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Tuesday 14th February 2023

Debating Team

Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the Premier's Debating Competition. Your child will be a valued member of Leura Public School's debating team and will initially debate against other school teams in the local district and possibly Western Sydney.

Debating in this style is one of the most challenging tasks we can ask of a primary school child, as the teams are only given the debating topics one hour before the debate. They are required to work as a team to form a set of coherent and strong arguments with no adult or digital help. For this reason, it is truly a fantastic, rewarding and authentic competition.

To adequately prepare the students for such a competition, a lot of training is involved. **Training will be held every Thursday morning in Class Atlantis beginning at 8:00am sharp.** Students are required to attend these sessions, focused and with a willingness to learn and improve. They are to try their best and not distract other team members. **The first training session for your child will be on Thursday 23rd February (Week 5).**

If your child's behaviour is a cause for concern and reduces the productivity of the group, they may be suspended from participating in the training sessions, thus forfeiting their place on the team.

If you are happy for your child to attend the training sessions, please sign the permission slip and **return to Mrs Aldred by Thursday 16th February 2023.**

Kind regards,

Mrs Daniele Aldred
Debating Coordinator

Mrs May Ptolemy
Principal



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I give permission for my child _____

of class _____ to attend training sessions every Thursday morning from 8:00am.

I understand that if my child's behaviour is a cause for concern and reduces the productivity of the group, they may be suspended from participating in the training sessions, thus forfeiting their place on the team.

Parent/Carer name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____