



# Junior Academy Newsflash



Term One 2017

For those of you who I still haven't met, my name is Tara Watt and I have taken over the position of the Junior Academy Lead Coach.

I have been teaching swimming for over 8 Years so I come with lots of experience. Many of the children in the academy I already know through previous swimming lessons, so it's great to have them back at a higher level.

I still work for the Rotorua Lakes Swim School teaching stages 5 and the Rocket classes which is the transition class for Swim Rotorua. So, on some days you might see me in a different coloured shirt, don't be alarmed I'm still the same person!

My focus this term is to assess all children to ensure they are swimming in their correct levels. I will be changing lanes each week with the other instructors to ensure everyone's progress is being monitored.

If you have queries about your child, I am available from 3.45pm till 4pm or 6pm to 6.15pm. If this is unsuitable, please feel free to flick me an email or text.

## CBOP Interschool Swimming Competition – Rotorua Aquatic Centre - 4 April 2017

This is for years 4-8 swimmers. Teams are selected by schools but some schools might need parent help in entering a team especially if they do not hold a swimming sports. Swim Rotorua run this event for Sport BOP and **we do need parent volunteers on the day as marshals, timekeepers and officials.** The event has had nearly 500 competitors in the past in the novice (25m) and competent categories (50m and 100 free and 100IM). It is a fun and exciting event and an honour to represent your school so work hard at training, race fast at school swimming sports and see if you can be selected. If you can help on the day, please contact Claire on [cbaylis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cbaylis@xtra.co.nz)

Note this year Sport BOP are not running a BOP-wide Interschool event.

We have two awesome opportunities coming up this term. These are important dates so mark them on the calendar.

**Skills Clinic** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm to 4pm – Open for Swim Rotorua Performance C, Junior Academy, Rotorua Lakes Swim Schools Rocket classes & Stage 5 and children who are competing in CBOP.

**Splash Night** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3pm to 4.45pm – Open for all Swim Rotorua, Rotorua Lakes swim school Rocket, Koura and Stage 5.

A warm welcome to the Rockets who have moved up to the Junior Academy:

**Sam Schulze, Seth Green and Emma Monk**

Level 2 who have moved to level 3 this term:

**Molly McClintock, Freya Lord and Cailyn Trask**

Congratulations to:

**Menna Lloyd-Jones, Emilia Ward, Harrison McClintock, Riya Thumma and Grace Donaldson** who have now progressed to the Super Nova and Metro classes.



Well done to you all

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Menna, Emilia and Harrison