Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition

Dear Parents and Carers

Every year, students in the Georges River Network primary schools participate in the Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. It aims to showcase all the talented public speakers among primary school students in a fun and interesting way.

During Term 3 we will be conducting a Public Speaking competition. All students are encouraged to participate. Students have the July holidays to plan their speeches and should be ready to present them in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3, 2015. Attached is a sheet explaining the criteria used to adjudicate the speeches.

Students will present their speeches in their classes. One student from each class will be chosen to present their speech at the Kindergarten Assembly in Week 6. One student from Kindergarten will then be selected to present their speech at the Georges River Network Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 14th October, 2015.

Speech duration for Kindergarten is one minute. There will be no microphones, so students need to practise projecting their voices. Students may choose ANY TOPIC OF INTEREST which is suitable for a school audience. Some suggested topics or concepts are: Family, Happiness, Friendship, Holidays, My Favourite Story, Pets or something related to an area studied at school this year.

Students need to practise their speech, using a clear voice, speak with confidence and at a good pace. We suggest the use of palm cards for each piece of information. Students should try and memorise their speech rather than read it from the cards so eye contact with the audience can be maintained. Do NOT start the speech with “Today I am going to talk about…” and DO NOT end it with “Thank you for listening …..”. Their speech should be a conversation with the audience.

Example:

Dogs make the best pet

Dogs are perfect pets. Let me tell you why. First, dogs love to play. If you throw a ball, a dog will catch it. Next, dogs can protect you if a stranger is nearby. They will bark loudly. Another reason dogs make perfect pets is because there are so many kinds to choose from. Some popular kinds are Poodles, Pugs and Beagles. What kind of dog do you want?

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Practice, then present your speech to the class.

Stage 1: Introduction

- Write your introduction here.
- What is the topic of your speech?
- Use this sheet to plan your speech.
- Write notes for your introduction here.
- The introduction tells your audience what you're talking about and how you feel about the topic. It gains their attention and also provides some background information.
- If you feel your introduction is too long, make a note here.

Stage 2: Arguments

1. Make notes on what you could improve on.
2. Assess your presentation using the list below. Circle the ones that fit best.
3. Make notes on what you could improve on.
- Improved the talk.
- Improved the end.
- Improved the middle.
- Improved the opening.

Stage 3: Concluding Statement

- What would you change?
- How could you improve the talk?
- How could you improve the end?
- How could you improve the middle?
- How could you improve the opening?

Arguments:
-Argument 1:
-Argument 2:
-Argument 3: