Earlier this week on Monday, 24th of November, 21 students in year 6 attended the Narrabeen tournament for the First Lego League competition. Throughout the year, the students learnt about how to program the robots and investigate about this year’s theme.

This year’s theme for the FFL (First Lego League) WORLD CLASS was:

“To find a better or more innovative way to help someone learn”

The Robotics team were separated into 3 smaller teams. Those teams were:

- Neon in the Dark
- Minion-Erds
- N.A.C.H.O’s

Very early in the morning at 8 o’clock the students had to go on a bus and it was an hour drive. We were all very nervous but excited. When we arrived at the competition, located at Narrabeen Sports High school, we missed the opening ceremony and went straight to the competition. It was really hectic and we had to work fast.

We were given a timetable for when our 3 matches would start, when we had to present our robot, project and core values.

When we presented our robot, we had to show why we did this design and how our robot completes the mission.

For the project the teams had to present their question and solution. They had to do it in interesting ways such as a puppet show, a news report or a drama. We were asked questions about our solution and our question.

Then we had our Core Values. This is where we show our team work. We are asked about our team and were given a task. Core Values is very important in Robotics because as a team we all have to work together.

During the matches all teams had their ups and down but we all didn’t give up. We all kept on working hard improving our robots. We even got some cupcake brownies from some other teams. We were ‘Gracious Professionals’ meaning we were gracious to not only ourselves but to all the other teams in the tournament. We all had a lot of fun during the competition. At some point we also ended up dancing ‘YMCA’ too! Overall our teams came to amazing ranks. N.A.C.H.O’s and Neon in the Dark both tied in 7th place while the Minion-Erds came 12th.

Some comments from the Robotics team about their experience:

Awesome experience! I wish I could do it again! ~ Samy Moussa 6I

Absolutely exceptional! ~ Nancy Finau 6I

No problem Mrs Lim and I’ll be doing Robotics next year! Yeeee!! ~ Sohaib 6I

On behalf of all the students of the Auburn North Robotics Team 2014 we would just like to say thank you to:

- Mrs Lim who has given up her time for the team. She has been supporting us throughout the whole program.
- Ms Ireland who was about to attend the competition but couldn’t make it. She has shown us her support which we all appreciate.
- Mrs Varley who came in Ms Ireland’s place and supported us at the tournament.
- Ms O’ Rouke who allowed us to have 2 whole days of Robotics to make up the loss we had at camp.
- And of course Macquarie University who supported the funding of the program. Special thanks to Ms Mo, Donna, Griff and Cindy who taught and guided us through the tournament.

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