

Haberfield Public School's Tournament of Minds Team Wins the Honours Award at the NSW Regional Finals!

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TOM Day: Sunday 23rd August, 2015

Everyone in the TOM team was especially nervous for the "Big Day" on Sunday the 23rd of August. That was the day we had to go to Sydney Girls High School to perform our presentation, "You are the weakest link..... Goodbye" for the Social Science Challenge. Our aim was to choose three historical characters and eliminate one from history through a game show as there was an overload of information in historical records.

Before that, we had to overcome the toughest task yet.... the Spontaneous Challenge. The judges gave you 4 minutes to discuss with the challenge with your group then 1 minute for a chosen person on your team to explain the response your team had. Our challenge was that there was a new dictionary but one of the words in it was jumbled and the meaning totally wiped out. We had to come up with the word and its meaning out of the jumbled 7 letters they put on our table. Nevertheless, we walked out of the spontaneous challenge room triumphant and proud.

During our Long Term Challenge Presentation we made a few mistakes but we got on our feet and continued. I bet everyone was so relieved when it finished.

What happened next was something that would always stay in our memory. During the certificate ceremony, Haberfield Public School was given the "Honour Award" which meant that we came in the top 3. That was an amazing achievement as there were many schools that chose the same topic as us. It was tough... it was nerve racking but at the end, together we did it.

I really believe that we have done our school proud!