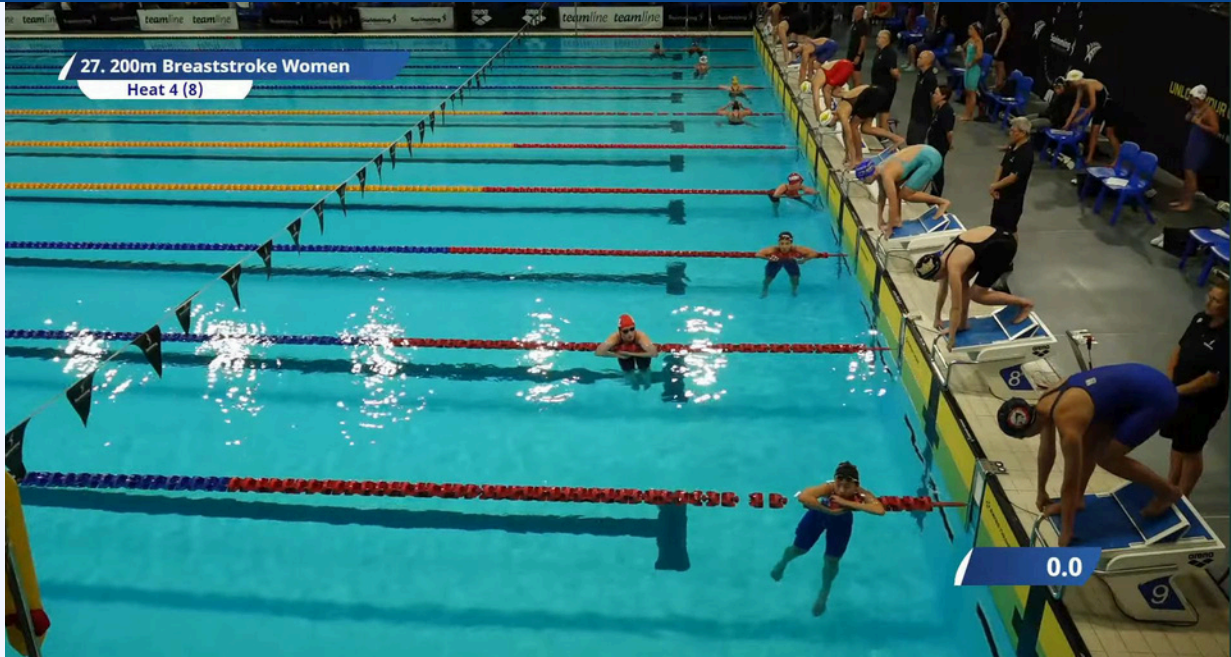


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Beyond the splash

The Bay of Islands Swimming club monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the April edition of the Bay of Islands Swimming Club newsletter, and a big warm welcome to all our new swimmers and families—we're thrilled to have you with us as part of our growing community.

Whether you're just starting out or already competing, our focus is on supporting your progress, building confidence, and enjoying time in the water together.

It's been a fantastic start to the year, with great energy at training and some outstanding performances.

In this issue, you'll find updates on our new Arena partnership and merchandise launch, upcoming carnival planning and volunteer opportunities, ways to stay connected, highlights from recent events, and our Swimmer of the Month. Let's continue to support one another and build something special

March & April Highlights

School Swimming Competitions

Over the past two months, many of our swimmers have been busy representing their schools across a range of events, including school swimming sports, inter-school competitions, Russell duathlon and the Northland Primary School Championships. It's been fantastic to see such strong participation and commitment from our athletes.

We are incredibly proud of all our swimmers. Across these events, we saw some beautiful technique and great effort on display. It's also important to remember that school swimming formats can be very different from the competitive environments our swimmers are used to. Our focus is on developing swimmers for a lifelong love of the sport, and that isn't always fully reflected in short 25 metre races or school swimming sports.

Please don't be discouraged—what you're building in training goes far beyond a single race, and it will continue to show as you grow in the sport.

Whether you placed in your events or not, please know that we are proud of each and every one of you for getting involved, giving it your best, and representing both your schools and our club so well.

Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon

We had great club representation at the Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon, with swimmers taking on the challenge and achieving awesome results. A great display of determination and versatility!

Special mention goes to Sammy, who placed first for her age group in the short course. Well done Sammy!

Dunedin Div 2 & NZ Age Group Championships

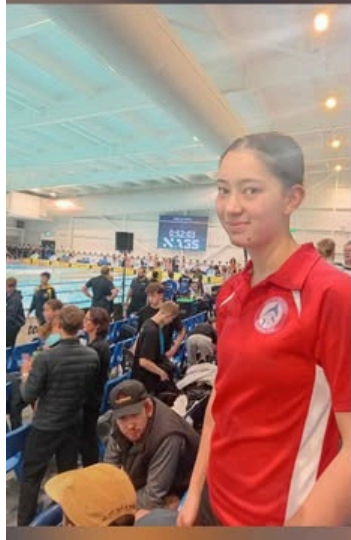
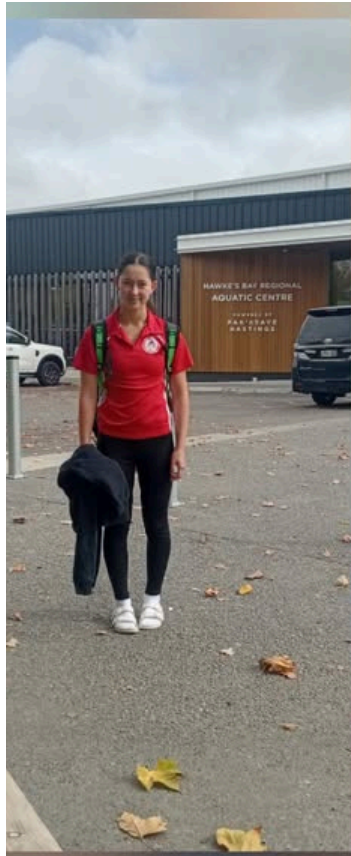
While we had just one swimmer represent us at this year's competitions in Dunedin, the impact was anything but small. Layla Bell stepped up to the blocks and delivered an outstanding performance that made the whole club proud.

At the Div 2 competition, Layla achieved some exceptional results, placing 3rd in the 15-year-old girls 100IM, and taking 1st place in both the 200 Breaststroke and 200 Freestyle. Her determination, focus, and race execution were on full display across the meet.

Layla also competed at the New Zealand Age Group Championships in Hawkes bay, gaining valuable experience at a national level and continuing to push herself against some of the country's best swimmers.

We love celebrating what our swimmers have been up to! If your swimmer has recently taken part in any competitions, we'd love to hear all about it.

Please send through your photos along with a short update to our committee, and we'll be sure to include them in our next newsletter.



TEAM arena

SWIM CLUB - ATHLETE - WATERPOLO - SCHOOL - SURF - CUSTOM SWIMWEAR - CUSTOM CAPS

We're excited to announce our new partnership with Arena!

Arena is a globally recognised brand known for its innovation, performance-driven design, and long-standing presence in competitive swimming. Their commitment to quality and excellence makes them a perfect fit for our club.

As part of this partnership, we're proud to unveil our official club kit, designed in collaboration with Arena to support our swimmers both in training and on race day.

