



Hinuera School Senior Swimming Sports

Town Pools: 11:15am start.

Friday 13 March 2020

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Senior School Swimming Sports Year 3- 6, will be held on Friday 13 March 2020. This is a great chance to encourage your child/ren to get involved, so it would be great if you are able to join us. We will be working in class for the morning before having "brunch." We will leave for the pools at 10.45. Children will need to have a packed lunch and a large bottle of water.

As this is a "School Day" the children are expected to stay for the duration of the events and sit under the school marquee with their peers/age group. We thank you for your cooperation with this. Our aim is to create a supportive and encouraging atmosphere, where children cheer one another on and celebrate one another's success for both participating and receiving placing's. Part of this will include house points for all races the children participate in and for sportsmanship, thus the wearing of house colours in between events is encouraged!

Parents are welcome to take their children with them after the house relay races, which will conclude our programme. If you are needing to leave before the relay events, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for your children to go with other parents, or allow your child to return to school for a normal pick up/bus trip. You are reminded to advise your child's teacher if you do take your child after the relay events.

Children will compete mainly in age races, and the emphasis will be on participation. Children will be registered in their races at school before the day, so they know what event they will be competing in. There will be 2 different categories- competitive races and non-competitive races. We will use the outdoor pool, with our day starting off with the Stewart Cup.

Order of events:

Stewart Cup (2 length open) (Top swimmers opt into this at school)

Competitive/ Non-competitive Heats and Finals for freestyle in ages

Vowles Medley (3 length open) - Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle (Top swimmers opt into this at school)

Lunch: 20 minute break

Competitive/ Non-competitive Heats and Finals for backstroke in ages

Competitive/ Non-competitive Heats and Finals for breaststroke in ages

House Relays Freestyle & Parents Relay.

Please ensure your child is appropriately prepared. They will need lunch suitable to 'graze on' throughout the day, a drink bottle filled with water, togs and at least 2 towels, their hat (we will provide sunscreen), a warm top or sweatshirt for in between races and their asthma inhalers (if applicable).

There will be a PTA sausage sizzle on the day, with drinks and ice-blocks also available- \$2 per item. Friday prepaid sausages will also be available.

Parents bring your picnic lunch, shade providers and ground cover if you wish. Parents are also encouraged to bring their swimming gear and be part of a relay team against the children at the end – they just love these endings to the day!

Please keep preschooler's out of paddling pools, unless you have paid the entrance fee on arrival and you as the parent supervise your preschoolers.

All "Hinni Kids" will need to stay in their designated area. Thank you.

We will be travelling to the pools by bus and plan to get away from school by 10:45 am. The bus will be returning to school at approx 2:30pm

As with any event outside the school there are risks to be aware of, these can be safeguarded against if children remember to sit sensibly in buses, walk at all times around the pools and do not go near pools unless permitted. Please discuss these issues with your children. The school staff will be working hard to make this a safe and happy event.

Please note we are not asking families to return a permission slip, as it is a school event held at the local pool and all Year 3 to Year 6 children will be involved. We ask that you read all health and safety notes above. If your child is not taking part, or has special circumstances for this event that we need to know about, please contact their Class Teacher or the School Office by Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Looking forward to a great day.
Kind regards

Judith Maguire AP