

26th July 2018



EAGLES Tournament of Minds Regional Finals Day

Exceptional Advanced Gifted Learners Excelling and Soaring

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

The Tournament of Minds (TOM) Regional Finals Day is at Albany Junior College (1 Appleby Road, Albany 0632) on Saturday, September 1st starting at 8.30am and finishing at 4pm. This year, we have four Year 5-6 teams representing Elim Christian College: Golflands Campus. All team members are expected to be there to present.

- Transport:** School vans 4 and 5 plus one teacher car, so parent transport required please.
- Departure:** 7.30am from the Golflands Campus (94 Golfland Drive, Botany)
- Return:** 5pm to the Golflands Campus.
- What to wear:** Black jeans, black T-shirt/sweat shirt and black shoes.
- What to bring:** Costumes, props, script and all other documentation. Morning tea and lunch plus drinks. (There is some food for sale) Bring some money as there is also TOM merchandise for sale such as T-shirts, keyrings and badges (no EFTPOS or credit cards).

Parents and other family members are welcome to attend to watch the TOM performances. Since Mrs Robyn Powell and Ms Angela Rees (TOM coaches) are judges on the day, we will need parent support to help transport and supervise the four teams. Remember, adults are not allowed to help the students in any way with their challenges on the day.

Please find attached a media form to be filled in and send back to school as soon as possible. A timetable of the day's events will be sent home at a later date so each team will know where and when they undertake their *Long Term* and their *Spontaneous Challenges*.

As we have now registered three more teams for the competition, a further cost has been incurred, of \$6 per student. Please pay via the KAMAR portal, on-line banking or through the slot in reception.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Ms Angela Rees

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Please fill out the slip below and return to the Golflands Campus as soon as possible.

EAGLES TOM Regional Finals Day Permission Slip - TERM 3 2018

NAME: _____ Year _____ (2018)

I give permission for my child to attend the TOM Regional Finals Day at Albany Junior College on Saturday, September 1st from 8.30am - 4pm.

The school operates on MOE best practice. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with the school office.

I can help with transport on the day: _____ Number of seats in vehicle: _____

I can help with supervision all day: Yes / No I include \$6 towards the extra registration costs: _____

Name (please print): _____ Signature: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Number: _____



Tournament of Minds

Elim Christian College

MEDIA PERMISSION

Event	Tournament of Minds New Zealand Regional, National and International Tournament 2018
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I give permission for Tournament of Minds NZ Inc to use any images taken (still or film) at the above events, for inclusion in any publicity or advertising for this and linked projects.

These photographs will be used only for Tournament of Minds related publicity.

I give all the necessary consents to Tournament of Minds NZ Inc for the use of these images without liability or further acknowledgement to me.

School & Team Name:
Student's Name:
Parent's Name:
Email:
Phone:

I **give / do not give** (please circle) permission for the use of any images taken at any Tournament of Minds event.

Parent's Signature	Date:
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What is TOM?

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem-solving program for multi-aged teams of students who work together to solve a demanding, open-ended Long-Term Challenge. The team must also participate in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge® on Tournament Day. The program has Primary, Intermediate and Secondary divisions.



Tournament of Minds aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Our objectives are:

- To promote the stimulation of real, open-ended challenges;
- To develop creative problem-solving approaches and techniques;
- To foster cooperative learning and teamwork;
- To promote knowledge and appreciation of self and others;
- To encourage experimentation and risk-taking;
- To expand and reward creative and divergent thinking;
- To stimulate a spirit of inquiry and a love of learning;
- To develop enterprise; and
- To celebrate excellence.

The Long Term Challenge

The Long Term Challenges are available to teams from Monday 23 July 2018. The team is made up of seven team members from multiple year levels. They will decide which of the four challenges offered they will attempt to solve. There are four Long Term Challenge disciplines:



- Science Technology Engineering Maths
- The Arts
- Language Literature
- Social Sciences.

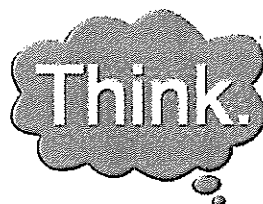
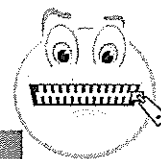
The team has six weeks to formulate a solution to their one chosen challenge and ten minutes to present their solution to an audience and panel of judges on Tournament Day. There are many rules and requirements that teams must follow, which are outlined in the 2018 *Instruction Manual*.

The Spontaneous Challenge

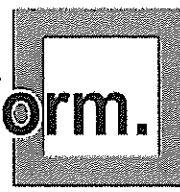
On Tournament Day the team will also be required to complete an unseen secret Spontaneous Challenge.

Unfortunately, no-one can watch the Spontaneous Challenge. There is no audience, but there is a panel of judges who score the team on its teamwork, creativity of responses and thinking skills.

The team is trusted to keep the Spontaneous Challenge a secret until the final day of the Regional Tournaments.



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Tournament of Minds in New Zealand

Over the past ten years, Tournament of Minds NZ has grown to involve over 1000 students from 100 schools around the New Zealand. Regional Tournaments in Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch. The national final will be held in Wellington.



Competition dates:

Auckland – Saturday, 1 September

Christchurch – Saturday, 1 September

Palmerston North – Saturday, 1 September

Wellington – Sunday, 2 September

National Final – Saturday 15 September & Sunday 16 September at Victoria University in Wellington. Teams will only be competing on one of the days which will be decided once teams have nominated their challenge. Students need to be available for either day.

Winning teams are invited to participate in the Tournament of Minds International Final being held in Darwin 13-16 October 2018.

Last year eight NZ teams competed in the APF. Kenakena School won their division.

Find out more

For more information about Tournament of Minds, go to the New Zealand webpage at www.tom.edu.au/nz and keep an eye on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tournamentofmindsnz

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