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Good-Bye Leanne

G'day Gators,

This will be my final farewell to all of you. As you all know, I will be getting married at the end of September and then moving to Australia 2 days after the wedding. I wanted to express how much I have enjoyed working with all of you!! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful swimmers, parents, and coaches. I know that this move halfway around the world is certainly not going to be easy, but I feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for me to see what the rest of the world has to offer. Those of you who have seen me grow with this team as a swimmer and now as a coach know that this has not been the easiest of roads, but I feel that I am stronger for having walked a crooked path! I wouldn't trade any of my experiences with this team because they are the things that I will look back on with a smile. I couldn't have asked for a better group of parents to work with and I truly appreciate what you all have done for this team. To all of the swimmers, continue to work hard and strive for your goals! I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes: "Shoot for the moon, but should you happen to miss, you will still land among the stars!" To my fellow coaches, thanks for making my last year with the Gators such a great season! You all are very talented and I have enjoyed working with you and learning from you!

Below you will find what my new address will be, along with my email address. I would love to you hear from all of you! I will drop a line to everyone to keep you all updated on the things going on in my new life as an Aussie.

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Girls Medley Relay Sets League Record *Records, Medals, All-Star Qualifiers Make Great Day*

Southglenn set a new MHSL record in the Girls 15-18 200 (Yard) Medley Relay at the 2005 Championships Meet on Saturday. The Medley Relay Team composed of **Lauren Blakney**, **Sarah Gardner**, **Chesney Randolph**, and **Emily Thompson** set the record with a time of 1:59.13. Breaking the 2 minute barrier for the first time, the team eclipsed the old record of 2:01.77 set by Piney Creek in 1999 by 2.64 seconds. It was a close race with the Piney Creek team coming in just 0.27 seconds behind the Gators. Congratulations girls!

Having what can only be described as an outstanding day, **Lauren Blakney** collected 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal in her five events. Lauren placed 1st in the 50 Free and 100 Free as well as anchoring the 1st place 200 Free Style Relay Team. The only "blemish" on her perfect record was a second place finish in the 100 Back to teammate Chesney Randolph.

Chesney Randolph collected some hardware as well, taking the gold medal in the 100 Back

(as well as the Medley and Free Style Relays) and silver in the 100 Breast and 200 IM. **Will Sanders** did some damage as he won the gold in the 100 Breast, a bronze in the 50 Free and placed 5th in the 100 Free. **Tim Murray** made his presence felt by bringing home the silver medal in the 200 free and placing 4th in the 100 Breast and 5th in the 200 IM. **Evan Hoodmaker** getting his young career off to a good start taking home the bronze in the Boys 6 & Under 25 Breast. **Emily Thompson** had a busy meet pulling the bronze medal in the 100 Fly. **Ryan Calkins** made the most of his day by winning the Bronze medal in the 50 Breast.

Congratulations to these 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. There were lots of great swims by many other Gators, including 30 swimmers who qualified for All-Stars. Check out all the results on the website.

Coaches' Corner

Howdy Gators!

Many thanks to all parents, friends and families who helped out at each of our meets this season. We couldn't have done it without you. A huge thanks to the board members, as you have helped provide support, guidance and encouragement to our coaching staff! And most of all, thanks and congratulations to each and every swimmer who participated on the Gators swim team this summer. We are so proud of each of you! You all bring something special to our team, and the Gators wouldn't have been the same without all of you!

Good luck to our All-Stars swimmers this weekend! We have many talented swimmers who are participating in the meet - swim your hearts out!

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of your summer, and we hope to see you all in the pool with us again next summer!

Your Coaches,

Andy, Leanne, Trish and Lauren

Good-Bye Continued

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I will be back next summer to visit for Trish's wedding and to see how you all are doing. Good luck in all that you do! You all have a special place in my heart and know that I am going to miss all of you dearly!! Thanks for all of the wonderful years and memories! What a long and crazy ride it has been!

See ya later Alligators!!

Love always,

Leanne

Parents Party

July 30th. Don't forget the parents party this Saturday at the clubhouse. Please bring an appetizers to share on this last event of the season.

A special tribute to all the families who give their time as volunteers!

Arnold	Higgins	Pelissier
Ball	Hofer	Petersen
Barringer	Holmes	Petersen
Blakney	Hoodmaker	Polonsky
Boomer	Howe	Rayl
Bowman	Ibarra	Reeder
Brotherton	Johnson	Rein
Buechler	Johnson	Roney
Cadorete	Kientz	Rosengarten
Calkins	Komatz	Sanders
Cassell	Lane	Scappaticci
Denham	Lindeman	Schrock
DeYoung	Lund	Schuler
Dinginger	Lundwall	Shomaker
Dunn	Lyon	Simms
Farner	Malnati	Specht
Frieson	Martinez	Thomas
Gardner	McCourt	Thompson
Gerig	Mednick	Thomsen
Gieser	Moehlenpah	Tidwell
Gouin	Montgomery	Vickery
Green	Morgan	Walters
Grogan	Muetterties	White
Herbert	Mullervy	Wolff
Hernandez	Murray	
Herndon	O'Melia	

Thank you! It just doesn't happen without you!