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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: YEAR 3 – 6 END OF YEAR POOL DAY

A decision has been made again this year to hold our 3-6 End-of-Year Pool Day on Wednesday 18th December with very strict procedures to be implemented on the day.

All students will participate in class parties at school (class teachers will inform the children about what to bring to school) and walk to WAVES Swimming Centre in Stage groups (Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6) under teacher supervision (see timetable below).

Stage	Pool Session	Class Party time
Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	9.30 am - 12:00 pm	1:45 pm - 2:15 pm
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	10:30 am - 11:00 am

Prior to participation all students nominated on this form by their parent/caregiver as a swimmer were required to participate in an aquatic pre-activity water survival challenge to look at your child's aquatic proficiency. This was undertaken at swim school 2019. Children who did not participate in swim school will need to complete "the challenge" and will be assessed at the pool on the day.

The aquatic pre-activity **Water Survival Challenge** comprises the following continuous progression – a slide in entry, a walk of 5 metres in shallow end of pool, a swim of 25 metres using a recognised stroke and 1 minute float, scull or tread water in deep water followed by an unassisted exit.

Students nominated by their parent/caregiver on this form as a non-swimmer will not be allowed in deep water. Additionally students who have been assessed by our swim school instructors at either Level 1 (able to swim less than 3 metres) or Level D2 (able to swim less than 10 metres) will also remain in a highly supervised separate area of the pool in the interests of their own safety. Parents will be informed of their child's swimming level at the completion of the Swimming Scheme.

Supervising teachers have been trained in CPR. The teacher/student ratio complies with the Department's guidelines of 1 teacher to 20 students. WAVES will also be supplying staff that hold life-saving and CPR qualifications. Any student who is not permitted to go in the water or is not able to walk safely in the water with balance and stability will not take part in any water activities.

Students, who are able to be in the water, will be allowed to take part in recreational swimming, use the pool play equipment (under direct supervision) and purchase items from the pool canteen during their visit to WAVES. We will limit purchases to \$5.00 per student.

All students will be required to wear a coloured wristband (supplied by the School). The wristband is coloured according to their swimming assessment level.

When students are not in the water or at the canteen or toilet they will be expected to remain in a shaded area. Please provide your child with sunscreen, a plastic bottle of water, a hat, a rash vest/T shirt as well as their swimmers, towel and a change of underwear.

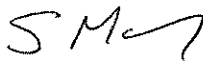
If you wish your child to attend the Pool Day complete the permission slip below to acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the arrangements outlined above. Return the slip to your child's teacher by Monday 9th December. **The cost of pool entry has been included in your Term 4 account. Please check if you have paid the Term 4 account.**

We anticipate having a wonderful and safe day.

Yours sincerely



G Bowry
Coordinator



S McKay
Principal

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End of Year Pool Party

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the End-of-Year Pool Day at WAVES Swimming Centre on Wednesday 18th December. I have read and agree to the arrangements regarding my child's participation in this excursion as stated in this letter.

Please clearly circle one:

My child is **permitted** to go in the water

My child is **not permitted** to go in the water

If your child is permitted to go in the water (please clearly circle one):

My child is a **swimmer** (able to swim 25 metres or more in a recognised stroke)

My child is a **non – swimmer** (Cannot swim 25 metres in a recognised stroke)

Signed: _____
Parent/Carer

Date: _____