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## **NEW TEAM RECORDS SET IN 2025!**

The Parkland Pirates have kicked off 2025 with a tidal wave of new records! Our swimmers turned heads and shattered expectations at Winter Championships and other recent meets — let's dive into the highlights:

### **RELAY DOMINATION**

#### **Girls 4x100 LC Free Relay**

The legendary record from July 2013 (4:33.64) was *obliterated* by our fierce foursome — Astra Kapicki, Maiya Scantlebury, Sierra Melnyk, and Ruby van Keulen — who clocked in at **4:24.33**, racing their way to a Top-10 finish at Winter Champs.

#### **Girls 4x200 LC Free Relay**

Same crew, same fire. They crushed the 2013 record of 10:37.80 with a powerful **9:43.85**, earning another Top-10 placement!

### **INDIVIDUAL RECORD BREAKERS**

**Astra Kapicki** (Age 14) rewrote the record books in a big way:

- **200 Free LC:** 2:19.98 (prev. 2:20.00, Peyton Tucker, 2023)
- **400 Free LC:** 4:45.73 (prev. 4:50.17, Dakota Howard, 2022)
- **800 Free LC:** 9:49.93 (prev. 9:52.82, Jewel Shewchuck, 2017)
- **100 Fly LC:** 1:11.05 (prev. 1:11.89, Dakota Howard, 2022)
- **200 Fly LC:** 2:39.51 (prev. 2:44.00, Sydney Tucker, 2023)

**Sarah Harbin** (Age 15) powered through the **100 LC Breaststroke** record with a **1:16.96**, toppling Dakota Howard's 1:19.89 from 2022.

**Daniel Shevchuk** (Age 17) dominated the **100 LC Breaststroke** with a huge drop to **1:17.48**, breaking Ryan Boll's long-standing 2018 mark of 1:21.90.

### **RISING STARS**

**Jasper Nelson** (Age 11) is making waves!

- **400 SC Free:** 5:31.68 (prev. 5:43.00, Lucas Wonnacott, 2023)
- **50 Fly:** 34.74 (prev. 36.67, Bruce Wurban, 2022)

**Maiya Scantlebury** (Age 13) claimed **three new SC records:**

- **200 IM:** 2:35.13 (prev. 2:36.04, Shelby Krassilowsky, 2017)
- **400 IM:** 5:32.48 (prev. 5:38.40, Peyton Tucker, 2022)
- **200 Free:** 2:17.36 (prev. 2:20.24, Astra Kapicki, 2024)

**Zoe van Keulen** (Age 17) is *on fire* with **five new SC records:**

- **50 Free:** 31.57 (prev. Addison Gill)
- **100 Free:** 1:08.17 (again, snatched from Addison just a week after Candy Crush)
- **800 Free:** 10:52.62 (prev. 11:51.62, Anna Stuart, 2011)
- **200 Breast:** 3:09.88 (prev. 3:20.47, Anna Stuart)
- **100 Fly:** 1:11.66 (prev. 1:26.06, Anna Stuart)

## Winter Provincial Championships Recap

### Relays on Fire!

The same record-breaking relay team placed Top-10 in both the 4x100 and 4x200 LC Free at this highly competitive meet!

### On the Podium:

- Sarah Harbin –  100 Breaststroke
- Astra Kapicki –  200 Butterfly & 800 Free
- Bruce Wurban –  50 Back & 50 Free

### Finalists:

- Harbin – 50, 100, 200 Breast, 200 & 400 IM
- Kapicki – 200 Breast, 100/200 Fly, 400/800 Free, 200/400 IM



## Winter Alberta Provincial Trials Recap

- Maiya Scantlebury –  800 Free, 200 & 400 IMs |  200 Breast |  200 Free | Finalist: 100 Free & 100 Breast
- Zoe van Keulen –  100 Fly | Top-10: 800 Free & 200 Breast

## Swim Alberta Winter Festivals Recap

### On the Podium:

- Jasper Nelson –  50 Back |  200 Back
- Lucy van Keulen –  50 Free
- Nate Wonnacott –  100 Fly |  50 & 100 Breast |  100 Back

### Finalists:

- Sofia Inaba, Andrew Shevchuk, Isla Walkom
- Jack Mouser – 100% Best Times!



## 🎉 The Parkland Pirates Turned Edson into a Sugar Rush 🎉

... of medals and momentum at the Candy Crush Invitational! With a tidal wave of podium finishes, this crew came ready to *race and dominate*. Check out the highlight reel:

