



CHANGES TO FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FOR 2018

Dear Parent / Caregiver

The Faction Athletics Carnival is to be held on the school oval on **Thursday 16th August**. The carnival is for Kindy to Year 6 students and there will be a number of changes this year. The reasons for the changes are:

1. Our school has grown. More students mean more races and this in turn means more waiting for your children. We are trying to increase participation and decrease wait time for students.
2. Decreased wait time will mean less behavior issues and improved health benefits.
3. All students will get to be involved in all team games where in the past this has not always been the case, resulting in more fun for everyone.
4. Our student leaders requested the inclusion of more games, in particular “traditional” games such as sack races.

So what are the changes?

1. Whilst K-Yr2 students are doing their running races, Yr3-6 students will be doing team games on the western part of the oval and vice versa.
2. Students will be in their faction/year/gender groups for team games. For example: All yr4 boys might be doing leader ball while yr4 girls are doing pass ball. Students will spend 15mins at each game and then rotate to the next game. Students will complete as many races as possible in the allocated 15mins ensuring every student gets at least one race each. Points will be accumulative at each team game with stickers awarded at the end of each 15min period. Ribbons will be awarded for track events.
3. Parents will be allowed to spectate from the side of the running track for running races and the perimeter of the oval for team games.
4. Kindy students will return to their room after their running race.
5. PP-Yr2 students will return to their room after lunch. Parents may sign out their child at this point. PP-Yr2 students still in class will return to the oval for presentations at the end of the day.
6. Yr3-6 students will be out on the oval all day.
7. New games include:
PP-Yr2: Egg & Spoon Relay, Sack Races, Flag Race Relay, Pass Ball, Multi Ball.
Yr3-6: Tug of War, Egg & Spoon Relay, Sack Races, Soccer Relay, Football Relay.

***During PE lessons, Friday practice and at the carnival students will be allowed to compete barefoot unless a parent has informed the class teacher otherwise.**

***Gloves can be worn when practicing or competing in Tug of War.**

Long Jump, Tee Ball throw, 400m & 800m events will be held on Wednesday 15th August. The top 3 qualifiers from each faction (yr3-6) will compete. Notes will be sent home to qualifiers.

We are also hosting the interschool athletics carnivals on the 12th & 13th September.

Thank you

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