Dear Parents and Guardians,

19/02/15

MERICI COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Date: Thursday 5th March 2015
Venue: Dickson Pool (has a canteen that sells a variety of food and drink. However, it is recommended that your daughter bring a packed lunch.)
Sun Smart: Students will need to bring sun screen and a hat. Some shade will be provided
Officials: If you are able to assist with official duties at the carnival please indicate this on the form below and return to your daughter’s PC teacher by Friday 27th February 2015

Goal: The Merici Annual Swimming Carnival is 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 parents are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

As you are aware Merici College’s 2015 motto is ‘Serviam.’ As a result there is an opportunity to serve others through our ‘Caritas Corner,’ an initiative set up by our student leader’s to raise funds for the Caritas project, something we have been called to serve by our Archbishop. Students are encouraged to bring along a small amount of money to participate in some fundraising challenges which will be held throughout the day.

Dress: Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing such as shorts, T-shirt, hat and runners. 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.

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 2:15pm. It is expected that all students will travel to and from the swimming pool 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 Friday 27th February.

Program: In conjunction with the main swimming events the College has successfully run a number of novelty events as part of our program. The student leadership team in conjunction with the PE department have designed some changes to the running of the carnival this year. The program during the day will include 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. All students can enter these events on the day. As a result of the changes, the 100m freestyle will be held before the main program starting at 9:05am. The 200IM will also be held during the carnival to showcase our elite swimmers. Students wishing to compete in these events need to pre-register with Mr Higginbotham before the day. Students who would like to be considered for additional events at the ASC Carnival should submit times to Mr Higginbotham using the attached form.

All students are expected to attend the swimming carnival as it is a compulsory school day and parents will be asked to explain their daughter’s absence in writing in a note to their PC teacher. All students who are able to swim are encouraged to enter the swimming events. 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.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Robert Higginbotham
PHABS/Carnival Coordinator
PLEASE RETURN YOUR SLIP THROUGH PC ROLLS BY FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Daughter’s Name: ___________________________________ PC:_________

My child **IS** permitted to go in the water

My child **IS NOT** permitted to go in the water

If you daughter is permitted in the water please then rate her abilities (please circle response):

**A weak swimmer:** My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well

**An average swimmer:** My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water

**A strong swimmer:** My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water

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Signed parent / care giver

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**ATTENTION Mr Higginbotham**

ASC qualification for: 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Breaststroke nomination form

My daughter _____________________ of Pastoral Care group ________ would like to nominate for:

**At the carnival:**
100m Freestyle, 200 IM, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke.
(Times taken from the carnival to qualify for ASC in these events)

**Additional Times for ASC consideration (These events not held at the carnival. These events will be based on times submitted)**

100m Breaststroke Time: ___________ Coach Signature: ___________________
100m Butterfly Time: ___________ Coach Signature: ___________________
100m Backstroke Time: ___________ Coach Signature: ___________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: ___________