

swim carnivals

16 records broken in high school swimming carnival

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Several outstanding individual efforts highlighted the seventh annual house swimming carnival of Asquith Boys' High School, held at North Sydney Olympic Pool last week.

In all, 16 records were broken in 39 events.

The school's champion swimmer, Peter Reid, of Cooba House, broke four records in the Open Division and won a total of six events.

Peter recently became Australian Open Champion in the 200 metres individual medley after swimming in the Australian National Championships at Adelaide. He trains all the year under Forbes Carlisle and has a good chance of making the team for the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico.

Three firsts

Another swimmer who competed in the National Championships is Tim Hixon, of Myall House.

Tim gained third place in the 800 metres event.

This year at the school carnival he gained three firsts (all records) and five second places.

He also trains all the year round and is coached by Carlisle and Harold Reid.

Colin Chamberlain, captain of Kurrajong House and one of the school's long-standing champions, chalked up one second and four thirds in the Open Division.

In the 16 years Division, the outstanding competitor was David Lamrock who scooped five of the seven events and came third in another.

David, from Myall House, has dominated his age group for the past four years, giving few others the chance to win.

In the younger age groups, the school is the strongest it has been for several years.

Clean sweep

In the 14 years Division, Buddy Portier, of Kurrajong House, made a clean sweep of the six events, smashing three records in the process.

First win to school

ASQUITH BOYS High recorded its first win at the 22nd annual North-West Metropolitan Zone Swimming Carnival.

Thirty-nine competitors represented the school at the carnival.

Other schools competing were Epping, James Ruse, Macquarie, Homebush, Meadowbank and Normanhurst Boys High.

Asquith's successes included the 12, 15 and 16 years age championships and the open age championship, as well as champion school.

Geoffrey Clark is the new 12 years age champion, Derek Osborne the 16 years age champion and Mark Wilson open champion.

Buddy also swam in the National Championships.

When Buddy came to Australia from Holland three years ago, he could only swim 25 yards.

The overall point score competition was won by Kurrajong House.

Perhaps the most outstanding effort by any swimmer was that by Phillip Jackson (Kurrajong), of First Form.

He broke four records, won seven events, including the 15 years 400 metres Freestyle, and came second in the Open 800 metres Freestyle.

Another First Former, Stephen Owen, gained six second places, close behind Phillip Jackson.

Stephen also won the 16 years 400 metres Freestyle.

The carnival ended on a fine note with some exciting relays.

One record was broken - by Kurrajong in the 13 years Division.



Above photo: Glenn Bennet was the 1996 School Sports Captain and subsequently became a para-olympian following an accident in the surf

Left: 1981 Hornsby Advocate

Far left: 1967 Hornsby Advocate

Below: 1968 Northerley Magazine

Below left: 1983 Northerly Magazine

Photo below: The start of a race at the old Hornsby Pool in the 1990's

SWIMMING

This was our first Carnival at Hornsby Pool and the weather only just held off for us to complete the day's events. The championships were highlighted by some class swimming from W. ("Buddy") Portier, S.Owen, J.Broadie and H.Lawrence. All these swimmers are Juniors and it looks as though our swimming strength at Zone Carnivals will be greatly increased over the next couple of years. Although the weather was poor, the Carnival was a successful one and transportation problems, especially, were eased.

Our thanks go to the boys who competed; to the spectators who encouraged the competitors (especially Cooba House under Mr Street's direction) and to the staff particularly who worked cheerfully under trying conditions due in part, we are sure, to the efforts of Mesdames Phillips and Gow who looked after the catering of tea and coffee throughout the day.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 1970

An early deluge almost caused the Swimming Carnival to be washed out. However, after all spectators had been dismissed, the sun shone again and the staff and competitors managed to complete all events in record time. The rapidity with which the races were completed, however, took its toll of competitors, and records were limited.

Again 'Buddy' Portier of K'jong provided some fine performances and the School wishes him well on his trip to Edinburgh to represent his country.

Other fine performances come from S.Owen, H.Lawrence, J.Brodie, S.Devine, K.Alcock, B.Collins, M.Mulman, G.Rowling.

Perhaps the best performance we have seen at school level or at Zone

level was provided by the senior boys whose enthusiasm and accompanying hard work were responsible for the best display of school spirit we have yet witnessed. A number of headmasters from other schools were greatly impressed. Let us hope for a repeat by next years' seniors.

At the Zone Carnival, we fared quite well but a lack of depth in swimming stopped our finishing better than a very close third. With a little more effort from our second-string swimmers we could be perhaps the top swimming school in the zone.

Our thanks to the staff in particular for their help under trying conditions in the running of the carnival.

