



White Gum Valley Primary School

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Faction Swimming Carnival Thursday, 5 March 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

White Gum Valley Primary School is holding their Faction Swimming Carnival for Years 4-6 on **Thursday, 5 March, 2026** at Fremantle Leisure Centre. The carnival will commence at 9.30am and conclude approximately 12.00pm. Children will be travelling to and from the venue by bus. Thank you to our wonderful P&C who will pay for the bus and entry for students.

Students will need to wear full faction sports uniform (over their bathers) and bring dry underwear, towel, warm clothes, drinks and a snack. There will be no access to the pool canteen.

The entry cost for spectators is \$2.90, to be paid directly at Fremantle Leisure Centre on the day.

To assist with the grouping of students for the events we ask parents to discuss participation with their child. As a general rule, we have usually looked at students with stages 5 and above (or their equivalent State Swim stage) for the 25 metre events and Stage 7 and above for the 50 metre events and 25 metre Butterfly. Could you decide based on knowledge of your child's swimming ability whether they would cope with the distances? Please fill out the accompanying form and **return to the student's classroom teacher by Tuesday, 24 February 2026.**

You are welcome to attend to cheer on our students. With the likely need to keep some staff back at school we would appreciate volunteers to assist with the running of the morning. If you are available, could you let us know on the attached sheet.

The champion faction shield and individual championship medals will be presented at the end of the Swimming program.

The P&C have reserved lanes for practice before school on 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th of February (Monday and Wednesday of weeks 3 and 4) from 7:30am – 8:15am. There is a \$2.00 entry cost for students and a \$2.90 entry cost for parents. The P&C offer supervision in these periods by parent volunteers. If there are any parents interested in supervision during these sessions, please contact Sherry.

These sessions have been offered in previous years and students who attended had a great time as well as improved their skills before the carnival.

Yours sincerely,

Cristy Coulson
Acting Principal

YEARS 4 – 6 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL EVENT SELECTION

Dear Parents/Carers,

To assist in organising our school Faction Swimming Carnival on **Thursday, 5 March, 2026** please indicate which event(s) your child is capable and willing to participate in. Use previous swimming certificates as a guide. Achievement levels are outlined at each stage.

If participating in a 50-metre event, you are not eligible for a 25-metre event, in the same stroke (and vice versa).

Students who are not swimming will remain at school under the care of staff.

Please complete the information below and return the form to your child's classroom teacher by: **Tuesday, 24 February 2026** if your child is keen to participate in the carnival.

Name _____ Faction _____ Year ___ Room _____

Please tick ✓

25 metre events (Approx' stage 5/6 or above)

Freestyle	Breaststroke	Backstroke

50 metre events (Approx' stage 7 or above) Championship points awarded

Freestyle	Breaststroke	Backstroke	Butterfly ^{***} (25m)

I give my permission for _____ to travel by bus and participate in the Faction Swimming Carnival on **Thursday, 5 March 2026**.

Where it is not practical to communicate with me, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent to my child receiving medical assessment and treatment as may be considered necessary. I am aware that the Education Department insurance does not cover personal accidents through misadventure, loss or damage of personal belongings.

Signed: _____

The following details have changed from those currently recorded on my child's medical form.

If any parent(s) are able to assist with judging during our carnival, please tick the box below and write your name.

Yes