Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is designed to inform you about some of the arrangements for the 2013 swimming carnival, to seek your support in the trial process and to gather information about your child’s swimming ability and desire to compete in a variety of events to be held on the day.

**Swimming Trials Term 4 2012**

Swimming trials are held annually to ascertain those students who will compete in the Championship events and those to compete in grade (Year level) events on the day of the carnival. These trials are held at specially designated times in the second/or third last week of Term 4 2012. Children are able to trial for freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. **There will be no PE classes on the day of the swim trials.**

**Trial Timetable**

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**New Students**

New students in Year 3 – 5 (2013) are invited to attend trials on 27 November 2012. However, we appreciate that this may not work for all new students and their families. Another trial session will be held on Tuesday 5 February at lunchtime for new students who are yet to trial. On the attached permission slip please indicate the date on which you would like your child to trial. New students attending trials on 27 November should meet at the Del Monte office 5 minutes prior to the start of their trial session. Children should come ready to swim with items listed below; any appropriate swimwear is acceptable for new student attending trials on 27 November.

In order to assist us in preparing more effectively for these trials and to best meet the needs of all students we ask that you complete the section at the end of this note regarding the events in which you believe your child can safely trial. Your child does not need to be an ‘expert’ swimmer to trial, just competent in the stroke and safe in deep water. Trials will be held in the College pool on the secondary campus, which is 33m long and a depth of 1.2 metres (shallow end) and 2+m in the deep end.

We are also seeking parent helpers for the trials and the day of the carnival. Parent helpers will be asked to participate in trials as a timekeeper, recorder, marshal or starter. No special skills are required for most roles just a willingness to help out. However, if you have expertise in any of the fore mentioned jobs please indicate this on the attached note. Parent helpers are asked to come to the pool about 10 minutes before the scheduled start time for their child’s session.

**Preparing Your Child for Trials**

**Clothing:** Children should come to school in their school sports uniform, including hat. If they have swimming first thing in the morning they should wear their costume under their uniform and pack their underwear.

**What to bring:**

- Black College one-piece costume for girls
- Black College speedos for boys
- Black College rash shirt
- Black College swimming hoodie (Optional but recommended – see Swimming Uniform Requirements)
- Colour house swimming cap
- Goggles
- Towel
- Sandals, crocs or thongs
- Sunscreen
- Underwear
The college swimming attire, along with the colour house swimming caps are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

**Swimming Caps**: These can be tricky things for children. Please ensure your child is able to put on their swimming cap independently. This may require some practice sessions at home.

**Movement of students to the Senior Campus**: Students will be escorted to and from trials by their class teachers or another member of the Del Monte Staff via the over head bridge.

**Events**: Discuss with your child the events you have nominated for them to swim so they are prepared for their session.

**The Swimming Carnival Day – Advance Notice**

**Date**: Friday 15 February 2013  
**Wet Weather Date**: Monday 18 February 2013

**Venue**: Santa Sabina College Pool

**Times**:  
8.45am  Students meet in their classroom as normal. Please be on time.  
9.00am  Walk to SSC Pool  
9.15am  First Event  
       Lunch  
       Carnival continues  
       Day concludes

**Events**: Students will participate in a variety of novelty and traditional swimming events.

**Students Dismissal**: There are 3 options regarding the dismissal of children.  
1. Parents may collect their child from the pool at the end of the carnival. In this event parents **MUST** mark their child off with their normal class teacher before leaving the pool.  
2. Parent may nominate, in writing, another child’s parent to collect their child from the pool. In this event parents **MUST** mark the child they collect off with that child’s normal class teacher before leaving the pool.  
3. Students will return to school to be dismissed in the normal way.

Additional details about the carnival will appear in the Veritas Voice prior to the carnival. The program will be posted on SSConnect a week or so prior to the carnival. Your attention to information about the carnival would be appreciated.

Lisa Filby  
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Del Monte Primary
Swimming Carnival 2013
Trial Permission Note

Please return this note to your child’s class teacher or FAX to the Del Monte Office on 9745 7701 by 14 November 2012

I grant permission for _________________________________________________   Yr ____________
to attend the following school activity.

NAME OF ACTIVITY:  Del Monte – Primary School Carnival Trials
LOCATION: Santa Sabina Pool – Secondary Campus
DATE:  27 November 2012  WET WEATHER DATE: 30 November 2012
ADDITIONAL DATE (New Students only): 5 February 2013
TIME: Normal school time. Children are to be at school at normal time.
TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT: Children will be escorted to and from the secondary campus by their class teacher or other suitably qualified member of staff via the overhead bridge.
SPECIAL INFORMATION: This activity involves children in water-based activities, specifically swimming.

EVENTS:
• All children will have an opportunity to participate in the following events. 33m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.
• Those children who are not yet competent to swim in the above events will be involved in skill development activities.

Please indicate (tick) the events you feel are most suited to your child’s current swimming ability. Keep in mind that children do not need to be ‘experts’ in the various strokes just competent and safe in deep water.

33m Freestyle   33m Breaststroke
33m Backstroke  33m Butterfly
Learn to swim only

NEW STUDENTS ONLY: My child will be attending trials on (please tick)
27 November 2012   5 February 2013

I/We understand
• the nature of the event involves water activities and can be dangerous
• the events in which my child will trial will be based on the event information ticked above

___________________________________________________________________________________

Parents / Guardians Signature                Date

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Parent Help Request Form

Mr/Mrs ____________________________________ mother/father of _____________________________________
in Year ________ (2013) would be happy to assist at the (please tick below)

☐ Swimming Carnival Trials in 2012   ☐ 2013 Del Monte Primary School Swimming Carnival

Special Skills (Please tick) Timekeeper ☐ Marshal ☐ Starter ☐

Thank you
Lisa Filby
Physical Education Teacher