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YEARS 2 - 6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is with regret that I need to inform you that this year's swimming carnival can not proceed as it has done in the past.

Previously, we have been able to take all students from Years 2-6 to Emerton Leisure Centre. As well as providing opportunities for competitive swimmers to participate in races and possibly proceed through to the next level of competition, we were able to assess all students and enable even non-swimmers to participate in novelty events.

This year, due to the constraints placed upon us by COVID-19 and the need to safeguard students using a range of strategies, including cohorting and physical distancing, we are unable to run our swimming carnival in its usual format.

After considering all possible options, the leadership team has decided to hold a 'competitors only' event. This event will be held on Tuesday February 15 from approximately 9.30am-1.30pm. **Students MUST be able to dive or jump in at the deep end of the pool and swim 50m using the correct technique for each event they enter - freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.** *All competitors will be assessed on their ability to swim confidently and competently prior to the commencement of the carnival.*

Students are grouped according to the age they turn between 1 January and 31-December, 2022. Students will compete in timed heats. Finals will not be held and places will be determined by times. Students who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an event for their age group will receive a ribbon at a school assembly. Only students aged from 8-13 years can be selected to represent the school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival (15 March, 2022). Qualifying students will receive a note, closer to the Zone Carnival, which will include relevant information.

We will need to know numbers as soon as possible so that we can plan for transport and ensure we have the right number of staff. Parents are able to attend and may, if they wish to do so, **transport their own children to and from the pool**. Parents will be provided with a seating area separate from the students - they will not be able to sit with their children and must not enter the area designated for students. Students must bring everything they need for the day, including lunch, as parents will not be able to pass on any items once at the pool. Students will not be permitted to use the canteen facilities.

Please note that students WILL NOT be 'signed out' of the carnival UNLESS sick or injured. Students who travel to the pool on the bus are expected to return to school on the bus. However, if you transported your own child, you must transport them back to school - they cannot travel back on the bus.

Visitors must sign-in to the pool using the QR code provided, masks must be worn (unless exempt) in indoor areas and physical distancing must be maintained. Anyone (competitor or spectator) who is unwell, tests positive on the morning of the event or needs to isolate, as per the Department of Health guidelines, must not attend this event.

To help us prepare, we require all parents who wish their child to participate in the swimming carnival to complete the following Entry Form to select the events they wish to enter. Once this has been received, your child will be provided with a permission note. Click the following link or scan the QR code to access the entry form: <https://forms.gle/hNKQpvzBmFtoDi5o8>



Yours sincerely,

Miss Kathy Rox
Relieving Principal
February 3, 2022

Mr D Ellacott
Swimming Carnival Coordinator