### 🏆 ON THE PODIUM 🏆

#### 🥇 GOLD RUSH:

- **Zia Aligato** – 7 Golds! 25 Breast & Fly, 50 Free, Fly, Breast, Back, 100 IM
- **Francesca Brown** – Gold: 200 Back; Silver: 200 Breast, 50, 100 & 200 Free
- **Meabh Conroy** – Gold: 25 Free; Silver: 100 IM, 50 Back, 100 Fly; *Broke 50 Free*
- **Ryven DeVera** – Gold: 25 Free; Silver: 25 Fly, 200 Back
- **Jade Elias** – 6 Golds: 100 Fly, 100 & 200 Free, 25, 50 & 100 Back; Silver: 50 Breast
- **Elodie Etherington** – Gold: 25 Back; Bronze: 25 Fly & Free
- **Skylar Fetcher** – Gold: 100 & 200 Back, 50 & 100 Free; Silver: 100 & 200 Breast
- **Avery Gagnon** – Gold: 25 Free & Back
- **Addison Gill** – Gold: 400 Free; Silver: 50 Back; Bronze: 100 Back, 50 & 100 Free
- **Sofia Inaba** – 5 Golds: 200 Back, 200 IM, 50, 100 & 400 Free; Silver: 50 Fly; Bronze: 50 Breast
- **Kendal James** – Gold: 25 Free; Silver: 25 Back & Fly
- **Noah Johnston** – Gold: 25 Fly; Silver: 25 Breast & Free; Bronze: 100 IM & Free
- **Kaileigh Lande** – Gold: 25 Fly; Silver: 25 Free; Bronze: 100 IM
- **Miller Machado** – Gold: 25 Back; Silver: 25 Back (yes, double podium!)
- **Jack Mouser** – Gold: 100 Fly & 200 IM; Silver: 50 Back
- **Sadie Mouser** – Gold: 100 & 200 Breast; Silver: 100 Back, 50 & 100 Free

- **Kaili Pincock** – Gold: 25 Back; Silver: 50 Back, 25 Breast, 100 IM; Bronze: 25 Free & Fly
- **Isla Walkom** – Gold: 50 Back, 200 Free, 50 Fly, 100 Back; Bronze: 50 Free
- **Thevindu Weeramange** – Gold: 100 Back & Breast; Silver: 200 Back; Bronze: 50 & 100 Free
- **Lucas Wonnacott** – Gold: 50 Fly, 200 Back, 400 Free; Silver: 100 Fly, 200 IM
- **Nate Wonnacott** – Gold: 25 Free, 200 Free, 100 Breast, 200 IM, 50 Breast, 100 IM; Bronze: 50 Fly
- **Saje Wood** – Gold: 200 Free; Silver: 400 Free
- **Evan Kawasaki** – Gold: 200 Back, 200 Free, 50 Fly; Silver: 50 Free; Bronze: 100 Back

#### 🥈 SILVER STREAK:

- **Reeve DeVera** – Silver: 200 Back
- **Ava Chersak** – Bronze: 100 Free
- **Claire Read** – Silver: 50 Breast; Bronze: 50 Fly, 200 Breast, 100 & 200 Back
- **Troy Robertson** – Silver: 25 Back & Breast
- **Ryker Shumilak** – Silver: 50 Back
- **Olivia Thomas** – Silver: 50 Free, 50 Fly, 100 Back

#### 🥉 BRONZE BRIGADE:

- **Avery Goerzen** – Bronze: 25 Back
- **Shou Inaba** – Bronze: 200 Free, 200 Breast
- **Gavin Kjelland** – Bronze: 25 Free
- **Jackson Ross** – Bronze: 50 Fly

From small kids to big kids, every Pirate who stepped up to the blocks gave it their all. Huge props to our team for making a big statement and hauling home a boatload of hardware! 🏆



## Pirates Make Waves at Winterfest 🏊

### *First Long Course Meet of the Season – GP Recap*

The Pirates launched their long course season with an outstanding showing at Winterfest in Grande Prairie! With impressive swims, tons of personal bests, and a flood of top finishes, the team set the bar high for the months ahead. From first-time long course swimmers to seasoned competitors grabbing gold, this was a meet full of energy, excitement, and success. Here's a look at our swimmers' standout performances:

#### 🌟 Individual Highlights

- **Zia Aligato** – 1st place in the 200 Free
- **Meabh Conroy** – Achieved 100% personal best times
- **Jade Elias** – 2nd place in the 50 Back
- **Sarah Harbin** – 1st place in the 100 Free
- **Shou Inaba** – 100% best times
- **Sofia Inaba** – 1st place in 50 Free, 50 Fly, and 50 Back
- **Noah Johnston** – All first-time long course swims
- **Astra Kapicki** – 2nd place in both the 200 IM and 800 Free
- **Jazmin Kennedy** – Finished Top-10 in 4 events



We now have Touch Pads!!  
Delivered from Europe just this week.

- **Gavin Kjelland** – Top-10 finishes in 4 races
- **Rose Koenders** – All first-time long course swims
- **Kaileigh Lande** – 100% best times
- **Miller Machado** – All first-time long course swims
- **Sierra Melnyk** – Top-10 finishes in 7 events
- **Jack Mouser** – 100% best times
- **Sadie Mouser** – Top-10 in 6 events
- **Sine Norn** – Top-10 in 4 events
- **Troy Robertson** – All first-time long course swims
- **Shyanne Rollins** – All first-time long course swims
- **Maiya Scantlebury** – 1st place in 5 events
- **Olivia Thomas** – Top-10 finishes in 4 events
- **Peyton Tucker** – Top-10 in 2 events
- **Sydney Tucker** – Top-10 in 8 events
- **Bruce Wurban** – Top-10 in 8 events
- **Roy Wurban** – Improved in all of his events
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- 🎉 **Congratulations, Pirates!**
- From best times to bold debuts, this meet was a fantastic kickoff to the long course season. Keep up the hard work and positive spirit—there's much more to come!

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