Interschool Swimming Carnival 2016

The annual Comet Bay School Sports Association Interschool Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 6th April. Thirty one students from Years 4-6 proudly represented us at the Carnival at the Rockingham Aquatic Centre against Secret Harbour, Singleton, Endeavour and for the first time Golden Bay Primary School.

Having shown their ability at the annual Twilight Swimming Carnival in March, our squad were keen to match their swimming prowess against the best swimmers from the other local schools. The aim again was to strive for our personal best and to represent our school proudly – both in terms of performance and behaviour.

Our entire squad performed extremely well with many even surprising themselves with their achievement. This achievement was highlighted when our relay teams combined to secure a top 2 finish in 10 of the 12 relays – only missing out narrowly in the other two relays to finish an extremely impressive 3rd in each.

Some of the stand out performances included Oliver Jones for recovering quickly after a mix up to swim two 50m freestyle races back to back to start the day (he was the first to finish in the division 2 event, which he swam in error, before jogging back to the start line and immediately swimming the division 1 freestyle and just missing out on a place up against everyone else who was only swimming their first event of the day!). Logan Rimmer and Harry Case stepped up to help out the Year 6 boys with their relays and held their own against the older, bigger bodied boys. Logan volunteered to fill in for the Year 6 Boys Medley Relay and swam his heart out to help the team win their relay and Harry got the Year 6 Boys off to a flying start with his 50m leg in the freestyle relay putting his team in a strong position to also win the event. This also meant that Luke Hart and Joel Thomas had to step up to fill the void created by moving Logan and Harry into the older relay event. These outstanding individual efforts covered for the loss of two Year 6 boys at short notice after one pulled out of the squad and the other got injured at training the night before.

Some of our swimmers won individual recognition for their swimming prowess with the following students winning medals:

Talia Robertson Year 4 Girls - Champion
Oliver Jones Year 4 Boys – Champion
Amelia Groves Year 5 Girls – Runner Up
Logan Rimmer Year 5 Boys - Runner Up
Amelia Anderson Year 6 Girls – Champion
Ruby Lloyd Year 6 Girls – Runner Up
Ethan O’Sullivan Year 6 Boys - Champion
Corey Paschini Year 6 Boys - Runner Up

Congratulations to everyone who attended and represented us with such pride and enthusiasm. Whether you competed in one event, two events or in all 5 events you gave your all and this contributed to the overall success of the squad and you should be extremely proud of your efforts. This attitude made the day such a fantastic success and was capped off by Comet Bay winning the Interschool Swimming Carnival for the 3rd consecutive year! The shield is proudly on display in the front office.
A huge thank you to our parent helpers, Mrs Emma Anderson and Mrs Robyn Hart, for volunteering their time to assist with the school bay. Thank you also to Mrs Stone for taking on the tough job of overseeing the finish line judging.

Now it’s a challenge to retain the shield again in 2017!