



Wednesday, October 20, 2021

## 2022 MPS Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents,

Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Pambula Aquatic Centre on **Wednesday, February 2, 2022**. This is the second day of Term 1 for students, so we are collecting notes and money this year. The carnival will be 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). We will look into having a novelty carnival in Term 1, at the beginning of 2022.

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 when the morning bell rings for a roll call. Year 3 and 4 are to meet in the lower COLA and Year 5 and 6 are to meet in the hall.

- 1) Students are to travel to the pool by bus. Students should not be dropped off by parents on the day. The pool will be closed to the general public, and spectators, on the day. We will advise via Facebook and School Stream closer to the date if this changes.
- 2) If COVID guidelines permit, we may be able to accommodate some volunteers/helpers on the day. Please indicate via the permission slip if you are able to assist, should guidelines allow. There are currently vaccination requirements for those who volunteer in schools.
- 3) Students who arrive late will need to be signed in at the front desk. Parents dropping off late arrivals will need to call the school to sign the child in. A teacher will meet late arrivals at the front door.

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

- *Whilst parents, relatives and friends are unable to be spectators, they are most welcome to attend our carnival as volunteers (if guidelines allow). Anyone willing to assist on the day, please indicate such on the permission slip.*
- *The cost of the bus will be \$6.00 per child. Pool entry is \$3.20 per student, volunteers are free and Sapphire Aquatic Centre pool passes are accepted.*
- *Our staff will be supervising warm ups on the morning of the carnival, early arrival is not permitted. 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.*
- *Parent/carer volunteers are unable to take photos or videos on the day. MPS staff will take plenty!*

- *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 Healthy 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.*  
*1<sup>st</sup> = 7 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 1 point*
- *Winning house and age champions will be announced at a subsequent school assembly (or virtually if not permitted) held in The Jackson Hall on Monday, February 21, 2021 (12:30 – 1:15pm) not on the day of the carnival.*

Please complete the following consent note and return it with payment by **Friday, December 3, 2021**. *Do not forget your child will need to pack a towel and have all their personal items labelled! Any student who requires Asthma or Anaphylaxis medication (EpiPen), must have up to date Action Plans.*

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 6495 1266.

Regards,

Ms Michelle Hulme  
Principal



# Merimbula Public School



## Payment slip for Swimming Carnival (please return to MPS Office by Friday, December 3, 2021)

The 2022 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 the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 (the second day of Term 1). Please complete 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 paid:

- Bus fare \$5.00
- Pool entry \$3.20

**OR**

- My child has a SAC pool pass (this does not include lessons). Bus fare of \$5.00 is payable.

Via:

- Cash payment in envelope to office with permission note.
- Online payment via our website [merimbula-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:merimbula-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer:

I am able / unable to assist at the carnival (should COVID guidelines permit)

Available times (Please select):

- 9:30am - 12.00pm
- 12.00pm - 2.00pm

### Parent/Carer consent:

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 2, 2022. I understand that transport is via bus, to and from the Aquatic Centre. My child is a strong/competitive swimmer.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ PH: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has the following medical conditions:

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