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SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A learn-to-swim program has been included in our school curriculum. The Department of Education School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme will be conducted over 5 days with two 45 minute lessons per day.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory level of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The scheme focuses on less capable swimmers in Years 2 and 3.

The instruction will take place at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre (Bradbury Pool) for 5 consecutive school days. The bus will leave at 10:30am. Students should return to school at approximately 1:30pm. The scheme will continue daily from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November, 2018. There is no charge for instruction.

The total cost for the 5 day scheme is \$45. This total consists of \$15 for five days of pool entry and \$30 for five days of bus fare. Payments can be made in 3 instalments due on Wednesday, 5th September 2018 (\$10), Wednesday 26th September 2018 (\$15), Wednesday 17th October 2018 (\$20). You may pay the \$45 in one lump sum if you prefer. If you would like your child to attend, but require financial assistance, please contact the school office.

Each child should bring a swimming costume, a towel, a blouse or shirt and warm clothing on a cool day. **Girls with long hair must wear their hair tied back.** Some instruction may take place in the outside pool and it is recommended that students wear sunscreen. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended. Students should wear their swimmers to school under their uniform **but they must bring underwear** to change into after the lesson. All items brought to the pool should be labelled clearly with the student's name and placed into a bag also labelled with the student's name. Students will be regularly assessed during the School Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills without needing to wear swimming goggles. However, students may bring goggles to lessons if they wish.

If you want your child to participate in the scheme, please sign and complete the permission note attached and return it with the **first** payment of \$10 by Wednesday 5th September 2018. **The full payment of \$45 must be finalised by Wednesday 17th October 2018.** We have a total of 60 places available for Year 2 and 3 students. Preference will be given to the first 60 students returning their notes and money.

Kind Regards,

Miss E Moisy and Mrs L Williamson (Swimming School Co-ordinators)