



UPWEY SOUTH
Primary School



JOHN MONASH
SCIENCE SCHOOL

Monday 1st February 2021

Dear Parent/ Carers of Year Six Students,

As a school we are focused upon providing our students with opportunities to engage with their learning beyond the classroom. Therefore, we are extremely excited to have been invited to participate in the ***"JMSS Mini Mathematicians Program"***, the ***"JMSS Little Scientists Big Science Program"*** and the ***"JMSS RoboGals Program"*** in Term One, 2021. Please note that RoboGals is only available to female students.

John Monash Science School (<http://www.jmss.vic.edu.au/>) is a select entry government secondary school, which offers specialised education for students in their senior years of schooling. Each year, JMSS offers immersion programs for senior primary students (Mini Mathematicians, Little Scientists Big Science, and RoboGals) to enrich their learning. These programs are highly sought after, and are only offered to a few select schools each year.

The programs provide valuable learning opportunities and enrichment for students who have an interest in expanding their knowledge in the area of Science, Mathematics, and Robotics.

Due to the high-demand for the immersion programs, each selected school may send up to four senior students to participate in each of the programs.

If your child is interested in being part of the selection process for one of the available positions, **please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and return it to school by 4:00pm Monday 8th February, 2021 along with your child's written expression of interest.**

A tight timeline is in place as selected schools were only notified at the start of this term, and our school has been allocated to the first intake.

What is the selection process in place for USPS Year Six students?

In 2021, all Year Six students are able to put in an expression of interest to attend either the JMSS Science, or Mathematics Program. The Robogals Program is open to female students only. *Students may apply for all programs, but will only be eligible to participate in one of the programs.* In total there are twelve places available (four per program).

Expressions of interest should be a written application (separate applications per program), of no more than one page, addressing the following criteria:

- *Why are you interested in Science/ Mathematics/Robotics?*
- *How will you share your knowledge with your peers?*
- *If you are successful in joining the program, what actions will you take to promote Science/ Mathematics/ Robotics at USPS?*
- *What would you like to gain from participating in the program?*

Written applications will then be assessed by the Year Six teachers and Mr Kitch. Should there be more than twelve suitable applications, then shortlisted students may be asked to attend a selection interview with their classroom teacher and Mr Kitch.

What are the dates and details of the programs?

Little Scientists Big Science	Mini Mathematicians	RoboGals
Term 1 Wednesdays as below:	Term 1 Wednesdays as below:	Term 1 Wednesdays as below:
17/02/2021	17/02/2021	17/02/2021
03/03/2021	03/03/2021	03/03/2021
17/03/2021	17/03/2021	17/03/2021
31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2021

How will our students travel to the John Monash Science School?

Selected students will be transported to and from the venue by car, either with Mr Kitch, Ms Humphries, or Mr Scicluna. Should any of the listed staff be unavailable on the dates listed above, then the Principal will allocate a suitable replacement from members of our ongoing USPS teaching staff.

How will I know if my child has been successful with their application?

The cohort of Year Six students who apply will be supported by their classroom teachers throughout the process. The outcome of selection will be shared with students on Wednesday 10th February 2021.

Where applicable, permission forms will be sent home with selected students on Wednesday 10th February 2021. Return details will be listed on the forms, and will be due back to Miss Humphries no later than Friday 12th February 2021.

What if I have questions about the program?

If you have any questions about the program, please speak directly with Miss Humphries.

What do I need to do now?

If your child is interested in these programs, please fill out the “Expression of Interest” form (on the next page) indicating which program your child is interested in participating in. **The written application must be included with the expression of interest form**, with both being returned by **Monday 8th February 2020.**

Remember, you may express interest in all programs, but can only be selected for one program.

Kind regards,

Llewela Humphries and Melissa Woollard

Year Six Classroom Teachers



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JMSS Program Expression of Interest Form

This form must be returned to your classroom teacher by **4:00pm Monday 8th February 2021.**

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

I have read the attached information about the ***"JMSS Mini Mathematicians Program"*** the ***"JMSS Big Science Little Scientists Program"*** and the ***"JMSS RoboGals Program"*** for Term One, 2021.

My child has completed a one-page written application (you may select one or more) for the following program/s:

- ☐ **Mini Mathematicians Program**
- ☐ **Little Scientists Big Science Program**
- ☐ **RoboGals Program (females only)**

I understand that successful students will have further permission forms sent home on Wednesday 10th February 2021. If my child is selected for to take part in the program, I understand that I must authorise for my child to be driven to and from the venue in a teacher's car (along with other students).

Attached to this parental Expression of Interest form is my child's written application.

YES ☐

Parent/ Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____