

Dear Parents and Carers

The following details relate to an educational excursion to Big Splash, Jamison which will be the venue for this year's school swimming carnival. Students are not required at school before hand and are to make their own way to the pool where they will undergo a swimming proficiency test on arrival prior to roll call being taken. Students are required to bring their permission note and entry cost on the day to enter the pool.

The teachers in charge of this event will be Renee Kirkpatrick, Brenton Mikk & Tina Negline.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Event: Canberra High School Swimming Carnival

Venue: Big Splash, Jamison

Date: 04/03/2019

Time: 8:00- 2:40

Transport: Own way to and from the venue

Cost: \$14 to be paid on entry to the pool along with the permission note.

If this payment is a problem please contact Renee Kirkpatrick, Brenton Mikk or Tina Negline on 61420800. Spectator fee for parents, carers and siblings is \$3.00.

Food: Please bring your own food, there will be a canteen at the pool also to purchase food.

Clothing: Swimmers, wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, sun-protection clothing in house colours, water

Safety/Emergency procedures

If needed, the school can be contacted at Big Splash, Jamison (62511144). 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.

Kind Regards

Samara Chisholm

School Principal

Permission for Swimming Carnival Activities

Teachers are required to assess the swimming ability of every child they take on an excursion where there is water for swimming or aquatic activities. This is called the **Survival Challenge Proficiency Test**. As a part of this assessment and to help ensure the safety of your child, please provide the following information:

1. **Name of Child:** _____

2. **School Year:** _____

3. **My child can swim:** No

Yes

4. **Distance my child can confidently swim:**

10m

25m

50m

100m

5. **I agree/do not agree to my child taking part in swimming / aquatic activities associated with this excursion.**

Name of Parent / Carer: *(please print)* _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The **Survival Challenge Proficiency Test** is a five step process. A student will be deemed a proficient swimmer if they can:

1. Perform a slide-in-entry and walk through 5 metres of water with acceptable stability and co-ordination
2. Swim continuously for 25 metres using an action that resembles a stroke
3. Perform survival skill, float or tread water for 1 minute in deep water. Call for help once within the minute
4. Exit water unassisted, and
5. Perform a voice rescue to a buddy who is pretending to be in trouble. Reassure the victim and encourage them to a point of safety. Call for assistance.

Canberra High School Swimming Carnival

Permission Note

Ledger Code:

I give permission for my child _____ in ACE GROUP _____ to attend the Canberra High School swimming carnival at Big Splash on 04/03/19, making their way to and from the venue.

I have enclosed \$14 for the event.

Arrangements for Non-Proficient Swimmers, Code of Conduct and Parental Agreements:

An area for supervision and conduct of activities for non-proficient swimmers will be identified and designated at the pool venue. When non- proficient students enter the water for activities they will be supervised by school staff within the pool in small groups with a maximum ratio of 1:10.

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.

I agree to my child participating in the swimming/aquatic activities mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for sensible behaviour on this excursion. I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child's attending this event.

I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency. I agree to provide any relevant medical information to the school to the excursion.

Name of Parent / Carer: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form requests information about students which will be held by the school. This information may be disclosed to government or private medical or para-medical staff and other relevant officers in the event of an accident or emergency. The information is collected as a lawful administrative function of the ACT Education and Training Directorate.

