

3 December 2018

Dear Parents

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival 2019

Our Primary Swimming Carnival will be held at Warringah Aquatic Centre (WAC), Frenchs Forest, on **Thursday 31 January, 2019**. The events will take place in the 25m shallow end of the pool.

The General Plan

There will be two lanes available for warm up between 9.00am and 9.30am, and the competitive part of the carnival will start soon after. Time permitting, there will be a non-competitive 25m event during the day where students can swim any stroke they like. Even if students are not comfortable swimming, it would be great to have them there to support their peers. It is expected we will finish by 1.00pm which will allow ample time to transport children back to Covenant to catch the usual school buses home. To make life easy for parents who may need to drop siblings at school or elsewhere, teachers will be present at the pool from 8.30am onwards, providing supervision outside, until we are permitted to enter the pool vicinity at 9.00am. NB: The teachers wearing yellow vests are the best ones to approach during the day if any student is feeling anxious, lonely or lost.

Do you need help with transport?

Any parent requiring transport for their child from school to the carnival, or back, will be able to secure a bus booking by using the TryBooking website (see details below). The bus will leave school just after 9.00am allowing parents the opportunity to drop siblings off at school. You can then either make your way directly to the carnival by car, or allow your child to hop on the bus. Children travelling via bus from school should meet at the flag pole when the school bell rings, and look for a staff member wearing a yellow vest. Students travelling on the bus should make it in time for the first event, but swimmers intent on competing in the first couple of events should not rely upon this. NB: **Transport bookings must be made online before Tuesday 29 January** to allow us ample time to arrange the appropriate number of buses. There is no charge for the bus.

What about safety concerns?

Should you have doubts about the **safety of your child for medical reasons, or have any special health concerns**, please inform Miss Kane via email prior to the carnival: dkane@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

Are you keen to volunteer?

Parent assistance is vital to the smooth running of all of our carnivals. Please consider volunteering to assist us on the day. Not only is your time appreciated but it counts toward Parent Involvement Program (PIP) hours. If you can help, please use the Trybooking link mentioned below. **Volunteer bookings need to be entered online by Monday 21 January** to allow us time to respond to you and organise the event.

Please use the following Trybooking link for transport or to volunteer to help:

<https://www.trybooking.com/335068>

Here are the details!

- Date:** Thursday 31 January – **THIRD DAY OF TERM 1**
- Venue:** Warringah Aquatic Centre (WAC), Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest
- Time:** 9.30am – 1.00pm. Access to the pool is from 9.00am, with 2 lanes available for warm up from 9.00am – 9.30am.
- Transport:** Parents may drop children at the venue from 8.30am, where they will be supervised outside until we enter the venue at 9.00am. For those travelling on the bus from school, buses will depart just after 9.00am, so as to endeavour to arrive in time for the first event.
- Parents should collect children from the venue no later than 1.30pm. Buses will depart WAC by 1.30pm, arriving back at school at approximately 2.00pm.
- Please Note:** Should you wish to make use of the bus transport to and from the venue, **it must be pre-booked. Bookings must be made online by Tuesday 29 January.** We can only cater for those who have made a booking, so please do not turn up without having booked.

To book transport tickets please use Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/335068>

- Cost:** Free for students and helpers. Spectators will be required to pay an entry fee at the gate.
- Dress:** Students should be dressed in sports uniform or house colours;
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| Aylward | - | Blue | Ten Boom | - | Green |
| Lewis | - | Red | White | - | Yellow |

We will inform new students of their house colours before the carnival, and will remind the current Year 3 students of their house as well. Swimming caps in your house colour are highly desirable (so that we can cheer along), and can be purchased from the uniform shop beforehand, or at the carnival. Swimming caps cost \$5.00. Teachers will write competitor numbers on student's arms the day before the carnival.

Canteen: A canteen will be in operation on carnival day.

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| Events: | 100m Freestyle | 200m Medley |
| | 50m Freestyle | 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay |
| | 50m Backstroke | 25m any stroke (if time permits) |
| | 50m Breaststroke | Teacher v Parents v Fastest Kids (if time permits) |
| | 50m Butterfly | |

Please note that the **Zone Swimming Carnival** will be held on **Friday 1 March 2019**. We will assume that the qualifying students are available to compete on this day. A note regarding the Zone Carnival will be provided soon after the school carnival for those who have qualified.

We look forward to a great day, thank you for your incredible patience and hope you can join us.

Yours in the service of Christian education



Miss D Kane
K-12 Sports Administrator



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Deputy Principal, Junior School