Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Our Sports Carnivals are a compulsory part of our school curriculum and all students in Years 7 through 12 are expected to attend. In an effort to reduce the administration time and congestion at the front office, we require students to pay $12 as a one-off payment for the three school carnivals, Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics and return all permission notes signed. Payment should be finalized by the end of Term 1 please. This fee will cover entry fees, transport and council levies at each venue. Our Cross Country is at Lennox Head SLSC and Athletics at Riverview Park, Lismore. Buses are provided to and from these events.

The first major sporting event for this year is our Swimming Carnival to be held on **Tuesday 7th February at the Lismore Memorial Baths in Molesworth Street.**

Students who live in the vicinity of the baths may walk to the pool by 9.15 am. Our various Bus services will be asked to drop students off at the Baths in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. A bus will be available from school in the morning at 8.55 am for students whose bus will not drop at the Pool. These students will need to walk back to school after the carnival at around 3 pm with teacher supervision, if their bus driver will also not pick up from the pool. Students should check this arrangement with their bus driver.

A canteen is available for the purchase of food and drink at the pool and a BBQ will operate. Rolls will be marked at various times during the day to monitor attendance.

The Richmond Zone Swimming carnival is on at Maclean towards the end of February. Students who place 1st or 2nd in our school carnival are eligible. Students are reminded that they are to swim in the race of the **age that they turn this year.** Whilst no student is forced to swim, participation is strongly encouraged and some novelty events will be included. **Note:** Our school will provide flotation devices for students who may require assistance in the water. It should also be remembered that for students wanting to attend our special outdoor education excursions throughout the year such as Nymboida, Great Keppel Island and Perisher Snow, attendance and behaviour at the three sporting carnivals will be a consideration.

Students are asked to be prepared for hot and sunny weather conditions as shelter is limited at the baths. **Remember to bring a hat and sunblock and water.** Also, as theft can be an issue, we ask students to avoid bringing valuable items or large amounts of money.

Only in the event of severe thunderstorms will the carnival be cancelled. An announcement will then be made on 2LM/Triple Z/ABC at around 7.05 am. I will also post information on Student/Staff email.

We strongly encourage all students to attend the carnival, wear their house colours if possible, participate to the best of their ability and to have an enjoyable day. Parents are most welcome to attend and we hope to see many of you there.

Please sign all forms including the swimming consent form attached and return them to the front office Thank you for your support.

Mr Roly Dixon  
Carnival Organiser  

Mr Tim Laverty  
Head Teacher PD/H/PE 

Mr Chris Watkins  
Principal