

Dear Parents and paddlers

Following on from Tuesday nights meeting here is a summary of what was discussed;

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1. Fundraising

- We have already raised around \$7,000 - fantastic!
- We have also been told that we can run a stall at the CGS fete (which is coming up on 5 April). We will enjoy all of the proceeds so we MUST think what we can do quickly.
- We will also be running a muffin drive at the 2 day Canberra Regatta - please contact Heather if you can bake or assist with selling: tonhan@netspeed.com.au
- We should do another chocolate drive - possibly to sell at the 2-day Canberra Regatta (along with red frogs and Killer Pythons)
- There is also an intention to write to both school councils and P&C associations to ask for some financial support. We would need a volunteer to draft up a letter.

2. Sponsorship

- We already have one very interested sponsor. If negotiations are successful there will be a significant reduction in the estimated \$3,500 cost. Negotiations with the sponsor are being co-ordinated with the CGS Development Office and the CGGS Community liaison person. Any parents who have potential other contacts should give details to Rhonda Robinson (rhonda.robinson@anu.edu.au) in the first instance so she can work through strategies with the school representatives (two more sponsors would be terrific).

3. Training

- One formal training on Saturday mornings 8 - 9am during Term 2 with a possible intensive training session in QLD at the end of the July holidays - last weekend TBC

4. Immunisation

- Each person needs to consult their own Doctor and let them know that they will be competing in the water

5. Insurance

- You need to check that the insurance covers actual competition

6. Cut off date

- We will need **final numbers by Tuesday 18 March. Absolute last day to submit your expression of interest!**

LAST REGATTA:

- Food will be provided by a group of parents - at the moment it will be for both days with the cost (approx \$5) being charged to students accounts. Please contact Heather if you can help with this. tonhan@netspeed.com.au

Many of the CGS parent's addresses bounce back to me so please forward the information to interested families. See you at the Regatta on the 15th & 16th.

Jennie Holbrook