3 December 2019

Dear Parents / Caregivers

WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020 – Year 3 and Year 4 students

When: Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February 2020
Venue: Gawler Aquatics Centre on Victoria Terrace, travelling via bus or walking if weather permits

Schedule of lessons for each day:

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Each year as part of our Health and PE Curriculum, children take part in a Water Safety Education Program. This past week our children have participated in Starplex’s private Water Safety Education Program, however next year Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler will be switching to our local Gawler Aquatic Centre’s program which is run by the Department for Education. This means that our annual participation in the new DECD Water Safety Education Program will now be at the commencement of each school year rather than at the completion.

The total cost for participation in the week-long program is $65 which covers pool admission and instructor fees each day plus equipment hire and transport costs.

We ask that you please complete and return both the School Consent / Medical Form and the Gawler Aquatics Centre Consent Form to your class teacher or school office by Wednesday 11 December 2019, so that details can be collated and sent on to Gawler Aquatic Centre. We also ask that you please pay the Water Safety Education Program Fees by Friday 31st January 2020 (Term 1 Week 1 2020).

Children can wear the school uniform which they feel most comfortable with to change in and out of for the week. Please remember to label and pack in a separate bag your child’s swimwear, towel, goggles and thongs or slide-on sandals. Thongs or slide-on sandals are much easier to slip onto feet after a swim. Children may wear their swimwear under their school uniform. The Gawler Aquatic Centre has a strict ‘No T-shirt No Swimming’ policy, therefore all students must also wear a t-shirt or rash top that covers their shoulders when they are in the pool. This can be put on once they arrive at the pool. If students have a one-piece swimsuit, they can get changed at school prior to going to the Gawler Aquatic Centre. Please remember to pack dry underwear.

If your child suffers from asthma and this is noted on the Gawler Aquatic Consent form, your child must bring their asthma puffer to the pool each day.

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend each day of the Water Safety Education Program however they are strictly advised to keep their distance from the children so that swimming staff at the pool, our school staff and the children can attend to lessons, to safety matters and to organizational matters without distractions. Please also note that parents are not permitted to take photos during the program or permitted into the change rooms set aside for the students without consultation with our school staff prior to the program.

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students will also take part in the DECD Water Safety Education Program at the Gawler Aquatic Centre however they are scheduled to undertake a 4-day program during Term 1 Week 7. Forms will be distributed to these families early in 2020. Also in 2020, as part of a restructure of our school’s Outdoor Education Program, the Year 5 students will participate in their Aquatics Program at West Lakes Aquatic Centre late in Term 3.

If you have any queries, please see your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

Yours in Sport

Richie Cochrane (Sport Coordinator)