

St Jude's Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 21st February 2018

Tuesday 6th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 21st February, we will hold our School Swimming Carnival at Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre (Crawford St Queanbeyan). St Jude's children in Years 1 - 6 will be participating in water-related activities including swimming races and novelties, with a strong emphasis being placed on participation, having fun and encouraging others. The cost of entry and bus hire is covered by the excursion levy for Term One. The children will have a sausage sizzle lunch available to them at the pool if they pre-purchase the special lunch.

On this day, the children are to come dressed in their sports uniform with a T-shirt in their house colour. They should wear their swimmers underneath. It is advisable that sun screen is applied to your child before their arrival at school. They will need to bring:

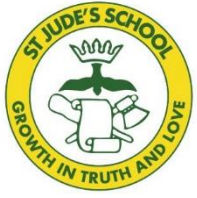
- a swimming towel,
- a rashie or t-shirt to wear in the water,
- a hat,
- thongs to change into,
- dry underwear to change into upon their return to school,
- a water bottle,
- snacks,
- sunscreen for reapplying and
- goggles and swimming cap (both optional).

Please ensure all belongings are labelled clearly with your child's name.

The following pages contain detailed information regarding this event. Please ensure you return the permission slip by **no later than Wednesday 14th February** and keep hold of other information sheets for you to refer to closer to the date.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the carnival.

Nicole Gibson
Sport Coordinator



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Our swimming carnival consists of three sections outlined below. Please read each section carefully to avoid children missing out on events.

Section One: 8.30am-10.30am Children that nominate to participate in our **50m** and **100m** heats will need to **make their own way** to Queanbeyan Pool by 8.30am. These events will be only available to the children wishing to try out for our school swimming squad and is only open to children who can **confidently** swim 50m to 100m in one or more strokes. The heats will be grouped according to age starting from 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 years and will be conducted in two divisions – BOYS and GIRLS. Please return nomination forms (over the page) **no later than Wednesday 14th February**. Heats will be displayed on the Sports Board located near the staff room. It is important that students are at the pool on time (8.30am) as **races will not be postponed or re-run if students are late**.

Section Two: 10.30am-1.30pm Year 1 to Year 6 will arrive at the Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre and will be involved in a variety of activities on a rotational basis. These activities range from relays, swimming laps, floating, diving and water games. Your child will remain in their year group (that is, Year 1, Year 2, etc) with their class teacher and rotate through a number of activities throughout the day. Please note that Year 1 will be returning to school at 12.30pm.

Section Three 1.30pm-2.00pm Years 2 to 6 gather together for a year group relay followed by house war cries. If there is time, we will have a staff/parents/Year 6 race, so parent volunteers should bring their togs! We will then pack up and catch the bus back to school leaving the pool at 2pm. Please feel free to take your child home from the pool **after informing his/her teacher**.

Food: There will be a sausage sizzle on the day for those who have ordered one. Notes will be sent home separately. Please ensure your child has adequate snacks to sustain them throughout the day.

To ensure the success of the carnival we do need parents to assist. If you can help, please fill in the note attached.



Please complete and return to school by Wednesday 14th February

Permission to attend Swimming Carnival

I give permission for my child _____ in _____ (class) to participate in the St Jude's Swimming Carnival to be held at Queanbeyan Pool, and to travel to and from the pool by bus on Wednesday 21st February, 2018 .

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Contact Details: _____

ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOUR CHILD FULLFILS ALL THE BELOW REQUIREMENTS:

- Was born in 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 or 2006;
- Can **confidently** swim the full length (50m or 100m) of their nominated stroke
- Is able to get to Queanbeyan Pool by 8.30am on the day of the carnival

Child's name: _____ House: _____

Year of Birth: _____ Class: _____

Please **sign** beside each event your child would like to participate in:

50m Freestyle _____	100m Freestyle _____
50m Breaststroke _____	100m Breaststroke _____
50m Backstroke _____	100m Backstroke _____
50m Butterfly _____	100m Butterfly _____

200m Individual Medley (10 – 12 yrs only) _____

We are always appreciative of the help we receive from the parents in our community. Events such as these are impossible without wonderful parents offering their time to assist. If you are able to assist, please complete the section below and return to school.

I _____ (please print) parent of _____
in _____ (class) would like to help at the swimming carnival in the following area:

- Teacher support (in year group)
- Lifesaver
- Timekeeper/ to be at pool by 8:30am
- Marshall to be at pool by 8:30am
- Sausage sizzle
- I will help wherever I am needed