

# PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

## CSDA Public Speaking Competition

Last Friday night our students, Jose Monk and James Leo in Year 7 and Joshua Jones in Year 10 competed in the CSDA Public Speaking the Zone Finals at St Patrick's College, Strathfield. Congratulations to Jose Monk in Year 7 and Joshua Jones in Year 10 who were successful on the night and will be competing in the CSDA Grand Final held this Friday evening at Marist College, North Sydney. This is a rigorous and highly competitive competition and I need to note that James Leo gained the loudest applause for his speech in the Year 7 room. Congratulations to James for being the 'parent in the room' choice on the night.

One of our Senior Public Speakers, Kieran Zucconi, will present Jose and James to the school assembly this Friday morning to acknowledge their success and to wish them well for Friday evening's Grand Final.

## **Term 1 Public Speaking**

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Grand Final. 6.30 registration for a 7pm commencement at Marist College, North Sydney
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## **Term 1 Debating**

**TRAINING COMMENCES THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, FROM 3.30PM – 5.00 PM. ALL DEBATERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND TRAINING IN WEEKS 8, 9 AND 10 THIS TERM.**

As our debating pre-season training commences this week it is vital to note that our two Captains for 2019, Cian Roberts and Leo Lovesy were awarded their Captainship roles by Mr Couani at our Sports Assembly in Week 6. Leo and Cian bring a wonderful relaxed attitude to debating. They have both debated since junior school and are highly skilled and determined debaters but they have a wisdom beyond their years in their understanding of the subjectivity of an adjudication and are great role models for the younger debaters—helping them to put a seemingly unfair loss into its proper place. We just cannot afford to become bitter about our losses—this is so destructive for the student and for the team. Cian and Leo, along with our entire Year 12 debate cohort, have a 'big picture' perspective in their approach to seemingly unfair losses. We are so lucky to be led by Cian and Leo and their amazing Year 12 team mates.

St Pius X competes in two debating competitions: the Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) Competition <http://www.csda.nsw.edu.au/>, and the Schools Debating Network (SDN) Competition <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/>. Enrolment forms will be available for students to collect from the front office and/or the verandah from Monday Term 1 Week 2. Forms need to be completed by students and signed by parents before being returned the verandah notices box marked "Public Speaking and Debating". Training will commence in week 7 of Term 1 with 'friendly' debates taking place in the last weeks of Term 1. Dates for the CSDA Debating Competition are listed below. The SDN Debating Competition takes place on the first seven Fridays of Term 3. The SDN Debating Competition is structured in line with the ISA Debating focus and is another brilliant debating learning experience. More information on the structure of both competitions will follow in weekly Woodchatta posts.

## **Term 2 & Term 3 CSDA Debating Competition**

Friday 3rd May	Round 1
Friday 11th May	Round 2
Friday 17th May	Round 3
Friday 24th May	Round 4
Friday 31st May	Round 5
Friday 14th June	Round 6
Friday 21st June	Elimination final 2
Friday 28th June	Quarter final

### **Term 3**

Friday 26th July	Semi final
Friday 2nd August	Grand final

**SDN (Schools Debating Network) Competition** <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/>

Runs every Friday evening from Week 1 – Week 7 in Term 3.

*Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener*