18th August 2014

Dear Parents

With only a few days to the Opti-minds Regional Competition, at Ferny Grove State High School, here some updates and news.

Teams will need to be registered **by Mrs Schmidt and Mr Russell at 8.30 am on Sunday 24th August** and with Team 4 due to commence their Long Term Challenge at 9.00am, they will need to arrive promptly.

The Competition times have been set and are as follows:

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|  | **Team** | **Category** | **Spontaneous Challenge** | **Room** | **Long Term Challenge** | **Room** |
| Year 5 | Team 3 | Science and Engineering | 1.30pm | 1 | 10.00am | 2 |
| Team 4 | Social Sciences | 1.30pm | 1 | 9.00am | 2 |
| Year 6 | Team 5 | Science and Engineering | 1.30pm | 1 | 10.25am | 2 |
| Team 6 | Science and Engineering | 1.30pm | 1 | 10.55am | 2 |
| Team 7 | Sciences | 1.30pm | 2 | 10.00am | 2 |
| Team 8 | Language and Literature | 1.30pm | 2 | 10.30am | 1 |

Parents and family members will be able to watch the Long Term Challenges but will not be able to watch the Spontaneous Challenges. Students are welcome to leave after their Long Term Challenge performance and return in good time to complete their Spontaneous Challenges at 1.30 pm as long as they liaise with their supervising adult and Team members.

Presentations are due to begin at 4.00pm in the Hall and friends and families are welcome.

Year 6 students will be able to continue working on their Challenge on Monday after school and Wednesday after school next week until 4pm in Mr Russell’s room.

Year 5 students will be able to work on their Challenge on Wednesday afterschool until 4pm in Mrs Schmidt’s room. Some lunchtime practice will also be negotiated this week.

It will be important for team members to organize the transport of their props, paper work and other bits and pieces on Friday before the weekend.

Andrew Russell Anne-Marie Schmidt

Year 6 Year 5