

Haberfield Public Students Soar through the Sky at the 2015 Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge

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Haberfield students soaring with Paper Pilot, James Norton.

On Saturday 29th August, 12 children from the engineering extension group competed in the Young Scientist Paper Planes Challenge at Sydney University. There were two challenges we could be involved in, 'furthest distance' and 'time aloft'. Over 800 students were involved in this spectacular event.

As well as the competitions, two of Australia's best paper pilots, Dylan Parker & James Norton, were there showing kids how to fold some amazing planes. Carmel Morris, the author of the popular Paper Planes book was also there demonstrating how to make plane from her books.

Sonat Erozan, Australia's latest finalist in the Red Bull Paper Plane World Championships also made an appearance on the day, showcasing some incredible aerobatic skills with some amazing plane designs. He competed in the World Championships in Salzburg, Austria, in May 2015 in the aerobatic category.



Sonat Erozn signed autographs for Haberfield students.



Yr 5 student, Joseph participating in the time aloft competition.

Time aloft was the first competition Haberfield Public School competed in. The goal of this contest was to keep the plane in the air for more than 5 seconds. The kids from our school said it was really hard as the gliders (planes which fly for long periods of time) were a bit unreliable.



1 of 3 winners of the accuracy competition, Haberfield Father, Gordon with his son Liam.

Shortly after was the distance competition where we separated into our lanes eagerly waiting to launch our planes.

The final competition of the day was a fun one. Participants of any age battled for the prize of winning a free paper planes instruction book written by Carmel Morris. One of the parents from Haberfield Public School was lucky enough to get his plane in the bin which therefore led him to winning the book.

Altogether the day was amazing!!!