Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Annual Swimming Carnival will be held in Term 1, 2014.

The day will offer children a variety of swimming events for both their House Competition and to select the children who will represent the school at the Annual District Swimming Carnival in all of the stroke events.

Due to strict DET regulations regarding water based activities, individual tests need to be held every 12 months to ascertain children’s safety around water BEFORE an activity such as the swimming carnival can be held.

The WATER SAFETY DAY is compulsory for all children wishing to attend the swimming carnival in 2014. The day will encompass water safety lessons and instructions, and testing. Any child who is deemed to be unsafe in the water will be unable to attend the swimming carnival in 2014. These changes have been put in place by NSW Department of Education and Training in conjunction with Royal Life Saving Society of New South Wales, New South Wales Sport and Recreation, Association of Independent Schools and the Catholic Education Commission in response to the NSW Deputy State Coroner’s Inquest to ensure the safety of all children in NSW schools.

The test will involve: slide in entry, balanced walk, 25m swim (dog paddle), float/tread water for one minute, unassisted exit from the pool, and a voice rescue. The children will be instructed in each activity and given ample practice time. A pool employed life guard will be on duty throughout the testing. If you feel your child will not be able to safely complete any of the above activities or will not be attending the carnival, please complete the slip indicating so. For all other students wishing to participate, please fill in the permission note and return to school.

The Water Safety Day will commence at 10.30 am and children will travel to Warragamba Pool by bus. The students will need to be at school by 9.30am they will return within school hours.

This year the school is combining the day with the End of Year Class Celebrations. The following page outlines the class party aspect. As these two activities are combined the cost is not included as part of the Water Safety Day.

Children will require swimmers, towel, hat, sun screen and sports uniform. Lunch and Morning tea should be packed, a limited canteen will be available run by the pool. All children in years 1* – 5 are invited to participate. (*turning 8 in 2014)

Please complete the permission note attached and return it to the office along with the fee by Friday December 10th, 2013.

Mr Ross Angus
Principal

Ms M Watling
Assistant Principal
THE OAKS PUBLIC SCHOOL
WATER SAFETY DAY

Child’s Name ________________________________ Class _____________________

He/she suffers from the following medical condition - NIL ( ) PLEASE TICK

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Treatment is: ...........................................................................................................................

SWIMMING Ability
My child’s swimming ability is:

☐ Non Swimmer  ☐ Requires help

Students that are ‘non swimmers’ or ‘requires help’ may be unable to attend the carnival if they are deemed unsafe through the water safety testing. They will bring a note home from the testing detailing which skill they require additional guidance in.

☐ Can swim a little  ☐ Able to swim 25m

☐ Able to swim at least 50m  ☐ SWIM CLUB/ SQUAD MEMBER

PARENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________ DATE: __________

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PLEASE TEAR OFF and return to Mrs Watling.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ 2013 class: __________

TO ASSIST IN ORGANISATION FOR THE 2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

PLEASE INDICATE THE EVENTS -YOU WILL BE ENTERING for the 2014 swimming carnival

☐ 25m free-style  ☐ 50m breast stroke

☐ 50m free-style  ☐ 50m back stroke

☐ 100m free-style  ☐ 50m butterfly

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Please sign if applicable -

☐ My child will NOT be participating in the Water Safety Day. I understand that my child will not be eligible to attend the 2014 swimming carnival.

Parent signature : ____________________________________________ Date: __________
At the end of each school year classes generally have a class party and activity. Last year a fun day was held at the school where the children paid to participate in the activities. Separately the students in Years 1-5 attended the Water Safety Day as mentioned on the other note. This year we have decided to combine the two activities to have the students complete their Water Safety Day and then have their Class Party at Warragamba Pool. A giant inflatable water slide which will be outside the pool fencing and an inflatable jumping castle/ obstacle course will also complement the opportunity to play in the swimming pool.

Note: students who have not passed the Water Safety Day in the morning will not be able to swim but will be able to take part on the inflatable activities as well as the class parties. Year 6 completed their Water Safety Day this year so this is still valid. Kindergarten students are not able to participate in the swimming pool area but can do all other activities. This is a great opportunity for the class to celebrate their year together before the holidays commence.

**What** : End of year Class Party and Excursion

**When**: Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} December 2013

**Time**: Students in Years 1-5 will leave the school at 9.30am and return to school prior to 3.15pm

Students in Kindergarten and Year 6 will come on the next bus at approximately 10.30am

**Cost**: $16.00 per person includes bus, entry to the swimming pool, waterslide, obstacle course. (Kindergarten will have additional time on the waterslide and Obstacle course.)

**What students will need**:

Please wear your sports uniform with costumes already underneath. A change of underwear should be brought in a bag with a rash vest and hat. Please also have sun-cream that the student can self-apply throughout the day.

**Food**: All students will need to bring lunch recess and a drink. Class teachers will coordinate with the students regarding party food that can be brought on the bus.

**A medical note is to be completed for every child and is provided with this note.**

Ross Angus
Principal The Oaks PS 29/11/2013
End of School Year Class Excursion
16th December, 2013
Permission Note

I give permission for my son/daughter ........................................ of Class ....................... to attend The Oaks Public School End of School Year Class Excursion to be held at Warragamba Pool on Monday, 16th December 2013.

☐ I understand that students in Y1-6 who have passed the Water Safety Day will have access to the swimming pool, water slide and obstacle course.

☐ I understand that if my child does not pass the water safety day he/she will not be able to enter the swimming pool but will access the other activities.

☐ I have enclosed $16.00 as payment for entry and activities. $ __________

☐ I understand travel will be by bus to and from the pool.

Signed by Parent ________________________________ Date ________________