

Heaton Normal Intermediate School

9 February 2012

Dear Parents / Caregivers

External Competitions 2012

The 2012 External Competitions include ICAS English, Writing, Spelling, Mathematics, Computer Skills, Science and Australian Mathematics Competition. In addition to this, Year 8 students are also able to participate in the Rio Tinto Science Fair Competition.

Competitions, costing and competition dates are attached to this newsletter (see over).

These competitions take place throughout Australia and New Zealand and all students are invited to participate. Most the competitions are the initiative of Educational Assessment Australia, University of New South Wales.

The competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance in the chosen exams. We encourage all extension class students to participate in these external exams.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for New Zealand. The student report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and gaps in the skills identified in the exams.

Certificates are awarded for all external exams each year and have differing levels of achievements. Medals may be awarded to top students in a year level. Entries to the external exams can only be accepted through our school for our students.

Please return the **permission slip and payment** to the office in a sealed envelope labelled External Competitions, clearly indicating student's name and room number on the envelope, **by Friday, 9 March. (Late entries are unable to be accepted as entries are sent to Australia).**

Further information on the ICAS exams can be found at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/eaq, Rio Tinto Science Exam: www.bigscience.edu.au, Australian Mathematics www.amt.edu.au

Lynne Topham
Competition Coordinator

Permission Slip

Competition	Year Level	Competition date	Cost	Tick if wishing to enter
ICAS Computer Skills	7 & 8	22 May	\$7.50	
Rio Tinto Big Science Competition	8	23 May	\$9.00	
ICAS Science	7 & 8	6 June	\$7.50	
ICAS Writing	7 & 8	18 June	\$17.50	
ICAS Spelling	7 & 8	19 June	\$9.50	
ICAS English	7 & 8	31 July	\$7.50	
ICAS Mathematics	7 & 8	14 August	\$7.50	
Australian Maths Competition	7 & 8	2 August	6.50	
Total number of competitions entered =			Total Cost =	

External Competitions Entry Form

_____ of room _____ wishes to enter the competition/s as indicated in the table above. (Please only tick the competitions you wish to enter)

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Signed: _____

(Parent/Caregiver)

Date: _____