



# Chapman Primary School

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**Year 3-6 BIG SPLASH PICNIC DAY**

Big Splash Picnic Day- Wednesday, 19 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

An end of year Picnic Day has been organised for Year 3-6 students at the Macquarie Pool and Slide, Big Splash Water Park on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

All students are to arrive at school at the usual time dressed in neat casual clothes (no singlet tops). Students will begin departing school at 9.30am and return by approximately 2:45pm, travelling by bus.

### ***Big Splash Important Reminders***

Students should wear appropriate clothing for a day in a pool environment. This **must** include a **wide brimmed hat, sun screen, sensible footwear, swimmers** and a **T-shirt/rash top** to swim in. The children will also need to bring a warm top, **change of underclothing** and **towel**. If the weather is doubtful, staff will make a decision on the day as to whether the picnic should proceed. After feedback from previous end of year picnics, the School Board has implemented a policy of **NO SHIRT and SUNSCREEN = NO SWIM**.

In addition to their lunch, students will need to provide their own snacks and extra drinks. You might like to consider helping them prepare some special picnic style snacks. Please ensure that no glass bottles are taken and that food items do not consist entirely of "junk food". Lunch orders will **not** be available on the day but there will be a canteen operating at the pool.

The pool will not be open to the public on this day. The management of Big Splash have asked me to inform parents/carers that if you attend the picnic day you will be charged a \$3.00 entry fee. This covers the cost for the use of amenities but **NO** access to pools due to student safety.

Even if parents are present, students will be required to stay with the school in the designated swimming areas at all times. This is to avoid confusion about where students are required to be and to address safety concerns. Parents are not allowed on the slides as this is a safety concern for our students and those from other schools. Duty of care is with the staff and life guards on the day.

**There are designated swimming areas for our students on the day. The Year 3-6 students are allowed in the 50m pool, on the slides and the wading pool IF they successfully complete the swimming ability test on the day and meet the height restrictions.**

Students who are **proficient swimmers** (who have passed the test) will wear a **blue wristband** and those that are **non-proficient swimmers** will wear a **yellow wristband** (any child who does not complete all of the swimming test tasks). Students classified as **proficient** are allowed to participate in all aquatic activities –all slides and 50m pool activities. **There will be no free swimming in the 50m pool. Non-proficient** students can only participate in supervised zoned area activities (wading pool and slides with a zero depth run out).

**Your child needs to return the attached permission note and payment no later than Monday 3rd December 2018. Please ensure all boxes are appropriately ticked and signed. Please inform the school if your child's medical form needs updating. If you require more information or have any questions please contact Jackalyn Herrick.**

**A reliance on parental information alone to determine a student's swimming ability is not sufficient. Teachers are required to assess student's swimming ability prior to any recreational aquatic activity. The students will be assessed when they arrive at the pool.**

*"The school is planning to offer an excursion to Big Splash. As this is an optional activity, a payment will be required to cover costs. If the school is unable to cover the costs, the school may not be able to proceed with the excursion. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential."*

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Jackalyn Herrick  
Executive Teacher

