

March, 2018

2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parents,

This year, Essex Heights Primary School will once again participate in the English, Mathematics and Science Assessments. All Assessments are open to students in Years 3 to 6. The Competitions are a suite of assessments developed for students by the University of New South Wales through Educational Assessment Australia (E.A.A).

Competition rules state that students sit for each Assessment once and the Assessment must be for their current Year Level.

The Assessments provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance.

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average results for their state. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. The Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in particular areas.

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 students.
- Participation** to all other participating students.

Medals are awarded to the top student/s in each Year Level in each state at the discretion of E.A.A.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per student per assessment for English, Mathematics and Science.

**Please return the attached form, with the fee, to the class teacher by
Thursday 29th March 2018.
Please note: LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

For further information, please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

If you have any queries about this assessment program, please contact Alexandra O'Connor through the Office.

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