

29 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2023

On **Tuesday 31 January 2023 (Week 1)**, we will be holding our Annual Swimming Carnival.

This year we will have two major changes:

- A new venue: Maclean Olympic Pool - Corner of Argyle and McLachlan Streets, Maclean
- **Year 3 – 12 only.** Unfortunately, due to the nature of the day and the size of the venue this year, we are unable to have our K- Year 2 students attend. We will be organising a whole school house gala early in Term 1 that will allow all students an opportunity to get together and compete for their sporting house. This upcoming day will be led by our new house captains.

The carnival will run from **8.50am–2:00pm**. To help students to get to the venue we have arranged for a coach to pick up from St. Andrew's that will drop students off at the Maclean Pool for the start of the day and bring them back to St. Andrew's in time for their afternoon bus or parent pickup at 2.55pm.

The carnival is a school community day and we would love to have our families and friends come to cheer on the students.

Here are a few things your child needs to bring on the day:

- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Goggles for chlorine protection
- Swimmers

Girls: one piece. If you don't have a one piece make sure you wear a rash shirt over your two piece for protection from the sun.

Boys: board shorts or jammers may be worn.

All students are encouraged to wear the colours of the house that will be competing in for the day. The pool staff have asked for no face/body paint, balloons, hair spray, string or crepe paper to be brought to the carnival.

Our new House Captains for 2023 and House colours:

Marsh – Red (Tasharna Mackie and Emily Pulis)
Stevens – Blue (Billy Wood and Olivia McKenzie)
Thorn – Green (Lochlan Barnier and Letisha Stevenson)

The first event will begin at 9.40am. Roll call will be from 8:50 at the pool. Students should find their roll call teacher/year advisor on arrival. Supervision begins at 8.30 a.m.

Lunch: The canteen will be open at the pool and a sausage sizzle will be run by the P&F so bring money for this or, alternatively, pack your own lunch in a cooler bag.

Parents/Guardians: You are welcome to come and be involved in the day. If you would like to be a part of the races on the day, please bring your swimmers. There will be a staff and parents vs students race at the end of the day. If it is possible to take your child directly to the pool and pick them up in the afternoon (2:00pm) at the pool, this would be most appreciated.

Cost: All payments for the swimming carnival are to be **made to the school**. If you have a season ticket, please fill in the correct section on the note attached and swipe your pass as you enter the pool. **(If you are taking your child to the pool don't pay the pool - pay the required money to Student Reception at St. Andrew's. The pool is invoicing the school.)**

If you are taking your child to the pool and picking them up at the pool at the conclusion of the day (2:00pm) the cost is **\$3.00 (hire/equipment costs)**. If they are staying to continue swimming after the carnival, the pool policy is that they leave with the school group and then pay to enter again as a public swimmer, under your supervision. Please write a note informing that this is what your child will be doing.

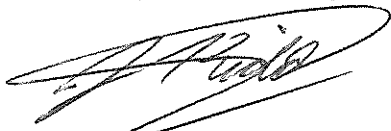
If your child requires transport to the pool from school and transportation back to the school at the conclusion of the day the cost is **\$15.00 (\$12.00 if using a season pass for pool entry/ bus fee only)**.

There is a **spectator fee of \$1.60 for parents and families** that is to be paid to the pool on the day.

Please fill out the attached permission note regarding transportation and return the Consent and Medical form and payment to Student Reception by no later than **Wednesday 7 December 2022**. Please be advised that the school office will be closed over the Christmas break and we need to confirm numbers prior to the school holidays commencing.

Please note that the combined **CSSA Zone Primary & Secondary Swimming Carnival will be held in Coffs Harbour on Friday 24 February 2023**.

Looking forward to a great day,



James Kidd
Sports Coordinator



St. Andrew's Christian School

Permission Note

School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 31 January

Please return by Wednesday 7 December 2022

I give permission for _____ to attend the school swimming carnival on **Tuesday 31 January** at the Maclean Olympic Pool.

I will be taking my child/children to the pool and I have enclosed \$3.00 for each child attending

Yes / No

Or

My child/children will require transport from school to the pool and return from the pool back to school in the afternoon. I have attached \$15.00 for each child attending

Yes / No

Or

My child has a season pass and **will/will not** be requiring transport to the pool.

My child will re-enter as a public swimmer.

Yes/No

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

Mobile: _____

Date: _____