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It’s all in the mind
Great results for Good Shepherd

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GOOD Shepherd, students again prove their creative genius at this year’s Tournament of the Minds competition.

The 2011 teams were at the regional and state level and one team is set to compete in the Australian Pacific finals in Hobart on October 13.

Team facilitator Martin Polkinghorne, who led students to victory in the secondary maths engineering team of Years 9 to 11 students, said all the extra-curricular work paid off.

Monique Schroeder, Sharde Nel, Harris Crossley, Isaac Gooseling, Cheyenne Nel, Adrian Hindes and Maddi Woolley successfully made a crane with an overall mass of less than 10kg and a overhang minimum of 15cm from the desk.

The crane was to be made only of A4 paper and glue, and was required to carry a 1kg load.

The Good Shepherd team went on to compete and win at the Queensland state finals for the secondary maths engineering competition.

The team will go on to the Australian Pacific finals with the aim of retaining Good Shepherd’s 2009 and 2010 titles in this category.

"This is an amazing achievement for one school and the Tournament of the Minds teams and all supporting staff are to be congratulated for their efforts," principal of Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Anthony Dyer said.

"Good Shepherd has been competing in Tournament of the Minds since 1996 and has achieved exceptionally consistent results as winners in this challenging competition.

"Our secondary maths engineering team will be rigorously defending Good Shepherd’s current Australian Pacific title in this category with the aim of taking out the 2001 title."

MINDFUL: Student’s problem solving included a 10 minute dramatic performance where they created characters and used costumes and props that were made from re-used materials.

* The philosophy behind the Tournament of Minds Program is to enhance Creative and Critical Thinking and to develop positive team building skills, both of which are significant components of the new National Curriculum. Schools who are involved in programs such as TOMP are definitely doing the best by and for their students.

Summary of results for GSLC in its 15-year history of competition in Tournament of the Minds:

- Consistently winning since 1996
- Australia Pacific winners 2005, 2010
- State winners in maths engineering 2002-2003
- Regional winners 2000-2009

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