

Thursday 2 February 2024

Children Turning 8 in 2024 and Senior School Swimming Carnival

Dear Families,

Our 2024 sports program will commence with Macquarie's annual swimming carnival. A risk assessment has been completed and is available to view at the front office.

Where:	Big Splash Pool, Catchpole Street Macquarie
When:	Friday 1 March 2024
Who:	For all students who are in years 3 to 6, as well as students in year 2 who are turning 8 in 2024
Transport and time:	<p><u>For Competitive Swimmers:</u> For those students who wish to swim competitively, parents will need to drop child/ren at Big Splash at 8.30am. This is to enable the proficiency testing to take place and so that the competitive swimming events can be done as early as possible.</p> <p><u>For Non-competitive Swimmers:</u> For those students who are not swimming competitively, parents drop child/ren off at Big Splash at 8.55am. Children in Before School Care will be walked over to Big Splash by teachers from MPS. Please have children at Before School Care by 8.45am. If your child arrives late please take them to Big Splash and bring them into the facility to have their name marked off the roll. All children will walk back to school after the event.</p>
Emergency Contact number on excursion:	0434 751 607
Cost:	\$13

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their care to protect them from injury. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property that 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. (Education Directorate Policy)

It is customary for the school to request a financial contribution towards meeting the cost of your child's participation in this excursion. These contributions are voluntary. The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. Should you require financial assistance please contact a member of our staff.

Students will need to bring/wear:

- Swimmers underneath clothes on arrival at Big Splash
- SunSmart wide brimmed hat (No Caps)
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- T-shirt or rash-shirt to wear in the water (no shirt – no swimming)
- Morning tea/lunch (no canteen services will be available)
- Water bottle
- Footwear to walk back to school in

If you are able to volunteer on the day, please email Sean to indicate that you are able to help. Contact Sean at sean.gourlay@ed.act.edu.au

Please return permission note and payments by **Thursday 23 February 2024**

Participation Information

Students wishing to participate in the competitive events must be able to swim at least 50 metres using the nominated stroke and complete the attached nomination form.

Under ACT Education Directorate rules, each student who participates in the swimming carnival either competitively, or non-competitively, will need to complete a proficiency test. A proficiency test will be conducted prior to children entering the water. **Students who are unable to confidently complete the proficiency test on the day will be unable to access certain areas/pools/slides of the Big Splash complex.** Parents should discuss this with their children. The proficiency test is strict and children must be able to do all the required proficiencies which include but are not limited to treading water for an extended period, swimming for 25 metres and signalling for help. It is worthwhile going to the pool prior to the carnival to practise and help your child build confidence in the water.

Non-swimmers will have the opportunity to support their peers and win points for their house by demonstrating positive sportspersonship through cheering, chanting and congratulating others. After the competitive races, students will participate in a variety of water and non-water- based activities.

The swimming carnival is a great opportunity for swimmers to display their skills and team spirit through representing their house. It is however not the appropriate event for children to swim a distance or stroke they have not tried before or are not confident in swimming. Please circle the events that your child will be competing in and return this information to the front office by **Thursday 23 February 2024**

Regards,
Sean Gourlay
Specialist Physical Education Teacher

The Directorate collects the information contained in this form to obtain parental consent for students' participation and to provide or arrange first aid and other medical treatments for students. The information collected will be held at the student's school and will be made available to relevant school staff, including first aid officers, and to medical or paramedical staff in the case of an accident or emergency. The information contained in the form is personal information and it will be stored, used and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and the *Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997*.

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8 Year Old and Senior School Swimming Carnival

I give permission for my child _____ from
class _____ to attend this excursion on **Friday 1 March.**

- ☐ I understand the transport arrangements involved to drop off my child(ren) at Big Splash in the morning and that at the end of the carnival my child(ren) will walk back to school.
- ☐ I have returned my child's medical information and I understand it is my responsibility to inform the school if changes occur.
- ☐ I have discussed with my child that they will need to complete a swimming proficiency test based on ACT Education guidelines prior to entering the water and that if they are unable to confidently pass that test, they will be unable to access certain areas of the Big Splash pool complex.

Parent Contact Information - If needed during the excursion

Parent/Carer Name:	Contact Number:
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Parent Signature:	Date:

Payment Slip for 8 Year Old and Senior School Swimming Carnival

Payment due date: **Thursday 23 February 2024**

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

- ☐ I enclose \$13.00 cash/cheque or
- ☐ I have paid \$13.00 via electronic funds transfer

EFT Details

Account Name: Macquarie Primary School Management Account
BSB Number: 032 777
Account Number: 001586
Use reference: *Child's Name* SWIM

- ☐ I have paid \$13.00 via Quickweb - found under the payment tab on our school website

Quickweb Details:

Go to our school website and follow the prompts on the payment page
Use reference: *Child's Name* SWIM

2023 Swimming Carnival Event Entry Response Sheet
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The information below will assist us in providing a safe environment for your child's participation in water activities. Please return this form to the front office by Thursday 23 **February**.

Please complete below for all children

Child's Name _____ **Male / Female** – Please circle

Year of Birth (not age) _____

Parent / Carer Name _____

Parent / Carer Signature _____

WATER SAFETY TEST

1. My child can perform a slide entry, walk through 5m of water unassisted and exit unassisted.

Yes No (Please circle)

2. My child can swim continuously for 25m using an action that resembles a stroke.

Yes No (Please circle)

3. My child can tread water or float for 1 min in deep water.

Yes No (Please circle)

4. My child will be competing in swimming events. If you answer yes please nominate the events your child will swim in below.

Yes No (Please circle)

Please circle the events your child will be competing in.

Freestyle	50M	100M
Backstroke	50M	100M
Breaststroke	50M	100M
Butterfly	50M	100M
Individual Medley	200M	

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