YEAR 2 AQUASAFE WATER SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

Term 4: 14 November – 25 November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 2 students at Latham Primary School will be participating in a new water safety and awareness program AQUASAFE™, a product of a partnership between the ACT Government Education Directorate and Royal Life Saving ACT. It aims to instill vital water safety skills in all Year 2 public school students. AQUASAFE™ consists of 5 classroom-based theory lessons delivered by our year 2 teachers at school, and 10 pool-based lessons delivered by qualified Royal Life Saving ACT program instructors. The theory lessons will incorporate activities that allow students to explore the hazards and risks associated with various water environments including around the home, at the beach, at public pools and community areas such as storm water drains and ponds. The pool-based lessons will teach basic skills such as using a lifejacket, treading water, and floating. For competent students these skillsets will be extended to include basic rescue and other survival skills.

The new AQUASAFE™ program provides skills and knowledge that are an important part of your child’s development and well-being and we would expect as many year 2 students as possible to participate. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like your child to participate in the AQUASAFE Water and Safety Awareness Program please contact Liz on 614 20077 for support.

Your child will need to wear their swimmers to school and bring their labelled towel, goggles and swimming cap (if needed) in a labelled bag. A plastic bag for wet items is recommended.

The details are as follows:

Program: Year 2 AQUASAFE Water Safety and Awareness Program
Venue: CISAC Belconnen
Start Date: Monday 14 November 2016
Finish Date: Friday 25 November 2016
Timeslot: Times will be allocated at a later stage
Enrolments: Enrolments will be done online through the secure Royal Life Saving ACT shortly. By following this link and entering the code you will be guided to an enrolment page that relates to your child’s class. General information will be requested then you will complete a questionnaire that will calculate your child’s group depending on their swimming ability.
Cost: $50 per student - this includes pool entry and transport.
Payment: Please return the permission slip and $50 to the front office by Friday 21 October 2016.
Transport: Students will be transported by bus to and from the pool each day.

If you have any enquiries about the program please contact the front office on 614 20077. For program content and online enrolment enquiries, please contact Royal Life Saving ACT 6260 5800 or email nlloyd@rlssa.org.au.

Thank you

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I give permission for my child ___________________________ class ____________ to participate in the Year 2 AQUASAFE Water Safety and Awareness Program from Monday 14 to Friday 25 November 2016 travelling by bus.

Parent name __________________________________________ Signature __________________________

Date __________________________ Contact phone number __________________________

METHODS OF PAYMENT

☐ Cash - I have enclosed $50 payment


☐ CREDIT CARD

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We have a copy of your child’s Medical Information Form lodged in our records. Please complete the section below only if your child’s medical circumstances have changed since lodging the form with the school.

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION NAME: ____________________________________ CLASS: ____________________________

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SIGNED: ____________________________________________ DATE __________________________

Code of Conduct and Parental Agreements:

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school, (reminders, time out in a designated spot, and exclusion from an activity) but with the additional factor that the student may be returned to school should the behaviour be extreme or overly persistent.

Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.

I agree to my child participating in the swimming/aquatic activities mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for sensible behaviour on this excursion. I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child’s attending this event.

I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency. I agree to provide any relevant medical information to the school to the excursion.