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

Here are the details of the 2011 competitions conducted by this Association. 2011 will be the 14th year that our competitions present the National Science Theme from a Christian perspective. This year's Theme is **Chemistry**, and our topic is **Show how God uses chemical reactions to provide for mankind**. Students in your school or family are invited to participate. Students may complete and send their entries at any time during Semester 1, 2011.

In 2011, 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 'Chemistry' 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 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.

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**. 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 staff or children in your family 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 this letter 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 10 June 2011 so as to arrive here by the closing date of 5.00 pm on Friday 17 June 2011. 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 and home educating families 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 your donation is left to the discretion of your school and family.



Students from one school wrote telling us what a wonderful day they had when they organised fundraising activities for the purpose of sending a donation with their entries. A hot food stall and a colouring competition were two of the activities organised. Your staff or students may be able to come up with many other creative ways of generating some finance without taking away from the other things you are doing.

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

Yours sciencereally, *Phil Peachey*

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