



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

Swimming Lessons Term 4 2021

Friday 19 November

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are thrilled that, under Alert Level 2, we are able to commence swimming lessons at St Paul's Collegiate pool. St Joseph's Fairfield has a long standing association with the St Paul's Swimming Club, we have been taking our Year 0-6 students there for lessons in Term 4 for a number of years now. This means we have every confidence in our ability to work with them to provide lessons under Alert Level 2 guidelines. Swimming is an essential skill for New Zealanders and we proudly prioritise swimming lessons in our curriculum.

The lessons will be run by qualified instructors at the St Paul's Collegiate outdoor school pool. The focus is on building confidence in and around water and learning to swim, then building on stroke technique and ability. The swimming instructors ascertain the level of confidence of each child and work with small groups. Platforms have been constructed to make sure that our smallest children can be catered for, and the instructors are in the water with our young children, and those older children who need it.

Year 4-6 students will start their lessons on Monday 22 November.

- They will have 7 lessons in a row, with the last lesson being Tuesday 30 November.
- Year 4-6 will walk to and from the pool each day. This is a 10 minute walk from our school to the back entrance of St Paul's. Children will need suitable footwear for this walk.

Year 0-3 students will start their lessons on Wednesday 1 December.

- They will have 8 lessons in a row, with the last lesson being Friday 10 December.
- Year 0-3 children will be taken to and from the pool by bus.

All children will need a named swimming bag, togs and towel. Goggles are recommended. Swimming caps are optional.

The cost for these swimming lessons is covered by the school because we opted into the Ministry Donations Scheme. There is no charge for parents.

How will the Alert Level 2 Health and Safety Guidelines be met?

- All swimming instructors meet the vaccination mandate requirements for the education sector.
- The pool and changing rooms at St Paul's will be a 'closed' site with only St Joseph's staff and the swimming instructors.
- No parent spectators this year as we do not yet have the means to easily check vaccination status.
- Hygiene measures are in place in the changing rooms.

The swimming timetable for Year 4-6 and Year 0-3 is on the next page.

Please contact your child's class teacher, or myself, if you have any questions.

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Yr 4-6 Swimming Timetable 2021: Monday 22 November - Tuesday 30 November.

*note: those children in Rooms 6,7,& 8 sitting ICAS exams on Tues, Wed and Thurs next week will be able to sit the exam and then join in with a class going swimming in a later time slot that day. We will make sure they can do both the exam and swimming.

Classes will leave school approximately 20 minutes before their lesson starts.

Room(s)	Lesson time at St Paul's (30 min lessons)
Room 6 - Mrs Terry	9.30 - 10.00
Room 7 - Mrs Dons	10.00- 10.30
Room 8 - Ms Keep	10.30 - 11.00
11.00 - 11.30 Break for instructors	
Room 5 - Mrs Crawford	11.30 - 12.00
Room 4 - Mr Beaurepaire	12.00 - 12.30

Yr 0-3 Swimming Timetable 2021: Wednesday 1 December - Friday 10 December.

*note: the bus takes 2 classes to the pool at once, so classes leave school well before their lesson time.

Class:	Lesson time (30 min lessons)
Miss McHaffie's Class	9.30-10.00am
Miss Cameron's Class	10.00-10.30am
Mrs Velzian's Class	10:30-11:00am
Instructors break 11.00-11.30am	
Mrs Felix	11.30-12.00
Mrs Finn	12.00-12.30
Mrs Fitzwater	12:30-1:00