

6 February 2024

Excursion Information for Parents

2024 School Swimming Carnival

Dear parents and carers,

The following details relate to an educational excursion to Stromlo Leisure Centre which is being organised for Years 3-6 and selected students from Year 2⁺⁺

Dates/time: Tuesday, 5 March 2024 9:30 AM*-2:00 PM

Purpose of excursion: School swimming carnival. 50m and 100m events are for qualification to South/Weston Region Championships, other events are for house points and to develop water skills

Activities: Swimming races (25m, 50m and 100m), novelty events and relays and water play.

For the swimming races, students will be swimming in age groups based on the year in which they were born. For example, students born in 2015 are either 9 or turning 9 this year and will swim in the 9 years events. All events will be timed finals. As the regional carnival has qualifying times, not all students who finish in the top 2 in each event will be eligible to represent the school at the regional carnival.

All students who wish to compete in swimming races will need to be entered into events via the link or QR code on the next page by no later than 22 February.

Please note: All students must complete the swimming proficiency test before swimming on the day. Only students judged as suitably proficient will be able to compete in 25m, 50m or 100m race events. Students might also have modified involvement in novelty events to match water competence if required.

Clothing and Equipment: Students are to wear swimming costume under their clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours: **Fleming = Red**, **Freeman = Blue** and **Perkins = Green**

Transport: Bus*

*All students competing in 100m events to meet Mr Currie at the pool at 8:30am via private transport

Excursion Organiser/Leader: Chris Currie

Assistant Leaders: Year 3-6 staff

Cost: \$20 per student

The school has made every effort to keep cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or students can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the excursion with the Principal. Please contact the front office if you would like to speak with the Principal.

Notes and money to Duffy Primary School front office by: Thursday, 22 February 2024

Excursion Risk Assessment: Available at the front office

Safety/Emergency procedures: If needed, the school can be contacted at Stromlo Leisure Centre on 5114 2900. In an emergency the school has access to all pool facilities and the appropriate emergency services.

It is important that staff are aware of your child's swimming ability prior to the event. Please ensure you carefully complete the attached permission note indicating your child's swimming ability.

⁺⁺Year 2 Students: Please note that the swimming carnival excursion is open only to Year 2 students born in 2016 (or earlier) who are competitive swimmers and are entering 50m event(s).

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Behavioural expectations: Students are expected to demonstrate our school values of being **Respectful**, **Responsible** and **Inclusive** at all times during this excursion.

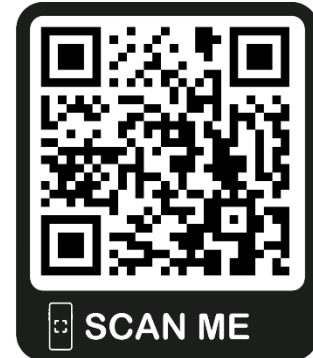
What to pack/bring:

- Lunch, recess and fruit break as normal. Students will have access to the Café for a short period during the day.
- Drink bottle with water
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Goggles (if desired)

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled

Event entry: Students who wish to compete in swimming races must be entered into events via the link or QR code on this page. There will be no new race entries accepted after **22 February**. Students who do not enter races may participate in novelty events (pending proficiency testing).

EVENT ENTRY FORM



<https://forms.gle/nhoGf24bmE7EjP>

Spectators and volunteers: Parents and carers are welcome to attend the swimming carnival. Spectators (who are not volunteers) might need to pay a spectator fee of \$2.85 at the pool. Volunteers will receive free entry. If you can assist with the running of the carnival as a volunteer on the day, please complete the form via the link or QR as the bottom of this page.

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school, (reminders, time out in a designated spot, and exclusion from an activity) but with the additional factor that the student may be returned to school should the behaviour be extreme or overly persistent.

Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.

Kind Regards,

Chris Currie
Sports Coordinator

Want to volunteer to assist at the carnival?



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