19th July 2016

Dear Parents,

The Tournament of Minds (TOM) challenges have been released! Our teams will be competing at Deakin University, Burwood on either Saturday 20th August OR Sunday 21st August. You will be notified as soon as the timetables have been released.

To prepare for the big day, we’re holding regular meetings during school hours. We will also hold morning meetings from 8.00am – 8.50am on the following dates:

- Thursday 21st July
- Tuesday 26th July
- Tuesday 2nd August
- Thursday 4th August
- Tuesday 9th August
- Thursday 11th August
- Friday 12th August
- Tuesday 16th August
- Thursday 18th August

Students will need to go straight to the 5/6K classroom when they arrive at school.

I understand that times outside of school hours are challenging for families and may not be possible for some students. Therefore, these meetings will not be compulsory; however, the students will really benefit from these sessions, where possible.

Teams are also encouraged to organise additional meetings in their own time, e.g. afternoons or weekends, as they see necessary. Such sessions will not be arranged by the school so any supervision that you can provide if the need arises would be much appreciated.

Finally, please remember that the purpose of TOM is for the kids to solve problems without adult input. Problems include solving the set challenges as well as constructing costumes and props and all of the challenges that come with working in a team. While your moral support is necessary, please avoid further involvement so that the students can get the most out of this opportunity.

Kind regards,

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