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Creation Science Education Association of Australia,  
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Dear Christian Teachers, Parents who home educate, and Friends in Churches and Christian families,  
Here are the details of the 2016 competitions conducted by this Association. 2016 is the 19<sup>th</sup> year that our competitions present the National Science Theme from a Christian perspective. Our perspective on this year's National Science Theme is biomimicry. For the purposes of our competitions, 'biomimicry' is defined as *man copying or imitating an aspect of life that God has already designed, to produce materials, structures and / or systems benefitting people*. Our topic this year is **Show how an example of biomimicry derives from God's design.** Students in your school, family or church are invited to participate. Students may complete and send their entries at any time during Semester 1, 2016.

Competitions are again offered in **six categories** : Song Writing, Writing, Poster, Science Project, Mathematics, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Hopefully you are able to include the 'Biomimicry' theme and the competitions in your **Semester 1 curriculum this year**, and allow your students to enter one or more of the categories. Enclosed are competition details about each of these categories. As far as we know, these are the only competitions of their kind that provide opportunities to promote teaching and learning Christianly. It has been observed that the 'doing' aspect of our competitions engage students with God as Creator, and set a consciousness of God as Creator in the minds of children from a young age.

Students are welcome to enter more than one category of competition. 'Participant of the Year' awards are made in each section to encourage students to enter as many categories of competition as they are able.

The enclosed competition details consist of **one A3 size broadsheet** for all of the categories together on the one page (on the back of this letter), **one A4 size entry form for each category** and **one double-sided A3 size broadsheet of curriculum ideas for an integrated unit**. So that **pre-Year 1 children are catered for**, there is also a double-sided A4 size sheet of paper showing activities they could do to participate in the competitions. Some educators use the competitions as a focus for an **integrated approach** to a term's programming. Please photocopy the enclosed broadsheets and entry forms and distribute them amongst teachers on your school or church staff, or children in your family or home schooling group, who are interested in one or more of the categories of competition. Alternatively, more copies of the broadsheets and entry forms can be sent if they are needed.

Those educators who have to justify to some higher authority why they include the competitions in their curriculum planning might like to consult the lists of essential learnings as identified by the education department of their respective state and territory, to see where the different categories of competition fit in to the respective subject areas. Please note that our competition judges **do not** require these essential learnings to be met in entries from students for the purposes of the competitions.

With the entry forms is a **checklist** for educators to use to type the names of all of their students who submit entries. This list is enclosed because illegible names and other details on entry forms are one of the most frequent hold-ups we experience when preparing certificates. **A typed list of your entrants would help us produce certificates accurately first time. Thank you.** If your entrants are from more than one class in a school or college, please send one list per class, unless yours is a small school and more than one class list will fit on one page. **It is very important that the details on the entry forms are legible and that all of the required details are supplied for each entry.** All entrants receive either a place-getter or a participation certificate. **All certificates are laminated unless you indicate otherwise.**

**We suggest that entries from your school, college or family be mailed no later than Monday 20 June 2016 so as to arrive here by the closing date of 5.00 pm on Monday 27 June 2016. Entries that arrive after this time will not be judged but will receive participation certificates.**

There are no individual entry fees for each entry. However schools, home educating families and churches are invited to make a **donation** to the Creation Science Education Association of Australia to help meet the costs of conducting the competitions. The size of a donation is left to the discretion of the donor.



**Attention: Phil Peachey,**

Honorary Co-ordinator, Creation Science Education Association of Australia,



Thank you for the notification about the 2016 Creation Science competitions. Please note my / our response(s) as follows.

1. Please send hard copies (ie. on paper) of the 2016 competition details. Thank you.

who to (ie. contact name)	where to (ie. postal address)	Number of copies

2. I / We have something to say or ask concerning the 2016 competitions, as follows :

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3. Please send copies of the following forms :

type of form	number of copies
Association membership form (membership is free)	
Creation Education Resource Centre borrowing form (borrowing is free, but you pay return postage)	
Creation Club membership form (membership is free, but gold coin donations at Club events are appreciated to help defray costs of materials)	
Creation Education Activity Topics order form (there is no charge to participate in any of the Topics).	

4. Any other matter about Creation Education I / we wish to raise at this time :

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5. I / We **would / would not** like to receive notifications of future Association events electronically (appropriate answer is circled). If 'would', my / our email address is :

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Yours faithfully, ..... (please print)  
address (if different from question 1 above) :

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phone, fax or email : .....

**N. B. : I / we have kept a copy of this form for my / our reference.**