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TOURNAMENT OF MINDS
Regional Tournament Day
Event Date: Sunday 28th August 2022

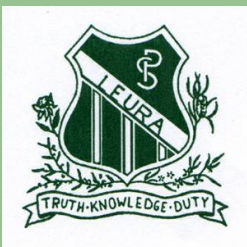


Challenging the world

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This note is to provide you with information regarding **Tournament of Minds Regional Tournament Day**, details of which are outlined below. **Please keep this page as it contains important information.**

Date:	Sunday 28 th August 2022
Educational rationale:	Our Tournament of Minds (TOM) team, the <i>Unidentified Flying Corgis</i> , have been working exceptionally hard over the past few weeks to solve their chosen Long-Term Challenge. The team had four disciplines to choose from and have opted to undertake the Language Literature Challenge.
Excursion to:	Mitchell High School, Blacktown 
Arrival Time:	1:00pm at the Registration Desk. Please be prompt as there is no schedule flexibility.
Conclusion Time:	Students can depart after the Long-Term Challenge, although are encouraged to stay for the Award Presentation at 4pm. Further details on the following page.
Staff in attendance:	Mrs Hannah Bucholtz and Mrs May Ptolemy will attend as Team Facilitators.
Dress:	Students are required to wear black attire. All clothing worn by the team must be simple, predominantly black, worn in the usual manner and must not be used in any way as costumes or props. This includes: t-shirt, skivvy, shirt, tracksuit top and pants; shorts, jeans, skirt, socks, stockings, tights. Footwear (if worn) must be predominantly black or white. If you require assistance with performance attire please contact the school.
Transport:	Private - students are to be transported to and from the venue by parents/carers.
Specific Requirements:	Parents/carers are responsible for supervising their child for the duration of the event, including attending the challenges. The school will not provide supervision.
Due Date for Permission Note:	Thursday 25 th August 2022



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Event Timetable:	Leura Public School is scheduled to perform in the afternoon session to allow for additional travel time. On the day, the team will compete in a Long-Term Challenge and Spontaneous Challenge. Please see our schedule outlined below. Please keep this page as it contains important information.
Regional Day Registration: 1:00pm School Hall	Teams need to be registered a minimum of 30 minutes before their first presentation time, and all attending team members need to be present at the time of registration. Our team will meet at the School Hall and walk to the Spontaneous Challenge location together. Teams will be given a rubbish bag for general waste – this is to ensure the campus is kept free of litter.
Spontaneous Challenge: 2:00pm Room E-62	Teams should be waiting outside their presentation room at least 10 minutes before the presentation. <i>Spontaneous Challenge: No audience. Unfortunately, parents/carers and facilitators cannot watch the Spontaneous Challenge. There is no audience, but there is a panel of judges who score the team on its teamwork, creativity of responses and thinking skills.</i>
Long-Term Challenge: 3:00pm Room A-22	Teams should be waiting outside their presentation room at least 10 minutes before the presentation. <i>Long Term Challenge: Audience welcome. Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, TOM NSW has decided that only parents/carers of the performing team and facilitators of the performing team are permitted in the audience. Unfortunately, this means we will not be able to watch other teams perform this year.</i>
Awards Ceremony: 4:00pm School Hall	The awards ceremony begins at 4:00pm and will be simple and streamlined this year. It is not mandatory to attend, and results will be posted that night on the TOM NSW social media pages. Any team not in attendance that receives First Place or Honours will receive their award and/or certificates in the mail.
Resources on the day:	Mrs Bucholtz will transport all performance items on the day and have them ready for collection at the registration desk, including all props and costumes. A number of forms need to be presented to the judges prior the Long-Term Challenge including one copy of the script, Presentation Skills Form, Language Literature Synopsis Form and Outside Assistance Form. The students will complete these forms during the week prior and Mrs Bucholtz will bring these along on the day.
Role of the facilitator and parent/carers:	All aspects of the challenge MUST be completed by the team - including script, costumes, props, and stage directions. The facilitator <u>cannot</u> be involved in developing solutions, generating ideas or assisting in any way. The facilitator and all team members are required to read and sign an <i>Outside Assistance Form</i> confirming that all work has been produced by the students. The signed form is to be handed to the judges immediately prior to the Long-Term Challenge presentation. For reference, key details from this form are outlined below.
Outside Assistance Form (students):	<i>Only your original team members may work on your Challenge solution. No one should help your team get the idea for your solution or help with the actual development and construction of the solution. For example, if you are working on a Performance Challenge, you could have a drama teacher show you some general acting techniques. However, the drama teacher may not help write or be the director of the play. One or more of the team members must do this. If you are working on the construction of a solution, costume, or prop, you may ask someone to teach you how to use a particular tool. However, they cannot demonstrate by making the part for you. You must make it yourself. If you cannot make the solution you want to use, then you have to get the skills you need or you must use another solution which you can make. If there was any part of your solution thought of or made by someone other than your team members, state its nature on the form. A violation of the Spirit of Tournament penalty may be given. The severity of the penalty depends on the amount and type of assistance you received.</i> <i>Team members must apply make-up, put on and fasten costumes, and make all repairs to Challenge solutions (even on the day of Tournament and even if someone else breaks it taking</i>



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	<p>it to the Tournament). If an official sees anyone except the team members doing any of these duties, the team will receive no bonus points and may be in violation of the Spirit of Tournament.</p>
Additional information from event organisers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Safety: Please do not bring any scooters, bicycles etc, for the safety of other attendees. Please also ensure any child that has medical needs has their appropriate equipment with them (such as an EpiPen, asthma inhaler, etc).• Parking: Parking will be on the surrounding streets – the school has limited on-site parking but is in a quieter area with plenty of street parking. Access gates for foot traffic are on Pendant Ave & the corner of Pendant Ave & Keyworth Drive.• Merchandise: Merchandise (including t-shirts) will be available on the day at the school hall. EFTPOS facilities will be available. A copy of the merchandise list is attached. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO LEURA PUBLIC SCHOOL.• Food: There are no food options on-site this year unfortunately, however all teams are scheduled within a 90-minute window and no team is split across the lunch break. It is up to the team if they wish to bring any food with them (use rubbish bags provided once finished snacking). Westpoint shopping centre (and Blacktown town centre) is about a 10-minute drive.• COVID-19 Safety: TOM Sydney West operates in line with government guidelines on COVID-19 safety. There are currently no mandates that limit the Regional Day going ahead in person. We recommend that all attendees bring and wear a face mask while indoors.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students and look forward to supporting them as they showcase their creativity, innovation, and teamwork skills.

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in this enrichment initiative, please contact the school office. **Please return the permission note by Thursday 25th August 2022** to confirm your child's attendance at the Tournament of Minds Regional Tournament Day on Sunday 28th August 2022.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hannah Bucholtz
TOM Coordinator

Mrs May Ptolemy
Principal



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- I give permission for my child to participate in **Tournament of Minds Regional Tournament Day** to be held at **Mitchell High School, Blacktown** on **Sunday 28th August 2022**.
- I understand that registration is at 1:00pm at the Mitchell High School Hall.
- I understand that my child needs to arrive wearing black attire.
- I understand that private transport, to and from the event, is required.
- I understand that I need to provide supervision for my child for the duration of the event.
- I understand that if my child has medical needs, I am required to have their appropriate equipment/medication with me.

Covid Consent

- I acknowledge that this event is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this excursion. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Parent/Carer Contact Phone no. on the day: _____