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What's happening with ARISS? International Space Station project: 2008 update #15

As promised before the holidays we have news, and good news too, about St Thomas' contact with the International Space Station. We have been notified that this is likely to be in the week starting 3rd November. We will confirm this as soon as possible, and again, we remind everyone that until final confirmation is received, there is always a small chance this date may change because of events outside the school's control. But as the school is now listed on the ARISS contact list that is published every week and we have been assigned an astronaut, we hope this will not change.

Letters will be sent home this week to families of the 15 students selected to speak with the ISS astronaut to talk through what is being planned to prepare them for this fantastic event.

Other ARISS project news:

- To keep everyone challenged and thinking about space and astronauts, we are restarting the Space Trivia Competition. See below for more details.
- As there will be lots to do at the ISS contact, we still need more parent volunteers to help out with some of the activities on the night. The jobs list includes helping setting up the hall and outdoor areas, technical support and catering. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Morry, ph 39014634 or drop a quick line to morry@tekinnovations.com.au.
- We hope many students watched the ISS program on Catalyst on ABC TV recently as a chance to find out a little more about what may be in store for us.

Space Trivia Competition – open to all students Prep - Year 7. –

Conditions of entry: To be in the running to win a great prize, write your name, class and answer to the Space Trivia Question on a piece of paper and drop it into the Space Shuttle entry box outside the student's entrance to the office. Entries close Tuesday afternoon and the winner will be announced in Thomataalk next week.

This week's question: Who is the most famous Space Scout?

Hope to have more news for you all in the next Thomataalk, from the ARISS Team

What is the St Thomas Space Station Project? Last year St Thomas successfully applied to NASA to host a direct radio link between the school and an astronaut on the International Space Station. This contact is part of a project called "ARISS" which is supported by amateur radio operators and NASA's education division. Updates on the project will continue to be provided in Thomataalk in the lead up to this exciting event. For further information contact Morry Clark Ph: 3901 4634 or email morryclark@optusnet.com.au. Messages can also be left at the school office in an envelope marked Attn: international Space Station Project team.