



**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Partnerships and Opportunity**  
**Excellence and Success**

**2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) Years 3-6 ONLY**  
**(supplementary activity)**

Dear Parents,

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 6 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science. It is important to know that the content of the tests does not always align with the NSW Syllabus documents used in our school. Teachers at Greenwich do not use the data provided as a record of student progress for that reason.

Participation at Greenwich Public School is optional.

Students can nominate to sit the English, Maths and Science competitions. Students must pay for and sit all 3 assessments as a bundle.

Greenwich Public School will be running the competitions before school. Students will assemble in an allocated classroom at 8am (room details closer to the test date via newsletter and student noticeboard outside the science room.) Late students will be permitted to sit the test but will not be given extra time. It is the students' and parents' responsibility to ensure the child is at school on time. Teachers are also giving up their own time to supervise the tests to enable our students to participate. There will be no "make up" test opportunities.

If you have a son/daughter who achieves highly and is competitive by nature, then these tests would be suitable for your child. Many schools only offer the tests to gifted and talented students. If you intend to have your child sit a selective high school placement test in the future, your child should sit the tests. Parents can sign a box on the selective high school application form to say that the Selective High School Unit have permission to access your child's results directly from ICAS. If your child goes to learning support classes for literacy and numeracy, the tests are unsuitable. The test material depends heavily on reading comprehension skills.

If you are in doubt as to whether you think your child should participate, please ask your child's class teacher for advice.

**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. The student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

ICAS 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 participants

- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW Global medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a Medal Presentation Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a medal.

The entry fee per student and sitting date is as follows:

| ICAS Subject | Year Levels | ICAS Sitting Date                     | Price   |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Science      | 3–6         | Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018    | \$ 9.00 |
| English      | 3-6         | Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018   | \$ 9.00 |
| Mathematics  | 3-6         | Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 | \$ 9.00 |

Results will be available to schools approximately 6 – 8 weeks after the sitting date of each subject. Students will bring home their certificate tucked inside their test booklet.

If your child has an extra-curricular activity such as band or guitar before school on one of the sitting dates, your child will need to inform their tutor, as a matter of courtesy, that they will be absent from their activity that week.

You can go to the ICAS website for more information.

<http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>

**Please return the permission slip to the locked box outside the office (not the classroom teacher) and entry fee by: Thursday March 29 2018.**

Parents and carers please note, **no entries or fees will be accepted after March 29 2018.**

Regards Liz Imlay

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ICAS Coordinator.

Principal

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**ICAS Permission and Order Form 2018**

**Years 3-6 Only**

I give permission for ..... of class ..... to sit the ICAS tests. I understand that Science, English and Maths will take place on the published dates before school at 8:00am.

Parent/Carer signature..... Date.....

**Order Form - Please complete a separate form for each child.**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the test level required for your child.

Test A – Year 3      Test B – Year 4      Test C – Year 5      Test D – Year 6

English, Maths and Science Competitions: Total cost \$27

**Payment details:**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose cash / cheque (please circle) payable to Greenwich Public School for \$27

OR

Type of Card (please tick) Visa  Mastercard  Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exact name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

OR

I have paid online - receipt number \_\_\_\_\_

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