



Infants Water Safety Program 2019

Dear Parents,

As part of our Personal Development, P.E. and Health curriculum we will be running our Water Safety Program this term. This program assists the children to develop their water and safety skills.

Through the assistance of the "Sporting Schools Government Initiative" we have been able to secure a grant to offer swimming for your child at a hugely subsidised rate. The School Council has also allocated money to the Program which has also reduced the cost for families.

All students will be going to Gould Swimming Academy, by bus, for 5 consecutive lessons over the period of one school week.

Week 4 - Year 2 (12-16 August)

Week 5 - Kinder (19-23 August)

Week 6 - Year 1 (26 August- 30 August)

The children will be divided into swim groups. There will be two teachers travelling with each swim group on the bus. This group will then be divided according to their swimming ability by the instructors. Each group will have qualified swim instructors from Gould Swim Academy to conduct the session.

The teachers will oversee the lessons. The lessons go for 45 minutes.

Each morning the children will go to their regular class and then at 11.30am, after recess they will go to their swimming group classroom. In Week 3 we will send home a note detailing the following:

- departure time from school
- returning to school time
- swimming group

Children return to their regular classroom after they return to school.

- Children wear their swimmers under their sports uniform each day. Runners must be worn to school. They may bring a dressing gown, thongs, crocs or sandals to change into before they go to the pool. They will change back into runners and sports uniform when they return to school.
- We recommend that children wear goggles as 5 days in the water may create sore eyes. It is also recommended that they wear a swimming cap.
- Please send along some underwear for your child to change into. Bring a small bag clearly named to carry belongings.
- **COULD ALL CLOTHES/ SHOES BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**
- If your child is in group 2 they will eat lunch at 10.50am and lunch orders are still available.

If you are able to assist with supervision, please fill in the form below and send to your class teacher.

We ask that there be NO PRESCHOOL children as it is very crowded and busy at the pool. You may offer to mind a preschooler for someone who helps out at the pool.

It is important that this is returned on time so that we can organise groups.

We have received a grant from the Australian Sports Commission to assist with the cost of running this event, so we have been able to reduce the costs to \$35 per child. This covers the cost of the instructor, entry to the pool and bus travel. The cost will be withdrawn from your child's "Excursion / Activity Levy" so there will be no need to send the money into the school. Please fill out the following permission below and send back to your class teacher by **Friday, 9th August**. It is important that this is returned on time so that we can organise groups.

Any questions please ask your class teacher.

Regards

Infants Teacher

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I give permission for my Child _____ Class:

_____ (child's Name)

to travel by bus to Gould Swim Centre, Lavington to participate in the Infants Water Safety Program.

Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

I am able to help by (Please tick)

Supervising Travel & Organising	Every day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 - Year 2 (12-16 August)						
Week 5 - Kinder (19-23 August)						
Week 6 - Year 1 (26 August- 30 August)						

Name of Helper: _____

Contact No.: _____