

Tournament of Minds



I am very proud to announce that the Sha Tin Junior School (SJS) Tournament of Minds (TOM) team and Hong Kong representatives were runners-up in the mathematical / engineering section of the Australasian Final in Tasmania, Australia recently. They competed against students from all over Australia as well as teams from Singapore and New Zealand, successfully solving the challenge and building a device as well as creating a performance to showcase their solution.

In total over 20 members of the SJS community made the trip to Tasmania for the competition and celebrations including the team members, two SJS teachers, and many parents and siblings. We were fortunate to enjoy mostly fine weather, wonderful food and had an opportunity to explore Hobart and Port Arthur.

We thank the whole SJS community for their support of our fund raising events and the English Schools Foundation for their generous financial contribution. I hope that many more Hong Kong students will benefit from the Tournament of Minds program in the future. The 2012 TOM program will begin in Hong Kong after the Christmas break.

Congratulations to the Hong Kong 2011 Mathematics / Engineering TOM Team – Melody, Sherman and Ryan from Year 6 at SJS and Devan, Enpei, Andrew and Ryan who are now in Year 7 at Sha Tin College.

Warm regards,

Angela Whitaker
Vice Principal
(TOM HK Director)



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We were very tired after our long trip. After a rest we went out to dinner with our families.



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Despite the cold, we were ready to meet the other TOM competitors.



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We were able to meet all the other TOM teams at the Town Hall.



We then travelled across the beautiful countryside to Port Arthur.

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We had to complete a treasure hunt, and explore our surroundings.



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There were lots of places to explore.



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We then took part in a tour of the historic landmarks of Port Arthur.



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We were able to discover lots of interesting facts. It used to be a prison!



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Finally it was the day of the competition.



We were a little nervous...



Then it was our turn to present.



The judges gave us feedback.



We received our participation certificates... would we get another?



We gathered together to await the results.



The runners up for Maths and Engineering were SJS all the way from Hong Kong!



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TOM Results

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Applied Technology PRIMARY

WINNER	Presbyterian Ladies College	WA
Tournament Honours	Canberra Girls' Grammar School	ACT
Tournament Honours	Marryatville Primary School	SA

Language Literature PRIMARY

WINNER	Our Lady of Grace School	WA
Tournament Honours	Tacking Point Public School	NSW
Tournament Honours	St Mary's College	TAS

Social Science PRIMARY

WINNER	Esperance Primary School	WA
Tournament Honours	Queanbeyan Public School	ACT
Tournament Honours	St Carthage's Primary School	NSW

Maths Engineering PRIMARY

WINNER	Iona Presentation Primary School	WA
Tournament Honours	Villanova College	QLD
Tournament Honours	Sha Tin Junior School	Hong Kong

*"How good is that!
and I love the story about the question
great to hear those inquiring minds surface unabashed
on such 'grand' occasions."*

Pam Ryan

Education Director
ESF Centre

*"Congratulations to the team. Fantastic news!
It's been another wonderful opportunity
for the students both in Hong Kong and Australia."*

Deborah Graham

School Development Advise
ESF Centre

*"Well done team.
The only time I ever got a runners-up medal
there were only two people in the race! All sounds most exciting."*

Paul McGuire

Deputy Principal



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