Mr R. Twible (Asst. Sportsmaster)



Above left: 1970 Northerly Magazine

Left: May 2002 Backchat

Top photo: Well-behaved students at a carnival sometime in the 2000's...

Above photo: 1973 Staff Swimming Squad

Below left photo: undated cork scramble

Below middle: 1982 Hornsby Advocate

Below photo: Under the surface in 1998

2002 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school Swimming Carnival was something to remember - on many accounts. Firstly, and unfortunately, I have never experienced such persistent torrential rain as that which occurred on swimming day. Nevertheless, participation levels were great, as was attendance and behaviour. In addition, there were some brilliant individual performances with several records broken on the day. Daniel Arnammart broke 4 records - 3 of them were set last year by Stephen Lawrence, who also had a strong carnival showing. One record broken by Daniel was set back in 1971! Our Age Champions for 2002 were:

12 years - Calum Waldegrove 14 years - Stephen Lawrence 16 years - James Rushton
13 years - Daniel Arnammart 15 years - Atsu Tadani 17 years - Geoff Crozier

Forty four of our boys represented Asquith at the Zone Carnival on the 7th March. As in previous years, our boys acquitted themselves very well, taking Asquith to 2nd at the Zone Carnival. Our four year record at the Zone has been: 1999 - 1st 2000 - 1st 2001 - 2nd 2002 - 2nd

This is really an outstanding performance when you consider that we have only about 640 pupils, and are up against schools with 1100 boys such as Epping and Homebush. A great indication of the quality of our swimmers!

The Sydney North Area Carnival was dominated by Daniel Arnammart and Stephen Lawrence.

Daniel gained a: 1st - 100 Backstroke 3rd - 50 Freestyle 3rd - 200 Freestyle
whilst Stephen gained a 1st - 100 Butterfly 2nd - 200 Freestyle 3rd - 100 Backstroke

At the NSW Combined High Schools Carnival, Stephen qualified for the final in all his events, while Daniel's best result was a Gold Medal!! Daniel's results meant that he had the opportunity to swim at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships to test himself against the best from the Private School System. He did himself proud with a Silver Medal in the 50 metre Backstroke. A terrific result!

Congratulations to all our swimmers and their efforts in 2002. It has been another great year. And many thanks to all the staff, parents and friends that supported them.

Yours in swimming (Mr) G. Corbitt

OUR SWIMMERS

The annual School Swimming Carnival proved to be a success for all pupils, teachers and parents involved. The competition between individuals and houses was tough with fun the order of the day in the novelty events. Cooba House again ran out the winners, followed by Myall, Wandoo and Kurrajong.

The individual age champions were:-
12 years Craig O'Dwyer 14 years Geoffrey Clark 16 years Gavin Temple
13 years Greg McVey 15 years Barry Crowther 17 years Peter Clark

A number of school records were broken including Geoff Clark 50m and 200m freestyle, Peter Clark 200m freestyle, and Cooba House 14 years 4 x 50m relay.

Over fifty boys were selected in our school swimming team to compete at the Zone Carnival. There were some brilliant individual efforts but lack of depth in the team cost Asquith first place. The final result saw Epping Boys High School first, Homebush second, followed by Asquith third.

A number of boys went on to represent the Zone Swimming Team in the Regional Carnival and then on to the State Carnival.

Asquith was well represented at the State Carnival by five boys: Daren Wilson, Derek Osborne, Roy Wartmann, Peter Clark and Geoffrey Clark. These boys not only gained first place in the 4 x 50 m freestyle relay and 4 x 50m medley relay but set new State records. This has been a great achievement by these boys who should be congratulated. Best individual results included Peter Clark, 3rd in 100m backstroke, Daren Wilson, 2nd in 100m backstroke, and Geoffrey Clark, 3rd in 200m freestyle.



Records fall

PETER and Geoff Clark stole the show at last week's annual Asquith Boys High School swimming carnival.

Between them they scooped 10 blue ribbons with 13-year-old Geoff being particularly impressive as he was competing in the under 17 age group.

Geoff won every event he competed in and his wins included a record-breaking 100 metre freestyle swim when he clipped four seconds off the mark of 11 years standing.

His brother Peter had to withstand strong challenges from Daren Wilson to snare four wins from six starts.

Wilson won the other two events and came second to Clark four times in a gripping duel.

In the open age events, 17-year-old Derek Osborne was dominant in taking out four events.

Osborne also shattered a seven-year-old open 50 metre butterfly record by seven seconds.

The other age champions were Scott Sawyer (under 12), Barry Crowther (under 14) and Gavin Temple (under 15).

