

Dear Years 3-6 Parents,

RE: PRIMARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Each year, students from Years 3 - 6 are involved in our Public Speaking Competition. Throughout Week 7 (beginning 29 August) students will be presenting their speeches in class. To be eligible for the finals, students must be ready to present from the Monday of Week 7. Semi-finalists are chosen from each of the class groups within the year. These students then give their speech to the whole grade and between 4 and 6 (depending on the grade size) finalists are chosen. Parents of finalists are specifically invited to the finals which will be held in Week 9 on Thursday, September 15, 2016. Parents do not attend the in-class presentations.

INFORMATION:

- All students are required to present a speech, on any chosen topic, to their class. We suggest that students choose something that they can speak knowledgeably about.
- Speeches are written and rehearsed at home.
- Parents are allowed to offer as much support as they can - this can include helping your child to write their speech.
- Students are encouraged to use palm cards (not pages) during the presentation of their speech.
- Time limits for speeches Year 3 and 4: 3-4 minutes. Year 5 and 6: 4-5 minutes.

The criteria for judging includes how the speaker:

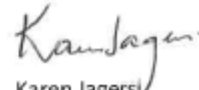
- Captures and maintains the interest of their audience.
- Makes eye contact.
- Delivers their speech fluently.
- Meets the given time frame.
- Relies on their notes.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the Public Speaking Competition, please contact their classroom teacher.

Regards,



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