TOM Newsletter – April 2007

Welcome
Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in a vibrant and public way. We look forward to having your school participate in our new 2007 program. Check out the Victorian page of the TOM website for further details. This year we have an exciting new Challenge category ‘Applied Technology’ – the first since our beginnings in 1987.

Also new, is our In-School Program – where we can come to you! This program focuses on improving drama skills, cooperation and team management, and thinking skills. Ring Geraldine Nicholas at the TOM Office to find out more.


Thinking Skills Workshops
We have two ‘Advanced Thinking Skills’ workshops coming up very shortly. These workshops provide some great ideas and skills that teachers can use both in the classroom and in training their TOM teams. The workshop is conducted over two sessions and covers topics such as:

- Problem solving processes
- How to approach the Challenges
- Working Group Skills
- Fostering creativity and cooperation
- Generating ideas: brainstorming, SCAMPER, Six Thinking Hats, Mind Mapping etc
- Introducing thinking techniques into the classroom

The next workshops are:

**Workshop 4 – Advanced Thinking Skills (Geelong)**
Dates: Monday 30th April (Session 1) & Monday 18th June (Session 2); Time: 7.00-9.00pm
Location: Sacred Heart College, Newtown; Presenters: Roselyn Smith & Peter Lamb
Cost: $130.00; To register: complete ‘PD Workshops Registration Form’ from TOM (Vic) website and return to TOM office.

**Workshop 5 – Advanced Thinking Skills (Melbourne)**
Dates: Thursday 10th May (Session 1) & Thursday 17th May (Session 2); Time: 5.30-7.30pm
Location: Kilbreda College, Mentone; Presenters: Karen Green & Geraldine Nicholas
Cost: $130.00; To register: complete ‘PD Workshops Registration Form’ from TOM (Vic) website and return to TOM office.

Assistance
If you have any questions or feedback on the TOM Program, please contact the TOM Office anytime.