Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Carrs Park Pool.

**Date:** Tuesday 12 February

**Time:** Years 5 and 6 8.30am, Years 3 and 4 9.00am. All students return to school by 3.25pm.

**Cost:** $12 for pool entry and travel by bus ($5 for spectators to be paid at the gate)

**Bring:** Towel, sunscreen, appropriate footwear, hat, healthy lunch, water and clothes to change into if needed. Students not swimming are to wear either their sports uniform or clothes in the colour of their sports house.

**PLEASE NOTE NO CANTEEN FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

Attached to this note are the following:
- Permission note
- Entry form
- A letter explaining changes to our normal carnival
- A medical form

Please be aware we have changed the organisation of our carnival. When filling out the entry form please consider very carefully your child’s swimming ability. Your child must be a confident and competent swimmer to enter a race. All entry forms need to be returned to Miss Benson by Wednesday 6 February to allow entries to be entered into the computer. No entries will be accepted after this date. **There will be no free time for swimming.** Only students who have entered a race will be allowed in the pool. Please note that whilst we as a school support participation, water activities have an inherent safety risk which we must manage. This requires additional safeguards and restrictions not required at other carnivals. The main purpose of this carnival is to provide opportunities for competent swimmers to proceed through representative ranks.

Please fill in the appropriate forms for your child and return to school with your money by Wednesday 6 February.

Mrs A. Hewson  
Principal

Miss J. Benson  
Carnival Organiser
Connells Point Public School Official Entry Form – Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12 February 2013

Please tick below the events in which your son/daughter is wishing to compete at our swimming carnival. By signing each entry you are indicating that your child can competently swim in each event.

Student’s Name: __________________________
Age that they are turning or have turned this year: _____

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Please fill in the appropriate sections for your child.

Child’s Name:_____________________
Child’s Class:_____

Section 1

I give permission for ___________________ of class _______ to travel by bus to and from Carss Park Pool on Tuesday 12 February 2013. I understand that the cost of bus hire and entry into the pool will be $12.

_________________________________________________________
(Parent/Carer)                Name (Please Print)             Date

I give permission for ___________________ of class ______ to compete in races at Connells Point Public School swimming carnival on Tuesday 12 February 2013. I acknowledge that my child is a competent swimmer and have signed the attached entry form for each event entered.

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(Parent/Carer)

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Section 2

My child will be attending the Connells Point Public School swimming carnival but will not be entering any races and will be a spectator throughout the day. I understand that my child will not be participating in free swimming.

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(Parent/Carer)                Name (Please Print)             Date
Swimming Carnival Important Information

A memorandum was received by all public schools at the end of 2008 regarding school aquatic activity and water safety. An inquest was conducted by the Coroner in September 2008 as a result of the tragic drowning of a Year 2 student in December 2006. The Department of Education and Training is committed to taking all possible steps to avoid such a tragic event happening again. Connells Point Public School, as in 2012 will be implementing the following measures as required by DET policy.

* All students attending the swimming carnival will be required to complete a detailed permission note

* If details are still not clear to the school, parents will be contacted for further information

* All students wishing to compete in an event at the carnival are to enter prior to the carnival and have parental permission for each event entered

* No entries will be accepted after **Wednesday 6 February**

* Each child, if entering an event, is to be a **competent swimmer** *(be able to swim the length of the pool without stopping)*

* All students prior to the carnival will watch a power point presentation illustrating the correct way to dive or enter into a pool

* A risk assessment and a risk management plan prepared for the day will be issued to all staff members

* All attending staff members have current Emergency Care and CPR qualifications

* For the safety of our children non-swimmers will not be able to enter the pool.