



Petrie State Primary School

Developing talents; reaching goals

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Dear Parent

Each year at Petrie State School we offer the opportunity for students to participate in ICAS competitions. ICAS allows students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external competitive testing situation which is used in over 20 countries. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Writing and Spelling.

ICAS does not test recall of curriculum content. It assesses the higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing and Spelling. All students who participate will receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students who participated.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Merit to the next 10% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

The entry fee per student and competition dates are as follows:

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| • Science | 30 May 2017 | \$ 9.00 |
| • Writing | 12 June 2017 | \$18.00 |
| • Spelling | 14 June 2017 | \$12.00 |
| • English | 1 August 2017 | \$ 9.00 |
| • Mathematics | 15 August 2017 | \$ 9.00 |

If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission slip and entry fee to the office by Friday 24th March, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Linley Greenland
Deputy Principal

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2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the following (please tick) 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Science – 30 May 2017 (\$9.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> English – 1 August 2017 (\$9.00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing – 12 June 2017 (\$18.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics – 15 August 2017 (\$9.00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling – 14 June 2017 (\$12.00) | Total entry fee enclosed \$ _____ |

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____