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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Tournament of Minds competition is almost here! The team has already been working incredibly hard, with the next couple of weeks set to be full of problem solving, planning and creative decision making. I can't wait! Here's what will be happening on the day:

Date and Location

As mentioned previously, the ToM Competition is on **Sunday the 20th of August** at **Nowra High School**. Students will need to find their own way to and from the venue – I will meet them at the front of the school. You are welcome to either drop them off or stay for the performances. If you have any issues with transport, please contact me as soon as possible. We need all of our team there!

Costumes and Props

According to competition rules, all students must be dressed entirely in "performance blacks". This means that students must be wearing **predominantly black clothing** (eg. a black t-shirt, shirt, shorts, jeans, skirt, pants, socks, stockings or tights). Footwear can be either predominantly black or white. If your child volunteers to bring props with them for the performance, please make sure that they have the materials with them!

Arrival and Registration

Our whole team must register at Nowra High School's hall at **10:30am**. I will be arriving at **10:15am**, so students can meet me in front of the school any time after that. **Please be punctual** – our entire team can be disqualified if we do not register by 10:30!

Long Term Challenge

The team will be presenting their Long Term Challenge in **Room C2** at **11:10am**. You are more than welcome to come and watch – in fact, we'd actively encourage it! Having an audience present always makes the event a much richer experience. If you do decide to watch, please understand that photography of the performance, filming of the performance and sharing on social media are **not permitted** according to competition rules.

Spontaneous Challenge

After the Long Term Challenge, the team will be given a Spontaneous Challenge in **Room E2** at **11:50am**. Parents/family members are not allowed to watch this challenge, and students are not allowed to discuss the challenge's contents until after the final presentation ceremony.

Presentation Ceremony

The Presentation Ceremony will mark the end of the Tournament in the **School Hall** at **4:00pm**. Attendance at the ceremony is not mandatory – it's a very long day, and I understand if families have other places that they need to be (however, it's always nice to have at least a few team members there just in case we receive any awards!) Students can either:

- Stay for the whole day and watch other teams participate in the Long Term Challenge (I will be there to supervise until after the Presentation Ceremony has finished)

- Go home after the Spontaneous Challenge and come back at 4:00pm for the Ceremony
- Go home and wait until Monday morning to find out how we went!

The choice is yours! If you would like your child to stay until the Presentation Ceremony, please make sure they have adequate food and water for the full day (a range of on-site food vendors will be available on the day, or students can bring their own lunch).

That's about it! It's certainly a big day, but it's guaranteed to be a lot of fun as well. If for any reason something goes wrong on Sunday and you need to get in contact with me, I can be reached at



Looking forward to seeing you there!

Savanna Brule