Competitions for 2015

At Parkes High School we are strong supporters of academic success, and to that end we encourage our students to enter the national and International competitions that are available. Many of our new students will have substantial experience with these competitions from their primary school days.

By entering the competitions our students have a chance to practise their exam technique skills (vital for those who plan to sit the HSC exams), as well as compare their results with students from around the country and from some other countries internationally.

The Maths Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA) is a problem solving competition where students have 3 weeks to work on 6 mathematical problems; the cost of this will be covered by the school for students who enjoy a mathematical challenge.

The Australian Geography Competition will be held in the week 23rd March to 1st April, for junior school students, and the History competition on 27th May. Further information about these competitions will appear in subsequent newsletters, along with other competitions.

The following competitions are open to all students to enter –

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<td>ICAS – Digital Technologies (Computers)</td>
<td>19th May</td>
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<td>Australian Maths Trust –Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (Informatics Competition)</td>
<td>24th March</td>
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<td>The Big Science Competition (sponsored by Rio Tinto)</td>
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Entries close March 15th (late entries will be accepted for some but not all competitions, so get in early to avoid disappointment)

Further information can be obtained by calling Helen Vere in the Mathematics Faculty on 68621844, or email Helen.vere3@det.nsw.edu.au

Please fill out the entry form below and return to the school with payment for those competitions being entered.
COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS - PERMISSION SLIP

Please return THIS section to the office with payment

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of ___________________________

Child's name ___________________________ year ___________________________

to participate in the following 2015 Competitions:

☐ ICAS Computer Skills – 19 May 2015 ($8.00)
☐ ICAS Science – 3rd June 2015 ($8.00)
☐ ICAS Writing – June 2015 ($17.00)
☐ ICAS English – 28 July 2015 ($8.00)
☐ ICAS Mathematics – 11 August 2015 ($8.00)
☐ Australian Mathematics Competition – 30 July 2015 ($5.45)
☐ Australian Informatics Competition – 24 March 2015 ($5.45)
☐ The Big Science Competition – 25 May 2015 ($7.50)
☐ Maths Challenge for Young Australians – term 2

Please find enclosed ___________________________ entry fee.

Amount ___________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________