

### **To Parents and Caregivers of Children in Year 4, 5 and 6**

We have decided once again to offer the children the opportunity to participate in the **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS IN 2025**. In this newsletter I have included a basic outline of the competitions, important dates and costs. We hope some children will pick up on this opportunity to have a go at some of these but we do understand that these competitions/assessments are not for everybody. All we are doing is offering your child the opportunity to have a go if they wish. These competitions do have some cost associated with them.

2025 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools – <https://www.icasassessments.com/>

These competitions attract over 2 million entries per year from 20 countries.

We will be offering the following assessments for 2025:-

**Digital Technologies** – Year 4/5 30 minutes for 30 multi choice questions; Year 6 35 minutes for 35 multi choice questions

Sitting Date Week of 4 August

**Science** – Year 4/5 45 minutes for 30 multi choice questions; Year 6 55 minutes for 40 multi choice questions

Sitting Date Week of 18 August

**Spelling Bee**– Year 4 40 minutes for 40 questions; Year 5/6 430 minutes for 45 questions

Sitting Date Week of 18 August

**English** – Year 4/5 45 minutes for 45 questions; Year 6 50 minutes for 50 questions

Sitting Date Week of 11 August

**Maths** – Year 4/5/6 45 minutes for 40 questions

Sitting Date Week of 25 August

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. ICAS are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

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.

### **2025 Costs**

**All assessments cost NZ\$22.50 each.**

There are some practice tools available at – <https://www.icasassessments.com/icas-preparation-tools/>

**All entries and fees need to be in by 900am Friday 18 July 2025**

Nga mihi



**Dave Robinson, Principal/ Tumuaiki/Punong-guro**

Use this form to enter - please return to the school office

2025 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools ENTRIES

Return this section to School

I give permission for my child ..... of Room .....

To participate in the following 2025 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

| Tick box if entering | International Competitions and Assessments for Schools | Cost |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|
|                      | DIGITAL TECH (\$22.50)                                 |      |
|                      | SCIENCE (\$22.50)                                      |      |
|                      | SPELLING BEE (\$22.50)                                 |      |
|                      | ENGLISH (\$22.50)                                      |      |
|                      | MATHEMATICS (\$22.50)                                  |      |
|                      | TOTAL COST                                             |      |

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☐ Cash

Or

☐ School Bank Number 02-0860-0049250-000