

BURDEKIN SWIM SCHOOL

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In case you missed it on Facebook this photo of Andi underwater taken on a go-pro was the winner of our last Holiday Snap Competition. I asked numerous people to choose the winning photo and it was unanimous that this was the one. So well done Andi you have won a pair of swimmers, goggles and swimming cap.

Sorry it's taken so long for this newsletter but some of you may have heard that I had an issue with my heart In fact they found that I had 2 cardiac blockages (one being 95%) that needed stents inserted. Of course it was complicated because it was at a junction and I think that I was very lucky and I also know that someone (maybe my dad and brother John) were looking after me. I had no symptoms at all and only went to the doctors because a psychic had told family members that I was going to have a health scare. That was enough for me to request to see a specialist since we have a big family history of heart problems. Thanks so much to Dr Anand, Dr Yadav, Marco and of course the grace of God and I'm here to keep teaching your kids to swim if they ever let us back in the pool.



In regards to COVID-19 we will not be starting up till Sept when we come back with the HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM. (Mon 21st to thurs 24th Sept) We are not allowed back yet anyway and then we normally close Term 3 for Winter. So PLEASE TEXT OR EMAIL me if you didn't get a chance to write your name in the booking folder for either TERM 4 or the INTENSIVE PROGRAM. Due to Covid-19 we will be offering 2 free lessons IN Term 4.....the majority of people actually missed their last 3 classes due to the government decision but we are offering credit for 2 free lessons. I received many messages from people who suggested that we still pay our teachers till the end of term which we had planned on doing despite the fact that we had completely lost our business till the unforeseeable future. If there is anyone who is not happy with only receiving a credit on 2 lessons not 3 please let me know. So when you come back in Term 4 there will be 2 prices. Once for our existing swimmers (including credit) and a different price for new families. Everyone will do the same amount of swimming lessons. Term 4 will be 9½ weeks.

BURDEKIN SWIMMER OF THE YEAR 2019/20 is Lily Kiehne. Yahoo !! Once a year we hand out awards to our senior swimmers and despite not finishing Term 1 this will still go ahead. So Swimmer of The Year Lily is a great swimmer (Age Champion at BCHS Swimming Carnival), has swum with us since she was a baby in 2008. Lily is just a great kid, leads by example, is happy to demonstrate for the younger swimmers and from what I can tell only fights with her brother & sister. I love having Lily as a long standing member of our **SENIOR STINGERS SQUAD**. Our **SPRIT AWARD** this year is going to Ben Laidlow.



Every year I give this award to someone that I enjoy coaching. Well behaved 99% of the time, sets an example for the younger squad swimmers, swims well and trains hard. Ben is also a member of our Senior Stingers Squad (which is the level past Level 10) and has swum since 2009. These days he probably chats a little more than he did back then but he **NEVER** leaves the pool without saying goodbye and thank-you and offering to help pack up. Actually he has waited many years to be in charge of putting the cover on.

The Burdekin Swim School's **MOST IMPROVED FEMALE** is Rylee Dellebaite and **MALE** is Felipe Teixeira. Rylee is a very gutsy swimmer who is always willing to take on the bigger kids but the best part is that she has finally started to come out of her shell and gain some confidence. There will be no stopping her now. And the same with Felipe who started swimming as a very timid little boy 7 years ago and is now in Senior Squad. He has struggled with Butterfly in the past but never gave up and I couldn't be prouder of the fact that he is turning into a great little fly swimmer. Well done to all the award winners. I am really missing these kids (as in all the kids) and I really hope that everyone will be back with us come September.



I just love this photo of Owen and his dad. I cannot encourage parents enough to stay in the pool with their kids and not be in a big hurry to get them into the pool by themselves. That extra 6 months in the pool makes for a happy child, better results and often a little Water Rat that can swim around the pool by themselves. If your child is not enjoying the lesson or is fighting with you in lessons then we may suggest a different approach so everyone is happy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back when things get back to normal.

Lisa & John xx