

2021 Margaret Hendry School Cross Country Carnival

28 April 2021

Dear Families

The Margaret Hendry School Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Monday 10 May 2021** on the paths around the school and up to Taylor Park where the finish will be located.

Details of the carnival are as follows:

Date:	Monday 10 May (week 4)
Time:	9:00am - 2:30pm (children will not be off site for all of this time)
Destination:	Paths around the school and Taylor Park. A map will be sent closer to the date
Clothing and Equipment:	Sun smart hat, sunscreen, a warm jumper (if weather is cold), appropriate clothes and footwear to run in.
Food arrangements:	As per a normal school day
Transport to the venue:	Walking to and from school via the pathways

The timetable for the day is as follows:

9:00am	Roll call (as normal)	
10:00am	11, 12, 13-year-old race start (3km)	Start location: Pond near school
10:30am	9, 10-year-old race start (2km)	Start location: Taylor Park
11:45am	8-year-old race start (1km)	Start location: Pond near school
12:00pm	Year 1 race start (1km)	Start location: Pond near school
12:15pm	Kindergarten race start (1km)	Start location: Pond near school
12:30pm	Preschool fun run	Start location: Taylor Park

Thursday/Friday Preschool groups will hold a 'Mini Carnival' at 10am on Thursday May 13th

** Please note that students must run in the correct age level/group. Age refers to the age of each student on their birthday in 2021.*

Family involvement and volunteers:

We encourage and welcome parents/carers to come along and cheer! If any parent/carer would like to offer their assistance on the day, please contact the Margaret Hendry School Front Office prior to Friday 7 May via email: margarethendry@ed.act.edu.au or phone: 6142 2800

Information for Preschool Families:

Preschool children will stay with their home group educators, which will maintain our minimum ratio of 1 adult to 11 children. We are expecting that our group will include of 66 preschool children, 3 learning coaches, and 4 preschool assistants. A risk assessment has been conducted and is available by request. Preschool families are welcome to volunteer to assist the pre-schoolers during their walk.

NOTE NEEDS TO BE RETURNED BY: Friday 7 May, week 3 term 2.

The coordinating learning coaches are Anastasia O'Donnell and Chris Pratt. All staff will be carrying mobile phones which will be used if needed for contact with the group/front office, or for calling assistance in an emergency. In case of an emergency, the educators can be contacted via the Front Office. There will also be a First Aid station set up at the end of cross-country course, and emergency contact information will be held at the oval.

Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school. Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.

Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour. Parents should also be aware that no automatic insurance is provided by the ACT Government in respect of injuries to students, non-enrolled children or yourselves should an injury occur on an excursion. You may wish to consider taking out personal insurance cover for yourself and/or for students and non-enrolled children accompanying the excursion.

PERMISSION SLIP – 2021 Margaret Hendry School Cross Country

- I have discussed with my child the need for sensible behaviour on this excursion.
- I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the costs associated with any emergency arrangements made by the school. I agree to provide to the school any medical information relevant to this excursion. Free ambulance transportation only applies in the ACT.
- I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.
- I have read the attached information regarding this excursion and understand what it contains.

Your child's medical status must be updated regularly when needed and an updated *Medical Information and Consent Form* is required to be completed.

A *Medication Authorisation and Administration Record* must be completed if needed.

Is there any additional information you need to provide to support your child's participation in this excursion?

Yes No

If yes, please provide these details to your child's teacher.

I (family member) _____ hereby give permission
for my child (child's name) _____ in
_____ 's home learning group, to attend the 2021 Margaret Hendry School cross country.

Signed _____ Date _____

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (EDU) This information is necessary for us to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose. Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion in order to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website (www.det.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.