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## Re: End of Year Swim Day

I am writing to you to explain the finer details of our Annual Junior Swim Day. I hope it provides the necessary information for all our parents and to reinforce to the parents, the school's expectations on the day.

The event is being held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 during the regular school day. The Swim Day will go ahead if the weather conditions are wet but will be cancelled if conditions are stormy or dangerous. If you are unsure, then plan on the side of caution and ensure your student brings to school just a few notebooks and pencils. We will update our website and send out a SMS, if there is urgent information to be shared about organisational details. A permission form is not required for this event, as you would have signed permission to attend the whole school carnivals as part of the enrolment agreement.

All students are expected to be in full attendance at school and will either participate in our Swim Day or will be supervised at school in an alternate program. Our philosophy is that **every day counts** and that school events such as this are an integral part of a broader educational experience and they also do so much to build school pride. The Education Act is quite clear in the requirement of students of Compulsory School age to be in attendance at school. The only acceptable reasons that a school can approve for non-attendance at school is illness (and under the supervision of parents/carers), representing their school, or attending a family event such as a wedding or funeral. As such, we have ensured that we have options available during the day to accommodate any special circumstances as well as those students who are not of "good standing".

Sun safety is clearly the major safety concern for us, therefore it will be compulsory for students to wear a swim shirt. A hat (preferably broad-brimmed) is also mandatory for students to leave the school for the swimming pool. Hats will **not** be provided to students on the day. Students without hats will stay at school and participate in an alternative program. Sunglasses are also recommended as well as the regular application of sunscreen. Staff will have a commercial brand of sunscreen available and will be supplying this to students throughout the day. If possible students should bring their own sunscreen. All House areas will be covered by sun shelters. The pool has stipulated that students are NOT to have any body paint and will not be permitted to enter the pool if this is not respected. Full school uniform and **enclosed shoes** must be worn to and from the pool. House colours may be worn when at the pool.

Transport to the pool will be provided by a fleet of buses, some of which will not have seatbelts as compulsory. Please contact the school if you would prefer to request special consideration to transport your child to the pool and collect them at the end of the day. We do prefer that students travel together as part of the House Spirit building, but will respect your needs in this matter. The total cost for the return bus trip per student is \$2.00 and this can be paid to Student Services from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to the Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Payments will not be accepted on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Student who have not paid will be able to enjoy an alternative program at school.

The pool canteen will be in operation on the day but, there is only a limited range of food options available. The day is our "Red Day" for the term. We strongly recommend that students bring a healthy food option for lunch and a drink bottle. Students are not permitted to leave the pool at any time during the day. Parents need to call into the school and collect an Early Leaving Pass if you need to collect your student any earlier than the usual 3.10pm finish on the day. Please do not turn up to collect your child without collecting a pass from the school or give a note for your child to leave the pool early, as this puts unnecessary stress on teachers who are trying to provide a fun day for all the students. Under Education Qld policies, students are under their care until they are dismissed from school at 3.10pm.

We would like to encourage all students to be involved in the End of Year Swim Day, to dress in their school uniform and to have a great day swimming.

Regards

Cheryl Greinke  
Principal