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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Annual School Swimming Carnival for Years 2-6 will be held on Thursday 7th November 2024 at Engadine Swimming Pool. **Any students in Year 1 who are born in 2017 and are advanced swimmers also have the opportunity to compete at this event.** The carnival is a fun, school event but also acts as a trial for the Conference 3 Swimming event which will be held on Monday 10th February 2025.

Students will be required to be at school by **8:15am**. Buses will commence departure at 8:30am. All students will travel to the pool via bus with their grade unless students are entering the 100m or IM timed events. The earlier arrival time for 100m and IM students will be communicated to families once forms are analysed. Students travelling back to school by bus will return by 2:45pm. If you plan to pick up your child directly from the pool under your supervision please state this in the questions below. This will provide an indication of how many buses the school will need to book to return students to school.

Engadine Leisure Centre **doesn't allow schools to occupy the novelty pool**, therefore our program will cater for all swimming abilities in the **Olympic pool** only. Students who choose not to swim will enjoy the poolside music and dance challenges hosted by the fabulous Miss Norris.

We will be conducting **timed events** and **grade events**. Ribbons will be distributed for every event except the kickboard race.

Timed events are for swimmers with a **high level of skill** who want to be considered to represent the school at the Conference 3 Trial. Only qualifying students based on these events will be selected to represent the school at the Conference 3 Swimming Trial next year. **All heats are timed and run as finals**, therefore if you would like to be considered for the junior or senior relay team at Conference 3, you must nominate your child for the 50m Freestyle timed event in their age group. Our fastest 4 swimmers will form the team.

Grade events are for students who **do not** wish to be considered for selection but would like to compete against swimmers in their grade. Grade events will NOT be timed. Grade events will be offered in 50m, 25m and a short distance kickboard race. The kick board race is for beginner swimmers and will start from the shallow end. We will have volunteer year 6 students to assist any students not confident.

Year 6 students will **ONLY** compete in grade events as they will not be here for the Conference 3 event. Year 6 students may bring an inflatable for the traditional Year 6 inflatable race. The inflatable may only be pumped at the pool or brought by a parent/carer as there will be no room on the bus for inflated devices.

Keep in mind, students can **STRICTLY only compete in one event for each stroke**. For example, they can swim either in the 50m Freestyle (timed), 50m Freestyle (grade), 25m Freestyle (grade) or short kick board race.

Students **can** compete in a timed event and then a grade event for a **different stroke but not the same stroke**. For example: 50m Freestyle (timed) and 50m Backstroke (grade). All students will have 4 opportunities to enter the water with the exception of advanced swimmers entering more races with the Individual Medley and/or 100m Freestyle as explained on the nomination form.

Please complete this **NOMINATION FORM** by **Fri 18th Oct 2024** if you would like to nominate your child for a timed event. No form is needed to be completed for grade events, grades are simply called over the microphone to participate on the day.

Requirements for all swimmers-

- wear swimming costume and rash shirt if desired
- coloured clothes to represent house colour
- bring recess, lunch and plenty of water
- wear school hat or hat in your team colour
- wear and bring lots of sunscreen
- bring towel and goggles, cap if needed
- no coloured zinc or streamers allowed (pool rule)
- thongs or slides to wear at the pool

There is a canteen available for adults only to purchase food or drinks. The canteen is CASHLESS. **No children will be allowed access to the canteen.**

If you are able to assist in the running of our carnival, please mention this in the question below. You require a WWCC number and must have it verified by Sydney Catholic Schools. You also need to ensure you have completed the google form linked in the 'Child Protection Annual Review' post on compass.

Thank you for your continued support of sport and physical education at St. Patrick's throughout 2024.

Mrs Amanda Col
Sports Coordinator