



## The Swim School

May 2021

Hi Folks,

We all hope that you are keeping warm and safe during these really turbulent and crazy times. Normally the only crazy thing happening at this time of the year is that we swim through the cold and or the snow!

The Swim School is opening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, to continue our craziness and we can't wait to get some kind of normalcy back into our routine.

With the cold weather, please make sure that the swimmers are dressed warmly, especially when they come out of the pool area. The temperature inside the pool area is much warmer than outside, and a warm top and perhaps a hoodie would be appropriate!

### **BANK ACCOUNT**

We are streamlining The Swim School, and we are in the process of consolidating our Bank Accounts.

**Specialized Coaching cc FNB 62352179149 Clearwater Mall Branch**

**Or**

**The Swim School Standard Bank 221203109 Clearwater Mall Branch**

**It is very important that the Beneficiary Reference used is the swimmers name and if we fetch a swimmer who attends the classes through a Nursery School that you add an abbreviation of the school name eg Dotty Day Care = "DDC".**

**Using only a first name or a surname, or perhaps a parents name does not help us to allocate the payment!**

### **FEES**

Fees are payable in two instalments during the term. The first payment is due by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the term, and the second payment is due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the final month of the term.

So this term, 1<sup>st</sup> payment was due by 1 July and the last payment by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

If you are paying the fees over 3 payments (having made the arrangements with the office, then the final payment for this term is due by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

### **PRIZE GIVING 2021**

Awards are handed out for the **LIFE SKILLS** that are learnt – which means that every child, who works hard at each and every lesson, has the opportunity to earn an award!

We will be guided by the experts with regard to "Covid-19", and their determination of crowd size etc. We are going to have to be very inventive to make Prize Giving an awesome and memorable experience for all our students!!!

Nursery School Prize Giving will be held on the last class of the year (December).

### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

Social distancing, sanitizing and masks have become a norm at The Swim School and although these requirements have become a nuisance it is very important that we all abide by the rules so that we remain a Covid free establishment.

While we have always encouraged parents and extended members of the family to attend the lessons to give our students their support, we must please be mindful of the restrictions we face in the number of people allowed on the premises at any one time. We trust that you will co-operate with us in keeping The Swim School Covid free!

### **COMMUNICATING WITH SWIMMERS AND PARENTS**

We are trying to set up Whatsapp Groups, and did not realize what work this would entail. Please bear with us, and in the meantime we will continue to email our messages out. Please let us have an email address if you are not receiving our mail.

### **NEW POOL PROJECT – Exciting yet daunting!!**

We are working hard on getting the project done at 86 Alexandra Street. The 25m pool is now waiting for the marbelite and the heat pumps, and for all the "dirty work" to be complete so that it can be filled and heated and can be enjoyed by all our students!

We sincerely hope that our heat pumps are safe due to the Riots/Vandalism at Durban Harbour – as they were expected to land Mid-July! Fingers crossed, holding thumbs and praying that all is safe!

The paving will start next week, and the rehabilitation/renovation of the new office, change rooms and the bathrooms has already begun and should be completed within the next couple of weeks!

The Physio's have moved across to 86 Alexandra Street, and the Cottage has once again become a private home! During the next couple of weeks, Janice will be working from my office, and will be roving, until her office is complete next door!

We have opened up a gate access between the two properties, (behind the boat) so you are welcome to pop across to watch the progress.

The building over the pool will only be erected after the pool is complete, and we hope that they can all swim as they will be working over the water!!! We will have our Teachers on site to act as life guards!!!!

Teaching will continue as usual at The Swim School, and the Teachers have been working on their Continued Education and they are all attending the Annual Swimming SA Conference this weekend, so will have fresh ideas, updated methods, and loads of enthusiasm to try out all their new information and skills.

### **POPI ACT**

**The Swim School has always been very mindful of the fact that personal information is PERSONAL, and is not shared or abused!**

In terms of the POPI Act, we are committed to maintaining all personal information in a secure place, and confirm that all information given to us is given voluntarily. This information is used for the purposes of obtaining the Permits required for Covid-19 as stipulated by The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and Swimming SA as well as our Schedules, Assessments and for Communication purposes with each student, parent or caregiver.

**The Information Officer for The Swim School is Cecile Frittelli.**

Three months after a student, parent or caregiver notifies The Swim School, in writing of their intention to resign from The Swim School, and once all payments for services has been received by The Swim School, all the personal information held on file at The Swim School will be deleted and hard copies will be shredded.

The POPI Act is multi-faceted, and as each ruling is confirmed, The Swim School will implement the ruling.

Please be aware that the "No Photographs" rule at The Swim School was implemented when that facet of the POPI Act was enforced!

### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Only 1 more to go this term! Remember that we are closed on **9 August 2021**.

### **TERM 3**

**Term 3 ends on 23 September 2021 (after swimming)**

**Please be aware that due to the change in the School Calendar with the winter break, we might be able to link our closing date for Term 3 to fall in line with the Government Schools Calendar. We will confirm this once we have the details.**

### **CIVIL UNREST**

With my interaction with our Beloved Nelson "Madiba" Mandela, and his dream of a "Rainbow Nation" and a prosperous South Africa to be enjoyed by all who live here, it is most unsettling witnessing the Civil Unrest that is currently happening in our Beautiful Country!

The devastation will ultimately affect us all, and our resilience as South Africans is all we have to see us through these really unsettling times. It is time to set our differences aside, Unite as a Nation, and work together to give our children the opportunity to enjoy a prosperous, peaceful and happy South Africa!

We pray for all those who have been attacked, as well as their families and friends! May they find solace in the support and love emanating from our "Rainbow" Swim School.

To all our Muslim Students and their families – we wish you all Eid Mubarak!

That's all for now folks,  
Stay safe and stay warm!  
Cecile & The Team

**"...if you want to enjoy the rainbows, you have to put up with the rain..." Dolly Parton**