



# Clarence High School

## BRIGHT SPARKS

PAUL POTTER

STUDENTS from Clarence High School participated in the national finals of the Tournament of Minds in Darwin from October 21-25.

This followed their success in qualifying at the state finals at Launceston on August 29.

Tournament of Minds is an international problem-solving program for teams of students from primary and secondary schools.

Clarence students involved in Tournament of Minds were Hannah Dilger, Hayley Cousens, Jacqui Walker, Loren Johnston, Georgina Davis, Claire Boothroyd and Stella Treanor.

Several of these students had previously competed in the Tournament of Minds but this was their best result to date.

"We were given help by Ms Mason, Ms Bowe and a lot of the parents gave a hand as well," Loren Johnston said.

During the state finals in Launceston, the Clarence students impressed the judges with their novel social sciences presentation titled *Viva the Revolution*.



**TOURNAMENT TEAM:** Clarence High School students in Darwin for the Tournament of Minds national finals earlier this term.

As a result of this success, the school participated in raising money to help send the students to Darwin for the national finals.

Competition in Darwin was fierce and the Clarence High girls performed admirably.

The team has become even more enthusiastic about participating in the Tournament of Minds next year and will surely inspire a new generation of Tasmanian students to join or form a team for 2011.

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## Corridor Chat

Do you think Tasmanian schools should have four-term years?



No, because there should be a line between how much school we should have and we have more school than play already. **Katie.**



No, because three terms is easier and there is less time at school. **Jaryn.**



No, I like having a big break at the end of the year. **Amanda.**



No, because it would make the big break shorter. **Luke.**



No, we dont have enough summer and we need it. **Mathew.**

**Thanks!**

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## Lone pine provides a focal point

MADDIE WORLEDGE and SARAH AUSTIN

THE 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign has been commemorated with the planting of a lone pine tree in a new rose garden at Clarence High School.

The school's prefect board held an assembly

on August 24 to plant the tree, which is a descendant of the original "lone pine" at Gallipoli.

The lone pine was the sole survivor of a group of trees cut down by Turkish soldiers and gave its name to a major battle at Gallipoli in August 1915.

Clarence High School was given the tree by the

state RSL deputy president Chris Oakes.

Mr Oakes dedicated the tree to the Anzac soldiers who lost their lives and to those who are still on active duty for our country.

The tree was planted by Clarence High principal Marcelle Watts accompanied by the school

band playing *Advance Australia Fair*, followed by *The Last Post* and the raising of the Australian and Aboriginal flags from half-mast.

The ceremony concluded with the school's senior concert band playing *Waltzing Matilda*.

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