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Kia ora,

We are planning the 2024 Aurora Energy Otago Science & Technology Fair to be held in both Wanaka and Dunedin this year. Last year we were able to bring 298 display boards bringing in nearly 400 students from the participating 21 schools from around Otago. The 2023 event saw a significant increase in the number of a very talented Year 11 and Year 9 students. Megha Senthilkumar a Year 11 student was Best in Fair and Adam Ludgate a Year 9 was awarded Most Promising year 9-13 scientist, see <https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/judges-blown-away-pupils%E2%80%99-research>.

Unfortunately, Powering Potential and Bright Sparks are still on hold. It is hoped this will come back as Megha Senthilkumar will be in Year 12 this year while Adam Ludgate will be in Year 10. However, bright young students are coming up such as Anja Sweeney Year 7, <https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/pupil-does-legwork-health-science-project>.

On behalf of the committee, I am inviting Otago Schools to continue their involvement in this event and look forward to working with you again this year. The 2024 Central Otago event will take place in Wanaka on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> then the Dunedin event will take place August 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in the Otago Museum. Prize-giving is expected to be in the St David Lecture Theatre Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Respectfully Yours,



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