

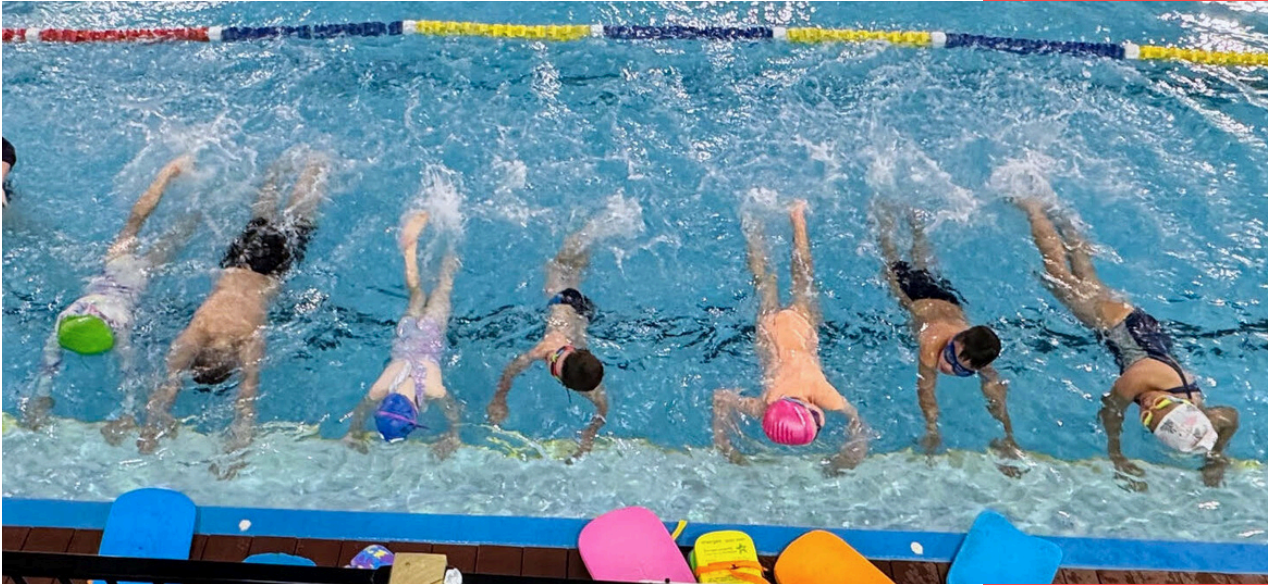


# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

JUST LIKE FISH SWIM SCHOOL

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## Double the Lessons, Half the Price This Winter! ❄️🏊

❄️🏊 Swimming in cold weather **does not give you colds** – colds are caused by viruses, not the temperature! In fact, swimming can **boost your immune system** and keep you healthy, as long as you **dry off and dress warmly** afterward.

With **winter coming up (June to August)**, it's the perfect time to think about keeping active – and we're offering **1/2 price second lessons from June to August** to help your little swimmers make the most of the season!

Please ask reception for further details!

\*\* Conditions apply \*\*



## NO HAPPY NAPPY, NO SWIM

For a safe and clean swimming experience, **all children who need a nappy must wear a Happy Nappy in the pool.** Regular nappies aren't suitable as they can leak and cause hygiene issues.

Happy Nappies are designed to prevent accidents and keep our pool environment hygienic. They're available for purchase at Just Like Fish Reception.



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# FEBRUARY SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH

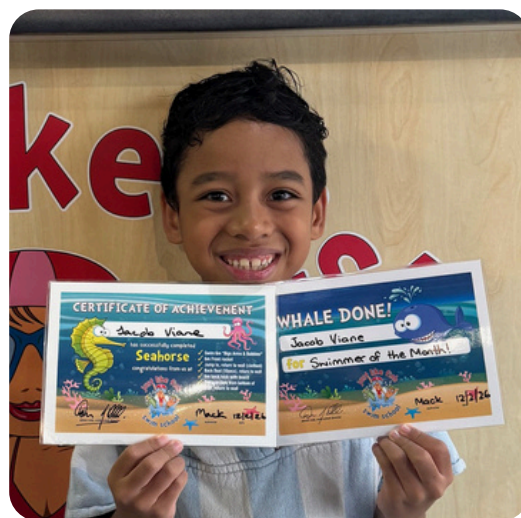
## INFANTS SUPER SWIMMER



**Nalu**

Nalu and Mum love coming to JLF because of the small group setting and their wonderful teacher, Piper. It's become a special and meaningful part of their Saturday morning routine.

## SURVIVAL SWIMMER



**Jacob Viane**

Jacob loves swimming, learning new tricks, and his favourite – the ring dive! He's been having a blast at JLF with our teachers and just leveled up to **Octopus** – WELL DONE, Jacob!

## STROKE SUPER SWIMMER



**Henry Reeve**

Henry enjoys swimming because he is good at it and likes competing. He also likes JLF because the teachers always help him improve his breaststroke kick. His favourite stroke is freestyle.

