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PREP – YEAR 1 SPORTS DAY!

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Prep – Year 1

The annual sports day for Prep – Year 1 is planned to take place on **Friday 14th June** on Read Park, opposite the school's Main Oval. As this may be the first major school sports day experience for some of you, I would like to provide you with some information about the day.

Firstly, children arrive at school as usual and go to class when the bell goes. Any tuckshop orders will be handled in the usual way. After the morning messages teachers will walk their students across the road and assemble under the coloured shelters near the running track. All the classes should try to be there by 9:05am ready for a **9:15am start**.

Secondly, although students are placed in a sports team when they are enrolled at school, there is no formal competition amongst these four teams at this level. A lot of my setting up will involve the four colours (**red – Cooroibah, blue - Laguna, green - Doonella, yellow - Weyba**), but this is purely for management/organisation and aesthetics. Some children will want to wear a coloured shirt, others may prefer to wear their uniform. Either option is fine. Children will also need their hat, water bottle and fruit snack.

So what actually happens on the day? The sports carnival involves all students participating in a variety of small games for about 40 minutes (such as egg and spoon races, sack races, relays, to name a few) and a 60m running race. The games session takes place from 9:25am – 10:10am, followed by the sprints. Prep races will be held first, followed by year 1. Prep and year 1 classes will return to school after their running races at approximately 11:00am.

Generally speaking, running races are organised by gender and class group. Some children like to run barefoot, others prefer to wear their shoes. Either option is fine. Place ribbons are handed out to the first three placegetters in each running race and all other students receive a participation ribbon. The year 6 house captains and student leaders will be there to assist, along with class teachers.

The emphasis of the day is all about participation and having fun so that a positive experience is enjoyed by all.

Regards,

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PE Teacher

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Deputy Principal