Dear Level 3 to 6 Parent/Guardian,

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank has been held annually since 1978. This year, Chelsea Heights Primary School invites students from Levels 3 to 6 to participate in this competition on Thursday 30th July.

The Middle and Upper Primary competition aims to be accessible to all students, not just the mathematically gifted.

One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of five separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Middle Primary (Levels 3 and 4) and Upper Primary (Levels 5 and 6) divisions and a time allowance of 60 minutes.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a region and overall in the competition. All prize winners in 2015 will be given free entry to the 2015 Australian Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO), which is the first screening competition for the prestigious Australian Mathematical Olympiad Invitational Program. It is worth noting that Australia’s leading mathematicians aged under 40 were discovered and developed at least partly as a result of taking part in the AMC.

The AMC is administered by the not-for-profit Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The problems created for AMC papers are set to the highest possible standards by volunteer teams of the most experienced mathematics teachers and academics in the country. The Australian Mathematics Trust has an unparalleled, unblemished record for the integrity and reliability of its papers.

In order to prepare students for the AMC try our online GetSet training. GetSet AMC offers typical questions, organised by topic, found in all divisions of the papers. Students can enrol according to their competition division. Also available is the 2014 Solutions book which includes the problems and complete solutions to all five papers of the 2014 competition. This book is a valuable resource for students interested in improving their knowledge of problem solving and their performance in the AMC. Past papers can also be purchased from our bookshop.

The website www.amt.edu.au provides details of other valuable mathematics and informatics (computer science) enrichment programs offered by the AMT. You can contact the AMT office by emailing amc@amt.edu.au or phoning (02) 6201 5137 within Australia or +61 2 6201 5137 from outside Australia. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to keep up-to-date with events.

If you wish for your child to participate, please complete your child’s consent form below, $6 entry fee and return in an envelope via your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 20th March.

If you have any further questions, please contact Pia Licciardo or Aleesha Wood.

Pia Licciardo and Aleesha Wood
Maths Specialists

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: ________

I give permission for __________________________ and have enclosed $ ___________ entry fee to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 30th July.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) ___________________________