



Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition

Term 3, 2011

29 July 2011

As part of the Talking and Listening outcomes in the English curriculum, Stage 2 students are participating in a school public speaking competition in Term 3. There will be a class based speech performed by each student in Week 5 of term. From here, finalists from the Years 3 and 4 classes will present their speech as a stage semi-final in the same week. From this semi-final, eight students will be named as finalists to present their speech at a school final in Week 6.

Stage 2 students are asked to select a topic from the following list or choose their own topic, gain teacher approval, then write and present a 2-3 minute speech. Please note that speeches should be about **stating an idea or a point of view and then giving supporting information for these beliefs (an exposition)**. A speech should not simply be telling a story or an information report. Students are encouraged to write an interesting speech and then do their best to memorise it. Palm cards with the main points of the speech written on them are encouraged. This way students can work on delivering their speech with expression and appropriate eye contact rather than reading it all straight from the cards.

There is no impromptu speech at class level; HOWEVER, there will be an impromptu speech at the stage final, to help determine the stage place getters.

Please note: *any speeches that have already been presented as part of a school competition previously may NOT be used for this competition.*

Some topics to select from include:

- My favourite place
- My career as a ...
- Children should have to earn pocket money.
- Why I'm passionate about...
- Technology is making us lazy
- The importance of friendship
- Do sports people make good role models?

Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or assistance.

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