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Year 5 and 6 2019 Tournament of Minds at Curtin Primary School **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

It's TOM time!

Year 5 students who love thinking creatively, applying their problem-solving skills and working collaboratively are invited to nominate if they would like to and **are available** to compete in Tournament of Minds this year (see dates below).

Each team of **seven** students must be made up of students in **years 5 and 6** who will work together for six weeks commencing in week 1 of term 3, without assistance from teachers, parents or peers outside their team. They will have time in school for preparation, one session a week during class time and one lunch time per week. Some teams may wish to meet on weekends or before and after school during the challenge time to prepare and rehearse. We will start lunch time preparation meetings during term 2 to get ready for the start of the challenge in Term 3. TOM preparation will also be required during passion Project time for Term 3.

Once a TOMs team is formed and registered for the competition with Tournament of Minds ACT, the team members cannot be changed. 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.

2019 Tournament Dates

If your child is interested in joining a Curtin Primary Tournament of Minds team this year, they **MUST** be available for the:

Regional Finals Long Term Challenge Presentations (venue: Campbell High School)

Saturday 31st August 2019 Language Literature and STEM

Sunday 1st September 2019 Social Science and The Arts

If successful, the team progresses to the next level:

ACT Branch Final

Saturday, 15th September 2019

ACT Tournament Venue Campbell High School (both ACT finals)

If successful, the team progresses to represent ACT at:

Tournament of Minds International Finals in Hobart, TAS

Thursday, 24th October - Sunday, 27 October

There will be an initial cost of \$25 per student to enter TOMs. Please note there is a substantial cost of approximately \$1000 for students who win at the ACT Finals and go to Darwin to compete in the International Tournament of Minds.

2019 Tournament of Minds Expression of interest RETURN BY Friday 14th JUNE
No payment required at this stage

My Year 5 child _____ class _____ is interested in participating in **Tournament of Minds**.

He/she **will be available** for all TOMs presentation days including the ACT Regional, ACT Branch final and Toms International Finals in Hobart, Tasmania, (if successful)

Parent name _____

Signature _____

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