



Wednesday 29 January, 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents,

Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Pambula Aquatic Centre on **Wednesday February 5, 2020** for **competitive/confident swimmers only** in Years 3-6 (competitive/confident swimmers are students who can swim 50m. There will be no novelty events held on the day. Students not attending the carnival (Years 3-6), will take part in a tabloid sport day at school (weather permitting).

All students attending the carnival - are to line up in the lower COLA area on the day. We will be departing school at approximately 9:00am.

Students in Years 3-6 not attending the carnival – will attend school as usual for the tabloid sport day and are to meet in the Jackson Hall when the morning bell rings for a roll call.

Students whose parents intend to drive them to the pool will need to arrive for marshalling at 9.30am if they wish to compete in the 100m Freestyle event. These students will also need to be signed in at the recording table on arrival at the Aquatic Centre.

In preparation for a successful carnival, here are a few points to remember:

- *Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend our carnival. Anyone willing to assist on the day with different jobs, please let the office know prior to the day.*
- *The cost of the bus will be \$4.00 per child. Pool entry is \$3.00 per student, adults are free and Sapphire Aquatic Centre pool passes are accepted.*
- *If you would like your child to warm up on the morning of the carnival, you must supervise them in the water yourself. There will be no extra pool or school staff available to supervise swimmers prior to the first race.*
- *Although this carnival is for students in Years 3-6, if your child turns 8 and is in Year 2 and is a competitive swimmer, please contact the school prior to the carnival if you want your child to participate.*
- **Just a reminder that parents/carers can only take photos or videos of their own child.**
- *The cafe will be available to all attending the carnival or students can bring their own lunch and snacks. All students should bring a refillable water bottle. Students are not allowed to purchase soft drinks at the café, or food that does not meet the Heathy Canteen Guidelines.*
- *Students will be given further information about the events of the day in their house meetings prior to the carnival and will be provided with an opportunity to view the Diving DVD in accordance with the Swimming Risk Assessment.*
- *Please support the 'Sun Smart' policy by providing your child with a broad brimmed hat, sunscreen and long-sleeved shirt if possible.*

House Points and Championship Awards.

- *Every swimmer will get a point for their house for each event competed in.*
- *Individual points are given out for placing in finals events. This is to be consistent with the Athletics Point Scoring System.*
1st = 7 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 1 point
- *Winning house and age champions will be announced at a subsequent school assembly, held in The Jackson Hall on Friday February 22nd 12:30 – 1:15pm, not on the day of the carnival.*

Please complete the following consent note and return with payment by **Monday February 3, 2020**. *Do not forget to pack a towel and have all your personal items labelled! Any student who requires asthma or anaphylaxis medication (EpiPen), must carry this with them.*

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Regards,

Ms Manda Hensman
Swimming Carnival Coordinator



Payment slip for Swimming Carnival (please return to MPS Office by Monday February 3 2020)

The 2020 Swimming Carnival will involve structured aquatic activities including **swimming races in the 25 metre pool for competitive swimmers only**. These activities will take place at Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Wednesday February 5, 2020. Please **tick one** of the following to assist with organisation of the day:

My child is **confident to swim 50m** and will participate in races in the 25 metre pool (including 50 metre races).

I have included the cost of (payment to the front office):

- Bus fare \$4.00**
- Pool entry \$3.00** OR **My child has a SAC pool pass (this does not include lessons)**

Transport

- My child will be catching the bus from MPS at 9.00am.
- My child will make their own way to the pool.
- My child will be returning to school via the carnival bus.

Parent/Carer consent ~ Please sign the following.

I hereby **give permission** for my child _____ of class _____ to **attend and participate** in the planned swimming carnival to be held at Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, February 5 2020.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Contact PH: _____

My child has the following medical conditions:
