28th January 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of St Dympna’s School we would like to invite you to our year 3-6 Swimming Carnival to be held Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at Zillmere State School swimming pool, located on Murphy Road, Zillmere. The carnival commences at 9am.

Transportation
Students will either arrange their own transport to the event or walk with their classroom teacher to the carnival. Fill in the form below to provide permission and to notify the intended transportation method. Students who are walking with staff members must go to their classrooms at 8:25am to have the roll marked and will then proceed to the event. There is to be no parking at Zillmere State School as sufficient parking is provided in Merrett Avenue, adjacent to the oval.

General Arrangements
Students will be seated in the stands and are asked to stay with their house. The first event will be 100m Freestyle followed by 50m Freestyle events, so make sure your child is ready for their race. The program, on the school website, has times that are only a guide. The program may run ahead of the schedule so please be aware of this. In the event of extreme wet weather a decision will be made at 8am as to whether the carnival will go ahead.

Sun Safety
Children are to wear sports uniform, hat and sunscreen. Students are allowed to wear a collared shirt in their house colours: Blue, Green and Gold. Bring a waterproof bag for togs and towel. Swimming caps are to be worn. Children must not wear coloured mascara, coloured zinc, and coloured hairspray or bring along crepe paper streamers as this affects the water filtering system. The Electric Eels Swim Club will be providing a canteen on the day; this will be available throughout the carnival. A menu is on the school website for you to look at.

Districts
If students want to be eligible for the Bramble Bay or Zone 6 teams they must nominate for the selected events. Students are to nominate for events by completing the nomination form attached below and return the completed form to Mrs Fletcher by Friday 30th January. Please note that children who demonstrate incorrect stroke technique or finish incorrectly will not be picked for these swimming teams, as they would be disqualified at the next level. Students may only compete in either the 50m or 25m events, not both.

As there are no finals, all of the nominated races will be timed using a semi-automatic timing system which also places the children into their finishing positions. Children will need to head to the recording desk to find out their place in the race. The fastest 3 swimmers in each event (not individual races) who meets the qualifying standards will be chosen for Bramble Bay. 4 students are chosen for Zone 6. This year Bramble Bay is giving 9 year olds the opportunity to swim at their carnival to gain experience. They do not go any further than Bramble Bay. All 9 year old events for selection have to be 50m to align with the Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival.

As Zone 6 has 8 year olds racing, we will be inviting any competent year 2 students who can swim 25m confidently and wish to try and make the Zone 6 team, to come along on the day to compete. A guide as to whether your child is able to swim at the school carnival is that they need to be having swimming lessons where they are swimming 25m at a time, not stopping half way. All 8 year old events are only 25m in length.

Any carnival that is held requires plenty of helpers so that it runs smoothly. We are asking for your help on the day with jobs such as timekeeping. If you are able to help out, even for a short period of time, please return the reply slip below by Friday 30th January. Any help is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to a great day with maximum participation from all students throughout the event. It is expected that students demonstrate their best manners and sportsmanship during the carnival.

Any concerns can be directed to Mrs Fletcher via email before the carnival, paspley@bne.catholic.edu.au
Natalie Fletcher – PE Teacher
St Dymphna’s Swimming Carnival 2015
Permission and Travel Arrangements

I give permission for my child………………………………………………………… to attend the St Dymphna’s Swimming Carnival held at Zillmere State School on Tuesday 3rd February.

☐ I will take my child to the Swimming Carnival  ☐ I will take my child home at the end of the carnival

☐ My child will walk to the Swimming Carnival accompanied by staff members  ☐ My child will walk back to school accompanied by staff members

Parent Helpers

I am able to help out on Tuesday 3rd February at the St Dymphna’s Swimming Carnival.

I am able to help out for: _______ Whole day _______ Morning _______ Afternoon

NAME: _________________________________________

PLEASE PRINT NAME

PLEASE RETURN BY: FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY TO MRS FLETCHER

St Dymphna’s Swimming Carnival 2015
Nomination

NAME: _________________________________________

Date of Birth ________________________________

Gender: Male/Female

Class: _________

House: Green/Gold/Blue

Please circle, which events you would like to nominate for and return to Mrs Fletcher by FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY. Remember you must make it clear which event you would like to nominate in. You only nominate if you want to be selected for the Bramble Bay and Zone 6 teams. An optional 25m event in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly will be included during the carnival; students will be invited to compete on the day.

Open 100m Freestyle 25m Freestyle (8yrs only)

50m Freestyle 25m Breaststroke (8yrs only)

50m Breaststroke 25m Backstroke (8yrs only)

50m Backstroke 25m Butterfly (8yrs only)

50m Butterfly