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Year 6 2019 Tournament of Minds at Curtin Primary School

Its TOM time! All **year 6** students are going to participate in TOM challenges, but students can select out of 2 options. Please read both options carefully and discuss with your child to select the option best for them.

The challenges will run for 5 weeks starting in week 1, Term 3 (22nd July) and students will be given the opportunity to choose the category of their challenge:

Language Literature

STEM

Social Science

The Arts

Option 1 The student would like to be in a **registered team to represent Curtin Primary at the ACT Regional finals**. These students must commit to the team and parents must sign the returned form to say that they will be available for the challenge dates given (including the International finals in Hobart in October – if they win the regional and ACT Finals). They must also commit to working with their team on the challenge outside the designated class time (e.g. some lunch-times during the 6 week challenge and some after school or weekends). The team must consist of 7 members- a mixture of Year 5 and 6 students and they must work without assistance from teachers, parents or peers outside their team. **Once the team is registered, the members cannot be changed. Students are required to be in TOMs passion project in Term 3.**

Students present the product of their ideas -their challenge solution - to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day. They have ten minutes to do so within a 3 metre by 3 metre performance area. The teams must also participate in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Tournament Day. Judges for both the Long Term and Spontaneous Challenges are professionals chosen from all areas of education, the arts and industry. They are thoroughly trained to enable them to assess the creative performance and technical aspects of the presentation.

There will be an initial cost of \$25 per student to enter registered TOM teams. Please note there would be a substantial cost of around \$1000 for students who win at the ACT Finals and go to Hobart to represent ACT and compete in the International Tournament of Minds.

Option 2 School based team- The students participating in the **SCHOOL BASED** team will be part of a team which will consist of only year 6 students. They will work on a similar TOM-style challenge over 6 weeks during the designated class time in a group of approximately 7 students. They will present their solution to a school audience and a panel of school-based judges at the end of the 6 weeks, but they will **not** be a registered team representing the school.

2019 TOMS Tournament Dates

If your child is interested in joining a CPS Tournament of Minds **registered** team this year, they **MUST** be available on the following dates.

Regional Finals Long Term Challenge Presentations (Campbell High School)

Saturday 31st August 2019 Language Literature and STEM

Sunday 1st September 2019 Social Science and The Arts

ACT Branch Final

Saturday, 15th September 2019

ACT Tournament Venue

Campbell High School (both ACT finals)

Tournament of Minds International Finals in Hobart

Thursday, 24th October - Sunday, 27th October, 2019

For further information about **Tournament of Minds ACT** visit www.tom.edu.au/Branch/act/

2019 Tournament of Minds RETURN BY Friday 14th JUNE
No payment required at this time

My Year 6 child _____ class _____ would like to participate in:

(Please select)

- Option 1 - Tournament of Minds in a registered team representing Curtin Primary. YEAR 5 & 6** He/she **will be available** for all TOMs presentation days including the ACT Regionals, ACT Branch Finals and International Finals in Hobart.

- Option 2 - Year 6 students school-based team**

Parent name _____

Signature _____