## SQUAD SWIMMER



**Matilda Glover**

Matilda loves everything about swimming, especially breaststroke, but her favourite things about swimming at Just Like Fish are all the new things she gets to learn and beating her brother.



## Free Baby Swim

The best time to start? From 3 months old – and the sooner, the better! 💙 Give your little one a head start with our FREE 4-week swim course designed for babies 3 months – 11 months.

Spots are available! ✨ So, if you know someone—whether it's a friend, family member, or acquaintance with an infant –let them know so they can join in the fun. Don't let them miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS FROM 3 MONTHS TO 11 MONTHS

## School Swimming Carnival Results 🎉🏆🥳



1st 50m Freestyle

Adam Megat



1st 25m Freestyle

Blake Thomas  
Lachlan Thomas



2nd Freestyle  
3rd Backstroke

Oliver Williams



4th 50m Freestyle  
4th 50m Breaststroke

Alex Henderson



3rd 50m freestyle  
1st 50m backstroke  
2nd 50m butterfly  
2nd 50m breaststroke

Carlton Turnbull



1st 50m Breaststroke  
2nd 50m Backstroke  
2nd 50m Freestyle  
2nd Boys Relay Team

Nate Clasper



## AMAZING RESULTS FROM OUR SWIMMERS 🏊🏆👏

🔥❤️ Hunter Valley All-Stars – NSW Country Championships Update! 🏆❤️

This weekend, Evie Granger, Charlotte Kelly and Savi McPherson proudly represented Hunter Valley All-Stars at the NSW Country Championships – and what a statement they made!

With just three swimmers, our girls helped Hunter Valley All-Stars finish 33rd out of 120 clubs in the Female Point Score 🌟🌟 An unbelievable achievement and a reflection of their grit, professionalism and racing courage.

Even more special... all three girls learned to swim at Just Like Fish and have progressed right through our program. From early lessons to Country Championships podiums – that pathway in action is something we are incredibly proud of ❤️

Here's how they performed:

- ★ Evie Granger
  - 9/10 PBs
  - 7 Top 10 finishes
  - 🥉 Bronze – 50m Backstroke

This bronze medal marks Evie's first ever Country medal, which is an amazing milestone. To deliver 9 personal bests at this level and step onto the podium shows incredible composure and determination. A huge breakthrough moment 🙌

- ★ Charlotte Kelly
  - 7/7 PBs 🌟
  - 3 Top 10 finishes
  - 4th – 200m Breaststroke (just off the podium!)

A perfect PB record at a championship meet is outstanding. Charlotte continues to show toughness and consistency when it matters most.

- ★ Savi McPherson
  - PB – 50m Butterfly 🦋
 Great racing and valuable championship experience, continuing to build momentum.

Small team. Big heart. Massive results. ❤️

Super proud of these girls and what they represent for Hunter Valley All-Stars and Just Like Fish. The journey from learn-to-swim to championship racing is real – and this is just the beginning.

Enjoy the celebrations 🎉



February has been a fantastic month across our entire program, and I couldn't be prouder of our swimmers and our team.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our Just Like Fish swimmers representing their schools at recent swimming carnivals. We've celebrated some terrific performances at school level, with many progressing through to zone carnivals as well. Seeing our swimmers stand up, race confidently and apply their skills in a competitive environment is exactly what our program is all about – building capable, confident swimmers for life.

A particularly special highlight this month has been Evie Granger winning our first Country Championship medal for Hunter Valley All-Stars since our return from COVID. This achievement means a great deal to us as a program. Evie is a graduate of Just Like Fish, having come right through our learn-to-swim pathway before progressing into squad swimming. To see her now standing on the podium at Country Championships is a powerful reminder of what long-term development and consistency can achieve. We are incredibly proud of her.

Alongside Evie's success, we've also celebrated a number of outstanding performances at recent meets, which are detailed earlier in this newsletter.

Back within our learn-to-swim program, February has been a huge month of progression. We proudly handed out over 220 certificates across our various levels – an outstanding result. Each certificate represents skill development, growing confidence, and another step forward in every child's swimming journey.

We are incredibly proud not only of our swimmers, but also of our team and the outstanding job they do every single week to deliver quality lessons and consistent progress. Please make sure you thank your child's teacher the next time you're in for your lesson – they truly do make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support of our program and our team. We love seeing our swimmers grow, improve and enjoy their time in the water.

Enjoy your swimming.



### DAMON RODD

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
JUST LIKE FISH

# Just Like Fish Swim School

is committed to implementing the Child Safe Standards.



## STANDARD 1

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture



## STANDARD 3

Families and communities are informed and involved



## STANDARD 2

Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously

## STANDARD 4

Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account



## STANDARD 5

People working with children are suitable and supported



## STANDARD 6

Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused



## STANDARD 7

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training



## STANDARD 8

Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur



## STANDARD 9

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved



## STANDARD 10

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe

For more information on the Child Safe Standards visit [www.ocg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au)



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