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Dear Parents

All of the boys will be swimming very hard in class in preparation for the School Swimming Carnival, which will once again be held at Lakeside Swimming and Leisure Centre, Tuggeranong on Monday 12 March. Firstly, I once again ask for parents who would like to help officiate on the day to contact me on the number below. Your support has been wonderful over the years and again I will need your assistance.

On the day of the carnival ALL students have permission to wear their sports uniform to School. However, please ensure your son brings a packed lunch and water bottle or alternatively if you are attending the carnival you may buy your son his lunch and take it over to him in his designated House area. We do not want boys loitering around the canteen at any time as we encourage them to be supportive and watch their fellow housemates during the carnival.

The DRAFT of the program is currently being formatted and will be posted onto the School's web site or Grammar Central by Friday 2 March with all other relevant information pertaining to the carnival including order of events, records, etc. This will allow parents to check what races their sons are competing in. The time trial process is very time consuming and I am hopeful that everything will be in place, but if there are any problems please contact me a.s.a.p. as this will allow me to fix any errors that have been made. Cut-off date for any changes will be Tuesday 6 March.

This year I will continue with last year's adjustments to the running of the program to make the carnival more inclusive. We will once again be using the small pool to the side of the main pool to run the 25m races. These will be run in the morning session between 10.30am and 11.30am so the boys can also compete in the non-graded events later in the day. I will also run other fun relay races in the time to ensure every boy participates irrespective of whether they can swim 25m or not. I will put the boys in groups and have staggered times for all these competitors. More specific details will be in the DRAFT program that will be compiled as soon as possible.

This year I am also requesting that all the boys who are competing in the 100m Freestyle races meet me at the pool at 9.15am for their races. These events will commence at 9.30am sharp and will be finishing as all the other students arrive by bus. If your son is in the 100m event, please notify me a.s.a.p. if you are unable to transport your son by that particular time.

As mentioned previously, at the conclusion of all the competitive races the school will run non-graded races for backstroke, breaststroke and other kickboard races across the pool before the relays are run. This adjustment has also been made to entice many of the boys to swim in more than one race over the course of the day. These races will be run in their age groups, however students who have already swum 50m in a particular stroke, eg backstroke, are not eligible to compete in these races.

I am looking forward to all of the boys supporting their House mates at the carnival and it is important for all swimmers to concentrate on doing their best whilst trying to gain as many

points for their House as possible. Not every boy will win a ribbon, but it is equally important that every boy gets in and has a go in every race they enter throughout the day.

A special mention must go to all the Year 3 boys who will undoubtedly be a bit nervous leading up to their first swimming carnival. My advice to these boys is to listen carefully to your House Captains and House Masters to ensure you understand clearly when your race is coming up and when you have to line up for your race. Once the day begins all boys have a great day supporting their friends and Housemates.

After the School Swimming Carnival a team will be picked to represent Grammar at the South Canberra Carnival, once again at Lakeside Leisure Centre, Tuggeranong on Wednesday 21 March. If your son qualifies for the ACT Swimming Carnival they will represent the South Canberra District at the AIS Pool, Bruce on Tuesday 10 April.

Good luck to all competitors and I am looking forward to seeing as many mums, dads and friends supporting the Junior School on what should be a great day.

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