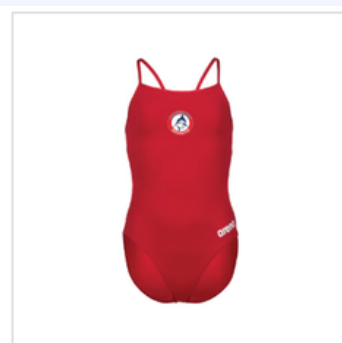
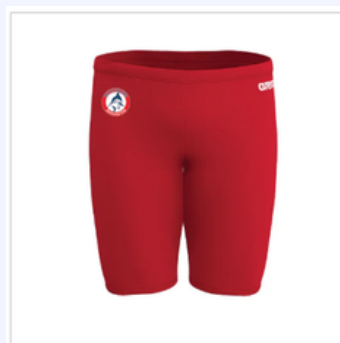
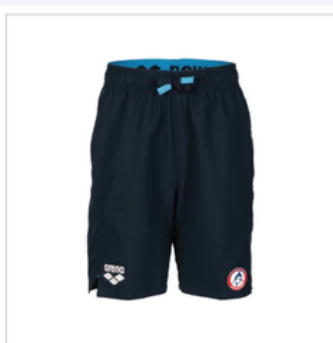
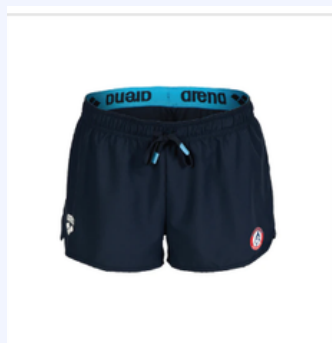
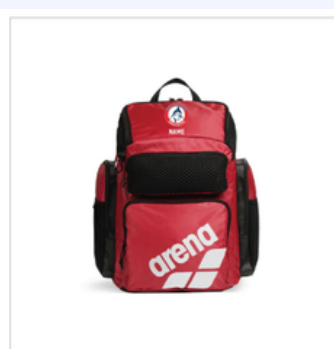
Our members now also have access to a wide range of Arena gear, available anytime directly through the Arena website. Whether you're training, competing, or just getting started, there's something for everyone.

Even better, we're offering exclusive discounts for our club members on selected Arena gear and equipment, use the code BOISC –just one of the many benefits of being part of our community.

We feel incredibly lucky to be part of the Arena team and can't wait to see our athletes representing the club in our new kit!

Visit our website for link to purchasing

www.boiswimming.org.nz



Swimming Calender

Northland Secondary Schools 2026
Whangarei
Friday 8 May

Bay of islands Swimming club CLUB NIGHT
Bay of Islands Rec centre, Kawakawa
Friday 16 May

NZ Swimming Championships
Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre, Auckland
13 - 17 May

Bay of Islands swim carnival 2026
Bay of Islands Rec centre, Kawakawa
Sunday 14 Inue

Golden Homes Swim Fest
AUT Millenium Auckland
17 - 19 July

NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships
Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre, Auckland
30 July - 2 August

Aims games
Baywave TECT Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Mt
Maunganui
5 September - 11 September

NZ Short Course Champs
Christchurch
27 Sept - 1 Oct 2026

Did you know that squad members registered with Swimming NZ are eligible to compete in Auckland competitions? You can find the full event schedule on Fastlane. Level 3 meets are a great first step for anyone keen to experience racing in the big city.

May Club night racing

Club Nights are a fun and supportive way to experience racing without the pressure of big swim meets. At our last club night, we saw some awesome racing and it was great to have so many new swimmers involved. We'd also love to see more of our older swimmers back on deck – your presence really adds to the night.

New to Club Nights? Here's how it works:

Swimmers race events and we record their times, earning Club Night points based on improvement. These points build across the season and contribute to our Yearly Awards Night.

All squads – Development, Bronze, Silver, and Gold – are encouraged to attend, along with Kim's Beginners Squad, who can take part in 25m events. It's a great way to track progress, build confidence, and connect with other swim families.

Parents we would love your help with timekeeping, and we'll finish the night with a sausage sizzle – a great chance to relax and catch up



BOISC CLUB RACE NIGHT

WHEN: Friday 15 May 2026
Warm up starts at 4:30pm

Racing starts at 5:00 pm
Maximum of 3 events per swimmer. \$5 Flat Fee, payable on the day (cash or eftpos)

REGISTRATION CLOSES
Wednesday 13th MAY 2026 at 6:00pm

Absolutely **NO LATE registrations** so please ensure that you register your child on time!
Any outstanding fees must be paid prior to entering club race night, otherwise the club reserves the right to remove your entry from race night!

Email us your entries to:
boiswimevents@gmail.com



BOISC CLUB RACE NIGHT

1. Mixed 50 Breast
2. Mixed 25 Breast
3. Mixed 100 Breast
4. Mixed 50 Free
5. Mixed 25 Free
6. Mixed 100 Free
7. Mixed 50 Back
8. Mixed 25 Back
9. Mixed 100 Back
10. Mixed 200 free
11. 50 Butterfly
12. 100 IM
13. Mixed FUN Relay

Sausage Sizzle to follow after the relay.
All Families welcome!



