



# Samuel Gilbert Public School

22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009

## SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME 2009

Dear Parents,

The Department of Education's School Swimming Scheme will be held over two weeks between Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at Riverstone Pool.

This year we would like to offer Year 3 and 4 students who are **NOT** strong swimmers the opportunity to participate.

Recently the DET introduced *Water Safety Guidelines for Unstructured Water Activity*. A main area of focus within these guidelines is a swimming proficiency assessment which every student must complete prior to participating in activities such as Year 6 Pool Day or "Free" Swimming during camps or excursions. We have noticed that there are a number of students who may be unable to confidently complete this assessment and hope that additional swimming lessons in Years 3 and 4 may address this.

If your child is unable to confidently swim 25 metres and float/tread water in deep water for 1 minute we encourage you to take advantage of this scheme.

Although there is no charge for the lessons themselves, the scheme will involve travel by bus and pool entry for each of the 10 days of the scheme. The estimated cost will be approximately \$70.00 but this shall be confirmed once the number of students involved in the scheme is established.

Places are limited but we are specifically targeting students who are not strong swimmers and would benefit from these lessons. Please return the attached permission note as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised.

Cathie Barclay  
Relieving Deputy Principal

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Sport Organiser