

Twilight Swimming Carnival

80 brave students and their families braved the conditions to represent their House at this year's Twilight Swimming Carnival at Aqua Jetty on Tuesday 14th March.

Earth had 21 swimmers, Fire 17 (disappointing after their success at last year's carnival), Sun 22 and Water continue to lead the way year in, year out with 23 competitors – all keen to do their Houses proud with personal best efforts all contributing to the cause.

The competition was on but the enjoyment factor was the main aim of the night with participation and personal bests the overall goal – apart from keeping warm! After competing in individual Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke races plus a Freestyle relay there were some tired competitors at the end of the night – made even more noticeable with even less recovery time between events due to our urgency in getting the carnival finished so everyone could get home to a warm bed.

The House Swimming Challenge – awarded to the House that swims the most laps – was almost a foregone conclusion with Water's superior numbers combined with their willingness to enter multiple events seeing them amass 73 laps – 17 more than their nearest rival!

The overall points shield was a lot closer. Fire and Sun struggled due to lack of numbers and the real competition was between Earth and Water to see who could finish on top – a flashback to 2015 when Earth and Water lead the way. Congratulations to Earth on finally winning a senior carnival! After 10 years and being so close so many times, it was great to see Earth get the reward for their effort.

Congratulations to everyone on participating and trying your best. It was great to see more and more swimmers sign up for extra events as the night progressed – challenging themselves to do a less preferred stroke all in the name of scoring points for their House.

Final Standings:			House Challenge:		
1 st	EARTH	246 points	1 st	WATER	73 Laps
2 nd	WATER	231 points	2 nd	EARTH	56 Laps
3 rd	SUN	138 points	3 rd	FIRE	59 Laps
4 th	FIRE	114 points	4 th	SUN	47 Laps

While the carnival aimed to maximise participation, we also acknowledge the individual sportspeople who excelled over a range of events.

Year 4	Champion Girl	Aliza Anderson	Water	Runner-Up	Brianna Miller	Water
Year 4	Champion Boy	Jamie Maclean	Water	Runner-Up	Rocco Came	Earth
Year 5	Champion Girl	Talia Robertson	Sun	Runner-Up	Amelia Lloyd	Water
Year 5	Champion Boy	Hayden Clayson	Water	Runner-Up	Scott Taylor	Sun
					Aiden Jagger	Fire
Year 6	Champion Girl	Amelia Groves	Earth	Runner-Up	Alannah Morrow	Water
					Skye Bowron	Fire
Year 6	Champion Boy	Logan Rimmer	Earth	Runner-Up	Joel Thomas	Fire

Our next challenge is the Interschool swimming carnival on Thursday 6th April again at Aqua Jetty where we go head to head with Secret Harbour, Endeavour, Singleton and Golden Bay. Good luck to all of the competitors!

Thank you also to the parents and families for coming along to cheer on and support our swimmers. It made for a fantastic atmosphere and the aquatic centre staff even commented on how well supported our carnival was considering the conditions!

A special thank you must also go to the staff and parent volunteers who came along and made the night run so smoothly. Without their time and effort carnivals like this would not be possible.