



RACING WITH THE PIRATES SWIM TEAM



Race and Events Calendar 2019 Term 1&2

TERM	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	Scallywag	Buccannery	Mermaids	Yellow Peril	Red Heavies	Black Heavies
January Holidays	6-12 Jan	Swim Camp	New Plymouth						
	19-21 Jan	Wgtn 13&O LC Champs	WRAC						
Term 1	9 Feb	Wairarapa Meet	Masterlton						
	15-17 Feb	Junior 12&U Festival	WRAC						
	24 Feb	GCZ T3 Meet							
	2 Mar	SZR T2	Nanman						
	9 Mar	PCA T2 Div 3	Nanman						

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Check out the Parent Toolbox on Swimming New Zealand website: [Parent Handbook on SNZ](#) And the new members section on [Pirates Website](#). Pirates Annual Swim Calendar is a great place to plan and book out the family calendar for the year ahead. More information can be found on our website closer to events. Always feel free to talk to Coaches and the Race Secretary if you have any questions.

Selecting Events

The first thing to check is what coaching advice/direction is sent in the email about the meet. This will guide you as to how many entries to make. Check whether the Meet allows No Times (NT's) or not. If the Meet allows NT's you can select events your swimmer has yet to compete in. To find out what events your swimmer already has times for you can go to SNZ results database or go to "Take Your Marks". This can assist your swimmer to choose 50 and 100m events offered at the Meet that your swimmer can then gain a time for. If you are not sure of what to enter your swimmer in, please contact Steve.

How to Enter

Once you know what events your swimmer is planning to swim you enter the Meet before the deadline through the SNZ database. If you have any trouble entering the Meet, simply contact the Race Secretary and they can help navigate the site with you. You can leave your credit card details loaded on the site, which allows a very quick easy entry process next time and if you wish also allows you to let your swimmers enter themselves. If you need to withdraw from the race or change events please contact the Race Secretary by email, in many cases this is easy to do. Once the deadline has closed you will not receive a refund for pulling out. There can be penalties for late withdraws/no shows at National Events.

At the Meet

The compulsory club uniform is a red Pirates racing cap and black Pirates T shirt. Black Pirates hoodie and shorts are optional but recommended. They need 2-3 towels, togs, Pirates cap, goggles and food. Good food options for Meets include; dried or fresh fruit, simple sandwiches' and plenty of water. Swimmers do not need racing togs to compete. Swimmers are usually requested to show up 15 minutes before warm up commences. Swimmers will be looked after and organised by the Team Managers assigned to the Meet. Coaches are on the pool deck to coach swimmers before and after every race.

Parents sit separately to the swim team in the spectator section at the pool. Parents and swimmers can follow their results on the App "Meet Mobile". We need all Pirates families to assist us to run: Swashbuckler Meets, Pirates Club Champs and our annual Pirates Hosted Meet. For other Meets we need you to help us some of the time. Helping as timekeeper or moving to take on an official role like an Inspector of Turns (IOT) really helps the club and therefore the kids swimming. The Officials team send out emails asking for helpers as required.