to get in on the action.

4. It helps babies' brain development.

For babies, the tactile experience of feeling the texture and changing temperature of the water with their hands stimulates developing brains. Being immersed in water expands this sensory experience because the child feels the water touching his or her entire body.

5. Swimming lessons can be social.

Kids' swimming lessons are a fantastic way to make new friends. A good swim teacher makes learning to swim a fun group experience.

6. Learning to swim is a bonding experience.

Learning to swim involves a great deal of trust. Time in the water builds a remarkable union between the child and their coach simply because the child learns that the adult is there for [their safety](#).

7. Kids' swimming lessons provide structure.

Kids do best with a routine, so regular time in the water gives them some much-needed structure.

8. Swimming builds confidence.

Like all sports, learning to excel at swimming is a great for kids' self-esteem.

9. Water is relaxing.

When children feel safe and confident in the water, it can be enormously [relaxing](#).

10. Swimming builds discipline.

Like any sport or exercise, incorporating swimming into a child's life builds passion and a love of physical fitness as well as the discipline to practice and perfect it.

11. Healthy competition.

Learning to swim and participating in water sports can spark a healthy spirit of competition that will serve your child well for future endeavours.