



## *2011 Competition Update No. 2 - 1 July 2011*

### **End of Term – Saving Electricity during the holidays**

Term 1 end is already here and if you are planning a trip away over the school holidays you can do simple things to cut your electricity bills. If away for more than a few days – turn off your electric hot water system if you're away for a week or more, switch off all the appliances and electronics at the powerpoint (you could even empty out and switch off the fridge or freezer if you are away for a while).

If you are having a "staycation" consider rugging up rather than switching on the heater or spend your time in the sunny or brighter parts of the house instead of turning on all the lights. Whatever you choose to do – enjoy the school holidays!

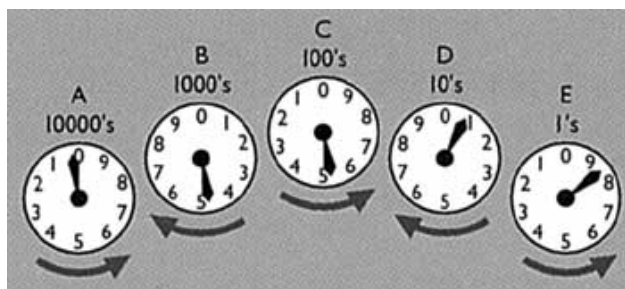
### **How To Play The Game – Read Your Electricity Meter**

For Climate Clubs players, a great way to make a fun, educational and competitive season is to track your electricity savings during the competition. Although electricity bills provides useful information, most people only receive this quarterly, so it can be difficult to know where to make changes that will have an effect on the bottom line.



We are asking all households to read your electricity meter at least once during the competition but preferably on a monthly, weekly, or even daily basis! To take a reading, you'll need a pen, some paper and an idea of where to find your meter box.

The dial type meter is the most commonly installed meter in New South Wales. The meter has 5 dials, each of which represents one part of the meter reading. Each of the dials is slightly different and spin in alternate directions. Stand directly in front of the meter so that you can see the exact position of the pointers.



A reading on this example meter is taken by reading the dials from left to right, (A to E). The direction that each dial travels is shown. This reading is **04508**. To check your average daily consumption, take readings at the same time of the day, several days apart.

Once you have the number from your meter, login to [www.climateclubs.org.au](http://www.climateclubs.org.au) and enter this number into your household Electricity Consumption Tracker on the date of reading. After the second meter reading it will calculate the daily average usage (or enter directly from your bill) in table and graph format so you can see how you compare. Importantly by doing this, your Club scoreboard will be updated and competition.

## News & Events

**Energy Savers Week from 1-5 August 2011** is being organised by Origin Energy, one of our Climate Clubs sponsors and celebrates schools across Australia who are learning about energy efficiency and spreading the word through their communities.

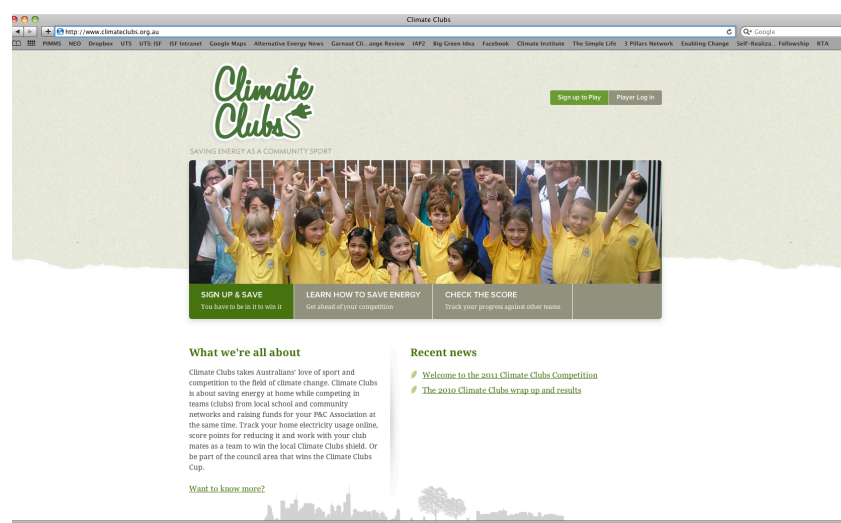
To participate, school teachers and their classes are invited to submit entries poems, stories, pictures, photos or video online showing how they are learning and teaching others about energy efficiency.

The first 25 entries will receive an energy efficiency gift from Origin Energy, and five major winners will receive **\$1000 cash for their school**.

Entries are to be submitted by teachers by **Wed 27 July at:** For more details visit <http://www.forteachersforstudents.com.au/Origin/energy-savers-week-t.php>

**The new and improved Climate Clubs Website** is on its way. Thanks to our dedicated team of professionals we will have a fancy new site ready for you in Term 2 which we hope is easy to find everything you need to know to play the game. You can:

- Learn about your competitors
- Track your home energy usage on your own Electricity Consumption Tracker
- Check the Score
- Find information and resources to help you save energy at home
- Check out the photo gallery or learn how others are saving at home
- Share your stories, pictures or videos



## More Information

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