

Trojan Time Banded Gala

On Sunday 31st May 2009 a large group of Dunedin swimmers competed at the Trojan Time Band Gala held at Whitburn swimming pool. The young swimmers walked away with 1 gold, 4 Bronze, 3 Too Fast's and 15 Top 10 finishes. The day also saw 37 Personal Best being broken.

The day started off with the Butterfly events. The Butterfly event started off with superb swims from the D band boys with Alex Forsyth swimming an eleven second PB resulting in him swimming too fast. This was followed up with Lewis Longden swimming a five second PB to take 7th place in the same event. Moving onto the girls and the PB's just continued to fall with Hannah Gallacher taking off 10 seconds and Kaliah Barker marginally improving on her time by 0.2. This saw the girl's place 31st and 22nd respectively in Band D. In the B Band Emily Barker made it 100% PB's on the Fly by taking a half second off her time to take the bronze medal.

Next up the morning were the BC events. The D Band Boys event saw more personal best times being achieved, with Joesef Tait (10 Seconds), Harry Tait (2 Seconds) and Kier James (3seconds) all lowering their times these improvements saw the boys place in 15th, 22nd and 10th respectively. In the Girls band D event Kirsty Forsyth (5seconds), Georgina McGonagle (6seconds) also smashed their PB's to finish in 19th and 16th Position. Victoria Robertson also competed in the D Band and swam a 2 second PB which saw her pick up the bronze medal in the event. The event also saw Caitlin McRobbie swim a good swim to finish in 33rd. The C Band Boys event saw Alex and Lewis head back into the pool to lower their PB's again with Lewis taking off 3 seconds to claim bronze and Alex improving by ½ second to finish in 18th. The C Band Girls event saw yet more swimmers getting in on the PB action with Megan Gallacher taking off 2 seconds to come in 7th, Cara Pullar taking off a ½ second to finish in 13th. The event also saw good swims from Kaliah (41st) and Hannah (28th). The final swimmers up were in the B Band group with Kenneth Drummond taking to the pool to swim a second PB to claim Bronze medal followed by Emily Barker with another ½ second PB to finish in 9th.

The afternoon session kicked off with the Breaststroke events. First in the pool in the D Band boys was Lewis swimming a 2 second PB to finish in 22nd, Alex followed swimming a 1 second PB to finish in 14th, Joesef continued the trend setting a 4 second PB to finish in 17th, Brother Harry followed on with a 3 second PB to take a 5th position. The D band girls quickly proceeded with Caitlin swimming just outside her PB finishing in 58th, while Sister Charlotte McRobbie recorded a 3second PB to claim 4th position. Also in Band D Kaliah swam just outside her time to finish in 48th while Georgina claimed a new PB by 2seconds to finish 13th, Victoria then took a second off her time to finish 43rd, Emily Hill entered the pool for the first time to claim a small bet's time and finish in 20th, while Megan again saw her time drop by 1 second this time to finish in 10th. The C Band category saw only one swimmer compete in Emily Barker who lowered her time by 2seconds to finish in 12th position. The remaining swimmers competed in the B band category with Kenneth representing the boys finishing

in 10th place while Cara and Hannah both narrowly missed out on their PB's finishing in 13th and 16th respectively.

The final individual events of a long, hot day saw the Freestyle races commence. IN the D band category Kier saw his PB lowered by 10 second which saw him swim too fast. The PB's continued with Brothers Harry take of a ½ second to finish in 6th, while Joe reduced his time by 6 seconds to win the Gold medal. In the girls event Georgina set a new time with an improvement of 7 seconds resulting in her swimming too fast. Charlotte and Caitlin both claimed new PB's by 2 seconds to finish in 23rd and 22nd respectively In the C Band Megan lowered her time by 0.2 to finish 20th, Hannah 0.3 to finish 12th and Victoria swam just outside her time to finish in 26th. The remaining individual swims came in the B Band event where Alex and Lewis slightly lowered their times to finish in 10th and 22nd, while Kenneth just missed out on his time finishing in 15th. In the girls event sister Emily and Kaliah battled it out with Emily just missing her time to finish in 18th while Kaliah finished in 39th.

The final event of the day saw two relay teams step up for the 8 x 50 freestyle relay. With both teams inexperienced and short on a band swimmers they both put up a brave showing with the A team finishing 8th and the B team in 10th. The A team consisted of Cameron Longden, Georgina, Harry, Hannah, Alex, Kaliah, Kenneth and Emily B and the B team swimmers were Ben Ferguson, Emily H, Joe, Caitlin, Kier, Victoria, Lewis and Cara.

Well done to all the swimmers for a great day and also well done to the parents for withstanding the unbearable heat for the day.