St Joseph’s School Swimming Carnival – Years 1 to 7

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

On Friday, 5th December, 2014, we will hold our School Swimming Carnival at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre pool. The children will be in their school house groups under staff supervision. **ALL RECEPTION CHILDREN WILL STAY AT SCHOOL as was the process in previous years; the reason being for their safety and well-being.** The outline of the day:

- **Parents,** it is important that all children are **at the pool by 9:15 am for roll call with teachers.** If you are unable to take your child to the pool, he/she will walk with a teacher from the school at 9.00 am.

- **The carnival starts at 9.30 am.**
- Years 1 & 2 children may go home with a parent at lunchtime (but please inform your child’s teacher) or join their team as spectators for the afternoon’s events or sit with their parents.
- Carnival finishes at approximately 2:10 pm.
- At the conclusion of the carnival, children will walk back to school with a teacher or go home with parents. **Please notify class teacher if you will be taking your child home.**

Children can wear house colours. Hats are optional as children will be required to sit under shade at all times. Children will need:

- Bathers (not bikinis), towel; **rash top/T-shirt – will need to be worn all day excluding swimming races when it is child’s choice to wear or not.**
- Sunscreen (School will also have sun-screen available).
- **Spare T-Shirt for sun prevention or jumper and track-suit pants if weather is cool.**
- NO coloured hair spray, zinc cream or crepe paper, as this causes problems when mixed with water.
- Recess and drink bottles. (NO GLASS) **NO CAKE AT RECESSION TIME.** (School will provide large containers of water).

*If the forecast temperature for Clare is below 20 degrees, we will CANCEL the carnival.

*Entrance Fee for Parents/Spectators is $2.50 unless you can show your membership card.

*Spectators:

- **Return the order form for a healthy lunch provided by the P and F.** The canteen will be allowed at lunchtime. (Children must stay in the pool grounds.) **NO alcohol is permitted on swimming pool grounds.**

- As we are a Sun-Smart school, we encourage all parents, pre-schoolers/ toddlers and spectators to wear hats and appropriate sun-wise clothing. Shade is limited.

- Pre-school children must be supervised at all times by their parents/caregivers and **are not allowed in any of the pools** unless announced on the day. Pool management requires toddlers to wear special swimming nappies if they use the pool during specified times.

- **Please bring chairs.**

As a result of parent feedback, we will trial 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons for Championship events held in the Big Pool. (Ribbons are not to be worn in the water.)

Please check the school website from Monday, 1st December, for programs and your children’s events. (Programs will also be available at the Front Office.)

We hope you are able to join us for a fun-filled day.

Peter Shearer.