In term 4, we are offering an intensive five day swimming program at YMCA (Mill Park) with each session running for 60 minutes. The levels are in accordance with the YMCA Swimming Program (which is a balance of basic swimming skills-stroke development, simulated open water activities and water safety - learning about different water environments that exist, the dangers that may be present and how to deal with them. Our school has booked two home groups attending each lesson. The first lesson will commence at 9.30am and the last at 1.30pm. A timetable of which home groups will attend at what times will be published in the newsletter as soon as groups are finalised. Swimming is a life skill and is part of the Victorian Curriculum where students practise a range of movement patterns in aquatic environments. There has been a price increase in the bus costs and the entry fee to the pool this year. We have also hired buses that are fully seat belted (School Council policy). Taking all these factors into consideration the cost for this year's swimming program will be \$65.

The dates are: Tuesday– November 28th and December 5th, Wednesday December 6th, Thursday December 7th and Friday December 8th.

Certificates highlighting your child's swimming achievements will be distributed at the completion of the program.

- Students may wear their bathers underneath their school uniform or place them in a sturdy swimming bag along with their towel. No jewellery to be worn on the day and children **MUST** wear their school uniform.
- Highly qualified, experienced and professional swimming instructors will teach the children in groups (ratio of 1:7).
- The cost of the program is \$65.00 this includes transportation and lane hire of the pool. CSEF can be used.
- Full payment (\$65.00) to be made by Monday November 20.
- NO LATE PAYMENTS will be accepted after the due date which is Monday November 20 (week 7 of term 4).
- Unfortunately refunds cannot be given for individual absences, however, if a child is ill for a prolonged period, then a partial refund may be granted. Please let your child's home group teacher know as soon as possible if this occurs.
- To assist with planning, please inform us <u>immediately by note to your child's teacher</u> if your child will not be involved in the swimming program.
- If you are experiencing difficulty paying, please contact the office to discuss alternative methods of payment.
- Parents are most welcome to attend, but will need to organise their own transport if they are not a parent helper on the bus. Parents who come to
 watch their child/ren are asked to please not interfere with their child's lesson and at the end of the lesson are asked not to enter the change
 rooms as staff and selected parent helpers will take care of the students.
- Reminder: It is a parent/guardian's responsibility to send any specific medical requirements, such as asthma puffer, etc. Pack your child's medication and hand it (with specific instructions) to your child's teacher. It is a teacher's responsibility to collect the Epipen bag from the first aid room or the hypo kit from the classroom.

Sebastian Scanu- PE and Sport Coordinator ≫------Cut off and return the bottom section to the school by Monday November 20. If paying by QKR you do not need to return the below permission and payment form. Parent permission I give permission for my child _ of home group ___ to attend the swimming program at YMCA (Mill Park) on 28/11, 5/12, 6/12, 7/12 and 8/12. If the emergency contacts are unavailable, I authorise the teacher in charge to consent to my child receiving such medical treatment as deemed necessary by a medical practitioner. Yes No If no consent is given what should the school do? Emergency contacts during the program Name __ Parent's name __ ____Signature Amount enclosed: ______ Qkr /Cash / Cheque / Credit Card/CSEF/School Credit (please circle) Credit Card payment %------PLENTY PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL - CREDIT CARD VOUCHER (Minimum payment \$10) Child's name: Home group: Payment for: eg. Camp Amount ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard Amount: \$ _____ Expiry Date: ___ / ___ Name on Card: _____ Phone No. Date: Signature of Cardholder: Parental assistance - Only for parents who have completed the volunteer training program at PPPS and have a valid WWC. Please return the form below by Monday October 23. I am available to assist with the swimming program (bus travel/assistance in the change rooms) on the following dates -Tuesday November 28th Tuesday December 5th Wednesday December 6th Thursday December 7th Friday December 8th Daytime contact phone no: Adult's name I am available each week (bus travel/assistance) for the duration of the swimming program. Daytime contact phone no:

Swimming Centre

Child attends lessons privately Yes.... No..... Swimming level achieved