



Tasmanian Science Talent Search (an initiative of the Science Teachers' Association of Tasmania)



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Wednesday June 24 is the due date for entries in TSTS 2009 sections for:

- Posters
- Photographic Essays
- Creative Writing
- Computer Presentations.

The topic for all these theme-based sections is: "Astronomy...science without limits"

For further details re entry forms, delivery of entries etc see:

http://www.key.org.au/stat/docs/2009_Booklet_Page2.pdf

Technology Challenge:

I know a few schools where students are already busy designing and building their ping-pong ball launchers for the Technology section of TSTS. Here is a great opportunity to "learn by doing" about gravity, forces and motion, and link up with studies on space flight.

The Northern Public Judging Day will be held on Sunday August 16 at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Invermay Road, Inveresk (Launceston) between 9am and approx 1pm.

The Southern Public Judging Day will be held at The Activities Centre at the University of Tasmania Campus at Sandy Bay on Sunday August 23, 9am until approx 12:30. Judging for **NW students** will be arranged by negotiation.

Students need to bring their launcher to be judged, as well as their construction journal outlining the "design, make, evaluate" process they have worked through. The journal will be left at the venue for further scrutiny by judges. As this event falls during National Science Week there will be many displays at the QVMAG of interest to students and families while they wait. It is Open Day at Hobart UTAS campus, so there will be other events as well there. We have had up to 100 entries in Launceston before, so families will need to be prepared to be patient!

For further details see:

http://www.key.org.au/stat/docs/2009_Booklet_Page4.pdf

http://www.key.org.au/stat/html/talent_technology.htm

Any questions regarding this can be emailed to the Director stsearch@bigpond.net.au and the answers will be displayed on the Technology page on the website.

Research Investigations and Science Games are due October 14

Keen students should be starting NOW on their research projects. Please encourage students to read the Judges Comments from previous years on the website so that they can achieve maximum success and satisfaction.

Please ensure that the students consider and follow an appropriate risk management regime for safe working. A Power Point Presentation on this will be loaded on the Professional Development page of the STAT website soon: <http://www.key.org.au/stat/html/pdev.htm>

Regards Margaret Hosford Director TSTS stsearch@bigpond.net.au