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Principal: Ms Rebecca Webster

30 January 2020

### **2020 Swimming Carnival**

Dear parents/caregivers,

Our annual swimming carnival will take place in just over two weeks' time.

Date: Monday 17 February 2020  
Location: Mt Druitt Swimming Pool  
Time: Carnival starts at approximately 9:45am and finishes at approximately 2pm  
Cost: \$15 (covering bus hire and pool entry)  
Who will attend: All Year 3 to Year 6 students

**Permission notes and payment need to be returned by 3pm on Friday 14 February 2020.  
There are no refunds for this excursion.**

Students will participate in the Swimming Carnival in various ways.

**Competitive swimmers are swimmers who are able to swim the form stroke correctly for over 50 metres without stopping.**

Students who wish to enter the carnival as competitive swimmers:

- will depart from school by bus at 9:00am;
- will compete in age group events, attempting to gain a position on the school team for the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival;
- will swim against students of the same age group;
- need to nominate the event they will swim in. (They can swim in additional events on the day, however, for organisational purposes we need to know in advance the events they will definitely swim.);
- can join in other activities at the conclusion of the competitive carnival.

**All competitive swimmers must be strong swimmers who can swim confidently in water of various depths and can complete an event within a reasonable amount of time.**

**If your child is a 'non-swimmer' (unable to swim) or a 'weak swimmer' (comfortable and confident in shallow water but not deep water) participation in the competitive swimming carnival is not appropriate or safe.**

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**Students who are non-competitive swimmers:**

- will depart school by bus after 9:00am;
- will use the shallow end of the 50m outdoor pool and/or the wading pool;
- will be involved in a range of games, relays and races both in and out of the water.

**Water events will only have a set number of students participate at any given time. This ensures that each child can be observed during the activities. Any novelty events in the large pool (50m) will take place across the pool at the shallow end. As we did in previous swimming carnivals, we are endeavouring to hold more games in the pool and on the grass areas throughout the day.**

All of the activities will be structured, organised and fully supervised by teachers and the pool life guards.

**All students will undertake the Water Survival Challenge.** They will be given a wrist band appropriate to their swimming level. **No student at any time will participate in a swimming activity in any pool who is not wearing a wrist band.**

**Any student who nominates for the competitive carnival who cannot demonstrate the ability to swim 50 metres confidently will be withdrawn from competitive event/s.**

The Pool Cafe/Kiosk will be open on the day.

Students need to bring:

- Their school hat and sunscreen;
- A towel and change of clothing;
- Their recess and lunch. They can also use the pool cafe, however bringing additional food from home is strongly advised.
- Plenty of drinking water.

***Any money or personal items brought to the pool is done so at the student's own risk. The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items.***

This is an activity for all students in Years 3 to 6. Teachers from Years 3 to 6 will be at the carnival. There will be minimal supervision provided at school for any students not attending the carnival.

**The permission note has information that needs to be correctly completed. If incomplete, the note will be returned to you as the information provided is of high importance.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office staff or Mr Pasfield.

Mr Pasfield  
Swimming Carnival Coordinator

Miss Webster  
Principal

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# 2020 Swimming Carnival – Permission Note

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Minchinbury Public School Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool on Monday 17 February 2020. I am aware that travel to and from this event will be by bus and the cost is \$15.

He/She will be turning \_\_\_\_ years old in 2020.

**Please tick one response below** that best matches your child's swimming ability and his/her participation at the swimming carnival.

- ☐ My child **will not** participate in any water activities. He/she will participate in the games and activities on the grassed areas.
- ☐ My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well (weak swimmer). He/she can participate in shallow water events and land events only.
- ☐ My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water (average swimmer). He/she can participate in water events in the shallow pool, shallow end of the 50m pool and the land events.
- ☐ My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water. He/she can participate in water events in the shallow pool, shallow end of the 50m pool and the land events.  
**He/She will also take part in the competitive swimming events.**

My child would like to enter and **is able to finish** the following events:

- ☐ 50m Freestyle
- ☐ 100m Freestyle
- ☐ 50m Breaststroke
- ☐ 50m Backstroke
- ☐ 50m Butterfly
- ☐ 200m Individual Medley

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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