TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Dear Parents/Careers,

Your child has participated in a trial process and been selected to represent St Andrews Public School in the 2015 Tournament of Minds challenge. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity for students to work as a team in a cooperative learning environment and develop creative problem solving and cooperative learning skills, a spirit of inquiry and a love of learning.

Being a part of the Tournament of Minds team requires a certain level of commitment from the students and their families. The students will have six weeks, beginning this week, to prepare their response to their chosen challenge. They will be required to dedicate a large amount of their spare time at lunch and recess to work with their team. Although not mandatory, they will also be offered times that they can meet in a classroom after school to work under teacher supervision and are encouraged to exchange contact details and to come up with times and places to meet outside of school.

Teams will be required to present their response to their challenge on Tournament Day, Sunday 23rd August at the University of Western Sydney, Bankstown (Milperra Campus). They will also be required to participate in a spontaneous challenge. All team members must attend in order for the team to participate. If your child does not attend, it will mean that the others cannot perform on the day. It is the parent’s responsibility to transport students to and from the venue. Times will be communicated at a later date once allocated.

Please find the Parent Guide attached. Students will also be given an instruction manual which should answer any questions you may have. It is important to encourage students to work within the ‘spirit’ of the tournament, and not receive any outside assistance, including help from families. Please sign the attached commitment slip to demonstrate your support for your child to participate in this program and return to their facilitating teacher, either Mrs Beecher or Miss Wendt, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Natasha Beecher
Teacher

Miss Karlie Wendt
Teacher

Mr Stuart Keast
Deputy Principal (Rel)

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PROMISE OF COMMITMENT

I, ____________________________, support the participation of my child, ____________________________,

Parent/Carer’s Name                     Student’s Name

in the 2015 Tournament of Minds challenge.

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Parent/Carer’s Signature                        Date

Ballantrae Drive, St Andrews NSW