30 Jan 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The Merici Annual Swimming and Athletics Carnivals are an opportunity for all members of the school community to gather together and celebrate the talents of Merici students. It is also an opportunity to promote the health and fitness of the girls as well as develop pride and passion for their House. All students are expected to attend both carnivals as they are compulsory community events and fall on a school day. Parents will be asked to explain their daughter's absence in writing in a note to their PC teacher. Please see below for further information regarding both carnivals.

Information Relevant to both Carnivals

Food: Both Dickson Pool and the AIS have a canteen that sells a variety of food and drink. However, it is recommended that your daughter bring a packed lunch.

Dress: Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing such as shorts, T-shirt, hat and runners, over their swimwear/sports gear. House colours should be worn, and students are encouraged to dress in the theme for their assigned House. The use of body paint or coloured hair spray is not permitted. Students will need to bring sun screen and a hat. Some shade will be provided.

Officials: All parents and carers are very welcome and encouraged to attend either carnival. If you are able to assist with time keeping, marshalling or judging on the day please email emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au with your preferred duty and time slot.

Transport: Chartered buses will be provided to transport students to and from the venue. The buses will depart Merici at 9.15am and return at approximately 2.30pm. Unless competing in the early events (Swimming: 100m Freestyle & 200m, Athletics: 1500m) it is expected that all students will travel to and from the venue by bus from Merici College. However, should you request that your daughter travel directly to and from the venue for any reason, it is imperative that a signed note explaining the request be produced and submitted to her **PC teacher by Thursday 6 February.**

Working Bees: Working Bees will be conducted on

- Swimming: Friday 7 Feb 3:30pm to 5:30pm
- Athletics: Friday 3 April 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Both working bees are for students to prepare props for the carnival. These will be supervised events in the OYC near the corner of Henty Street & Limestone Avenue. Students from all Houses and Year groups are invited to attend.

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Swimming Carnival

Location	Dickson Pool
Date	Wednesday 12 February
Transport	Bus
Cost	NA
Return of note/money	Thursday 6 February
Time	9.15am-2.15pm
Uniform	House Theme
Contact no.	62434168

Non Swimmers: If your child is unable to swim and you do not wish for her to be in the water please complete the form below and return it to school by Thursday 6th February. Non-swimmers are encouraged to participate by actively supporting their House, assisting with official duties where appropriate and competing in the novelty events designed for non-swimmers.

Main Program: In conjunction with the main swimming events the College has successfully run a number of novelty events as part of our program. The program during the day will include 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. All students who can swim are encouraged to enter these swimming events on the day.

100m Freestyle and 200IM: The 100m freestyle will be held before the main program starting at 9:05am. The 200IM will be directly after the 100m. Students wishing to compete in these events need to pre-register with Mrs Kennedy by Thursday 6 February. Students who would like to be considered for additional events at the North Side Swimming Carnival should also submit times to Mrs Kennedy using the attached form.

If your daughter would like to nominate for the 200IM and/or the 100m please click here: https://forms.gle/aav7XNx8tCiDH5Pa8

If your daughter would like to be considered for the 100m fly, back or breast stroke at the Northside Zone Carnival, please complete a nomination form here: https://forms.gle/vX18tk2j2kcy3n7z8

Athletics Carnival

Location	AIS
Date	Tuesday 7th April
Transport	Bus
Cost	NA
Time	9.15am-2.15pm
Uniform	House Theme
Contact no.	62434168

1500m run: This event will be conducted prior to the official commencement of the carnival at 9.00am. If your daughter would like to enter this event she will need to make her own way to the track ready to run by 9.00am. Please nominate here https://forms.gle/3U1fNcGxVcaaAvHo8

Yours sincerely,

Emma Kennedy
HPE Coordinator

Carnival & Working Bee Consent Form

Student Name	
PC Class	

I give permission for my daughter to attend the following events...	
Swimming Carnival (12 Feb)	Yes / No
Athletics Carnival (7 April)	Yes / No
Swimming Carnival Working Bee (7 Feb)	Yes / No
Athletics Carnival Working Bee (3 Apr)	Yes / No

Swimming Carnival Specific Information (please tick)	
My daughter is permitted to go in the water and is a weak swimmer	
My daughter is permitted to go in the water and is an average swimmer	
My daughter is permitted to go in the water and is an strong swimmer	
My daughter is not permitted to go in the water	

Parent Signature	
Date	

Please note that this form can be completed electronically and emailed from a parent email address to emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au