Carnival Season – We Need You!

Planning is already underway for our 2026 swim carnivals, and we're aiming to host two fantastic events this year. Our first is on June 14th

These events are a major part of our club calendar – not only do they give our swimmers valuable race experience, but they also bring the wider swimming community together.

How You Can Help

To make these carnivals a success, we need support from across our club community:

Volunteers (timekeeping, setup, admin, etc.)

Event helpers on the day

Behind-the-scenes organisation

Sponsorship Opportunities

We'll soon be seeking sponsors to support our events.

If you:

Own a business

Know someone who might be interested

Or would like to contribute in any way

Please get in touch – your support makes a real difference.



Term 2 Schedule

Please note:

* NO TRAINING FOR ALL SQUADS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

* Club Race Night - No Training for Development, Bronze, Silver and Gold Squads. Everyone is encourage to attend race night.

* School Holidays - No Training for Beginners & Development Squad during this period. Schedule for other squads will vary and will be made available closer to the time

Monday				Tuesday				Wednesday				Thursday				Friday				Saturday			
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Development swim aids

Goggles, swimming cap, kickboard, fins, pull buoy

Bronze swim aids

Goggles, swimming cap, kickboard, fins, pull buoy, snorkel

Silver & Gold swim aids

Goggles, swimming cap, kickboard, fins, pull buoy, swimming paddles, swimmers snorkel



Swimmer of the Month

Layla Bell

After an outstanding and demanding month, selecting the Swimmer of the Month was an easy decision. Layla Bell has consistently demonstrated what it means to be dedicated, disciplined, and passionate about her sport. Not only has she achieved excellent results, but she has also represented our club with pride and professionalism at both Division 2 and NAGs, setting a high standard for others to follow.

Layla has become a huge inspiration to our younger swimmers, leading by example every time she trains and competes. Her work ethic is second to none—she puts in countless hours in both the pool and the ocean, always pushing herself to improve while maintaining a positive attitude.

Her commitment, resilience, and sportsmanship embody the values of our club, and she continues to inspire swimmers of all levels. Layla is not only achieving success in her own right but is also helping lift the standard of those around her, making her a truly deserving recipient of this recognition



Stay connected

Important Club Links

Communication is key to keeping everything running smoothly, especially with training updates and unexpected changes. Pool closures and training changes are communicated through these channels — please make sure you're connected!

Why It Matters

By staying connected, you'll never miss:

Training updates

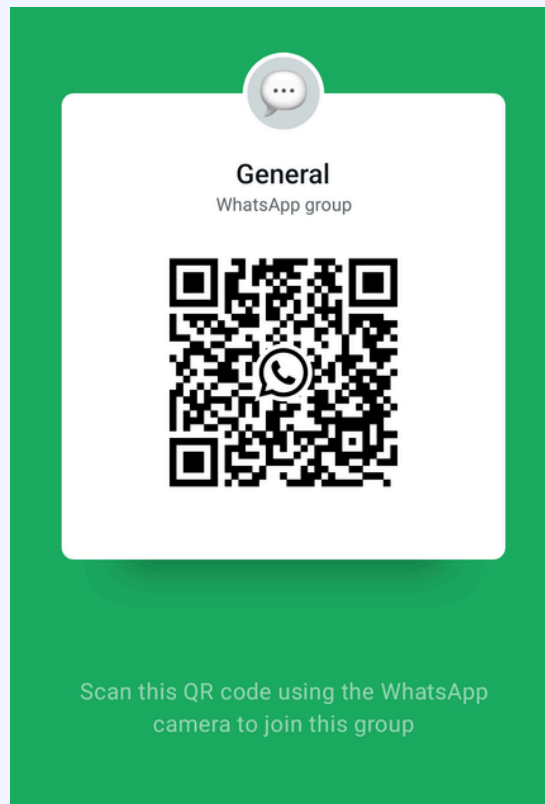
Event announcements

Weather-related changes

Important club news

If you're unsure how to join, reach out — we're happy to help.

WhatsApp Communication Group



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