



OPTIMINDS 2017

21 August 2017

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that the competition day is almost upon us! Following, you will find some information/reminders that I hope will be of help.

- i. On Saturday, the teams have two major tasks:
 - a. to present their solution to the Long Term Problem (the one they have been working on for six weeks) and
 - b. to participate in the Spontaneous Problem Solving session. This problem will be revealed to the team once they have entered the room with the three judges. N.B. Because the lateral thinking exercise will be the same for all schools in the competition, it is imperative that the children do not reveal the problem to anyone so that no team has an added advantage.
- ii. Though anyone may watch the teams present their Long Term Solution, due to the secrecy factor, only the 7 team members may enter the room for the Spontaneous Problem Solving. Once the teams have completed both parts of the competition, they may stay on to watch other teams perform their Long Term Solutions or leave with their families.
- iv. As you know, the teams will be competing at Curtin University. You will find the timetable below and a map of the campus is attached.

LONG TERM PROBLEM CHALLENGE			SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM CHALLENGE	
TEAM	ROOM	TIME	ROOM	TIME
TEAM 1 (YR6)	Science Engineering 1 Lance Twomey Theatre (408.1019) Lecture Theatre 2 (401.002)	2.00pm	Room 108.117	3.00 pm
TEAM 2 (YR5)	Social Science 1 Social Science Lecture Theatre 1 (401.001)	1.20pm	Room 108.118	3.00 pm

v. It would be very much appreciated if both teams could arrive no later than 30 mins before they are due to perform, allowing time for finding a parking spot, locating the room and last minute organisational matters.

vi. The competition rule that the children must receive no outside assistance includes applying makeup, arranging costumes and the carrying of equipment etc on the day.

Naturally, if there is anything else that you would like to know, please don't hesitate to contact me either at school on 9495 1622 or at home on 9364 2932 or send a message to stone.barbara@cewa.edu.au

Warmest regards
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