

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018 – NOTE DUE WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Dear Parents/Carers

The 2018 Swimming Carnival and Fun Day has been organised with both competitive and non-competitive swimmers in mind, with a strong focus on participation and fun. We will utilise the 50m pool, toddlers' pool and the surrounding grass areas at Big Splash, Jamison.

All students in years 1-6 will participate in a range of structured novelty events throughout the day. Those students aged 8 years or older will also be offered competitive 50m races in between the novelty events. Kindergarten will be holding their very own water fun day at school on the same day and a separate note detailing this special event. The sports administration students from Hawker College will be assisting us with the planning and running of the day. Details of the excursion are below:

- When:** Monday 5 March 2018  
**Where:** Big Splash, Jamison  
**Time:** 9:15am – 2:30pm (Yr 3-6) and 10:00am – 1:30pm (Yr 1-2 & LSG)  
**Transport:** Bus  
**Cost:** **\$10.00** to cover bus transport and pool entry  
**\$3.00 parent entry, to be paid at the pool upon entry (not to the school)**  
**Clothing:** Children must be SunSmart to participate on the day and they are encouraged to wear a shirt in their house colour. They will need swimmers, swimming top, broadbrim or bucket hat, sunscreen, towel, a dry change of clothes, walking shoes and a plastic bag for wet items.  
**Food:** All students will require a packed lunch. Please pack lunch/recess and a water bottle for the day. The pool's canteen will **NOT** be available for students to purchase items.  
**Notes due:** Wednesday 28 February 2018

One purpose of the day is for us to select a school swimming team to represent Macgregor at the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival later this term. Last year we again had outstanding participation in the 50m competitive races and as such, we are conducting the competitive part of the carnival the same way in the hope of continued strong participation.

This means no pre-entries will be taken before the carnival. Events will be called by age and gender on the day and students who wish to compete will be marshalled and entered in the event at the pool. Naturally, they must be able to swim at least 50m in the event stroke. If your child turns 8 years old this year (age is determined by year of birth), please discuss with your child the competitive events offered on the table below and which ones they would like to enter.

Please note: The school team will be selected on times and stroke technique – finishing in the top 4 does not automatically guarantee your child a place in the school team.

**Competitive events offered to students 8 years and over:**

<b>8 years (2009)</b>	<b>9 years (2008)</b>	<b>10 years (2007)</b>	<b>11 years (2006)</b>	<b>12 years (2005)</b>
50m Freestyle	50 m Freestyle 50m Backstroke 50m Breaststroke	50 m Freestyle 50m Backstroke 50m Breaststroke 50m Butterfly	50 m Freestyle 50m Backstroke 50m Breaststroke 50m Butterfly	50 m Freestyle 50m Backstroke 50m Breaststroke 50m Butterfly

**Please complete permission section on next page to enable your child to participate in these events.**

As always parents, carers and other family members are invited and encouraged to come along on the day and cheer on the children. Please note that spectators will be charged an entry fee of \$3.00 by Big Splash.

A Medical Information and Consent Form is attached for all children. It is a requirement of the Education Directorate that we have a completed copy of this form on file for each child and that a new one be completed at the beginning of each year. Students who do not have a completed form on file will not be able to attend excursions.

**The permission note and Medical Information and Consent Form must be returned to the school no later than Wednesday 28 February 2018. Please be aware that notes will not be accepted after the due date. Children without permission notes and medical note will not be able to attend the Swimming Carnival.**

- Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.*
- Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, willful or disobedient behaviour.*

The school has made every effort to keep the cost for this activity to a reasonable level. The school has a student support fund to provide financial assistance for students where parents are unable to pay the required excursion costs. Please email the school Business Manager Tanya Price [tanya.price@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:tanya.price@ed.act.edu.au) or phone 61421600 to discuss.

If you have any queries regarding this excursion please feel free to contact us at school on 61421600.

Regards

Bethany Taylor  
PE Teacher

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I have read the attached information regarding this excursion and understand what it contains.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Swimming Carnival on Monday 5 March 2018.

- *I authorise the teacher in charge to make arrangements for the welfare of the student (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency. I agree to meet the costs associated with any emergency arrangement made by the teacher in charge - free ambulance transportation only applies in the ACT.*
- *I agree that the student will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion, and that the teacher in charge is authorised to return the student home at the expense of the parent/guardian if the teacher in charge considers that circumstances warrant such action.*

Full name of Parent/Guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact no. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Permission for swimming and aquatic activities

NOTE: The information that you provide will assist to provide a safe environment for your child's participation in swimming/aquatic activities.

- \* Is your child confident in the water? Yes / No (please circle)
- \* What is your child's swimming strength? Strong / Average / Poor / Non-swimmer
- \* How far can your child swim in calm conditions? 0m / 10m / 25m / 50m or more
- \* Can your child float / tread water for at least one minute? Yes / No
- \* **Will your child be entering the 50m competitive races?** Yes / No
- \* Please list any special requirements necessary for your child to safely participate in swimming/aquatic activities...

I agree to my child taking part in the swimming/aquatic activities associated with this program/excursion.

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments for the Swimming Carnival can be made via the following ways:

- Quickweb (preferred method) – go to [www.macgregorps.act.edu.au](http://www.macgregorps.act.edu.au) – via secure payment tab
- I have enclosed cash/cheque of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Deposited the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ via Internet banking into **BSB: 032777 A/C: 001578**

Please email [info@macgregorps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@macgregorps.act.edu.au) with payment details (Child's name/FEE CODE SWIMCARN)

- Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from:  Mastercard  Visa

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_