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Dear Christian Teachers, Parents who home educate, and Friends in Churches and Christian families,

Here are the details of the 2012 competitions conducted by this Association. 2012 is the 15th year that our competitions present the National Science Theme from a Christian perspective. This year's Theme is **Energy**, which for the first time was decided by a political process in Canberra that was informed by the sustainable / renewable energy debate that has occurred in Australia since the International Year of Energy in 2005. Our topic for 2012 is **Show man's responsible use of energy sources provided by God.** Students in your school, family or church are invited to participate. Students may complete and send their entries at any time during Semester 1, 2012.

In 2012, competitions are again offered in **six categories** : Song Writing, Story and Poetry Writing, Poster, Science Project, Mathematics, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Hopefully you are able to include the 'Energy' theme and the competitions in your **Semester 1 curriculum this year**, and allow your students to enter one or more of the categories. On this website are competition details about each of these categories. As far as we know, these are the only national competitions of their kind in this country 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. A Participant of the Year award is made to encourage students to enter as many categories of competition as they are able.

The attached competition details consist of **one broadsheet** for all of the categories together on the one page, **one A4 size entry form for each category** and **four pages of curriculum ideas for an integrated unit**. So that **pre-Year 1 children are catered for**, there are also two pages 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 print the attached pages 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 pages and entry forms can be posted if that suits your situation better.

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-up 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 Friday 8 June 2012 so as to arrive here by the closing date of 5.00 pm on Friday 15 June 2012. 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.

Looking forward to receiving entries from your school, family or church before the due date,

Yours sciencercely, *Phil Peachey.*

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