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Dear Parents,

Re: INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS

I am writing to remind you that swimming lessons start on Wednesday 10 October at Joondalup Arena and run until Friday 19 October. Please note, school is open to students on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 October but there will not be swimming lessons.

There will be two afternoon sessions each day. Each lesson lasts for forty minutes before returning to school.

The lesson sessions will be as follows:

Session 1 – 1300 – 1340: Cadet 3, Cabin 6, 8, 9 & 15 (Meet in Quarterdeck at 1220, bus departs at 1230 at the latest)

Session 2 - 1350 – 1430: Cabins 3, 4, 11 & 13 (Meet in Quarterdeck at 1310, bus departs at 1320 at the latest)

IMPORTANT – Session 2 will not arrive back at school until approx 3pm each day, including the Wednesdays which are early close.

There is no time for children to have showers for other than medical reasons, in which case a doctor's note is required. Children with a doctor's note will finish each lesson early to give them time to shower. If you have provided a doctor's note in the past, a simple 'reminder' note for our records would be most welcome.

Students are encouraged to use rash-shirts even though the lessons will be held indoors, they may bring swimming goggles but not snorkelling goggles. The swim school prefer students to arrive dressed ready to swim, that is, with bathers under their school uniform. Students will be given a 10 minute change time before the earlier lunch break that is scheduled for the 8 days of swimming. Each block will have a supervised classroom (separate male and female rooms) in which all students are to get changed in from 1130 -1140. Please remember to pack thongs in their swimming bags as they are not permitted to have thongs on all day at school. All swimming gear should be labelled with the student's name and carried in a bag which is also labelled. Plastic bags tend to split and are not advisable as the clothes then spill. All clothes will be left in the bag at the marshalling area during lessons. Students with long hair are requested to have it tied back before arriving at the lessons and it is not appropriate to wear jewellery or bring valuables. Don't forget a towel!

If your child requires an epipen, or some other form of medication to be close at hand, it must be clearly marked and identified to their supervising Ocean Reef staff member. Medications are not to be held by the student.

You are very welcome to come and watch your child swim but please note that there is a spectator fee of \$2.60 per adult payable at the Arena and all of our students must be transported from school and returned to school via the bus provided. Please note, however, that parents are not allowed into the changing rooms.

Recess will run from 1020 -1040 and Lunch from 1140 -1210 across the 8 days of swimming. These times ensure that all students have time to eat and play before heading to the pool.

Finally, any student who is not swimming will remain in school and be relocated to the Chartroom where work will be provided for them by a teacher.

Yours faithfully

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