



Connells Point Public School **Stage One Public Speaking Competition 2011**

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The Connells Point Public School Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday, 23rd August. In preparation for this event, students have been asked to present speeches in class. Even though your child may not want to proceed past the class presentations, it is important that he/she prepares a 2 minute speech. These speeches form part of the Talking and Listening outcomes in the English curriculum.

As they progress through their schooling, these types of presentations will be expected in all areas of the curriculum. Hopefully, with this program, all students will gain confidence and find public speaking less daunting.

During Week 5 of term, K-2 teachers will select students from both ES1 and S1 to present their speech at the school final, the following week. Parents are welcome to attend the Final stage of the competition. The K-2 section will be held in the school hall beginning 2.10pm.

Stage One students are asked to select a topic from the following list or choose their own topic. These topics are only suggestions and may help you with your own ideas. It is suggested that the speeches put forward some form of opinion and not just a list of information.

Some topics to select from include:

Visiting Grandma etc.

If I was a Teacher for a day

If I could travel in time

When I grow up I would like to be a

My favourite

The dream I would like to come true

Students are encouraged to use palm cards with the main points written on them. Pictures may help the less able readers. Palm cards should also be numbered to assist students in their organisation and presentation.

There is no impromptu speech at class level; **however**, students will be required to write an impromptu speech during the school final. They will be given the topic, then 5 minutes to write their speech.

The school will organise a link on the Connells Point Public School website to a site that has plenty of tips for writing and presenting a good speech. We will inform you shortly when this has been done.

Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or assistance.

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