ASHGROVE SCHOOL

Monday 6th March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

ICAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW.

This year we are offering the children the opportunity to take part in the following.

		Competition Date
Digital Technologies	Years 4 to 8	Tuesday 23rd May 2017
Science	Years 4 to 8	Tuesday 30th May 2017
Writing	Years 4 to 8	Tuesday 12th June 2017
Spelling	Years 4 to 8	Wednesday 14th June 2017
English	Years 4 to 8	Tuesday 1st August 2017
Mathematics	Years 4 to 8	Tuesday 15th August 2017

The cost of entry is $9.50 per entry for Digital Technologies, Science, Mathematics and English. The cost for Spelling is $11.50 while the cost for Writing is $20.50 due to individual hand marking.

The Competition is an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre (ETC) of the University of New South Wales.

The Competition provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance in the competition subject.

The Competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region and your child is invited to participate.

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for New Zealand. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. The Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of the subject.

High quality Certificates are awarded for each Year Level as follows: **High Distinction** for the top 1% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Distinction** for the next 10% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Credit** for the next 20% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Achievement** for the students who are placed within the top 20% of their school, but who

do not qualify for a national Certificate; **Participation** for all other participating students.

Medals are awarded to the top student(s) in each Year Level in New Zealand, at the discretion of ETC.

Please return the tear-off permission slip and entry fee to the office drop box by ***Monday 20th March.*** Due to the number of different tests and prices we will not be loading this onto WrapItUp.

Past papers can be purchased. These provide a good indication of the types of questions used as well as their difficulty and give students experience in the test format. For full details please visit the website below and follow the link to Buy Past Papers.

For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on 0800 778 010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Justin Perriam
Deputy Principal / Senior Dean

Please return tear-off section to Mr Perriam via the school office drop box by *Monday 20th March.*

I would like _____ of Year [ ] Room [ ] to

participate in the 2017 **International Schools Competitions.**

❑ **Digital Tech**	**$9.50**
❑ **Science**	**$9.50**
❑ **Writing**	**$20.50**
❑ **Spelling**	**$10.50**
❑ **English**	**$9.50**
❑ **Mathematics**	**$9.50**

Please find enclosed entry fee for competitions entered **Total: $**

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date:_____