22nd June 2015

Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every year, students in Georges River Network primary schools participate in the Greater Southern Sydney Primary 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, our school 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 Week 3 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 a Year 4 assembly in Week 4. Two Year 4 students will then present their speeches together with two Year 3 students at the Stage 2 assembly in Week 6. One student from either Year 3 or Year 4 will then be selected to present their speech at the Georges River Network Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 14th October 2015.

Speech duration for Stage 2 is three minutes for prepared speeches and one minute for impromptu speeches. There will be no microphones so students need to project their voices. Students may choose ANY TOPIC OF INTEREST suitable for a school audience. Some suggested topics or concepts are: Heroes, Fame, Humour, Friendship, The Outback, Freedom, My Family or something related to an area studied at school this year.

Students need to practise their speech, use a clear voice, speak with confidence and at a good pace. They also need to remember to look at the audience when speaking.

Kind regards,

Ms Erina Law                             Mrs Anne Hewson
Public Speaking Coordinator      Principal
Planning Your Speech

1. Choose a topic of interest.
2. Write an introduction that grabs the audience.
3. Organize your speech.
4. Practice your delivery.
5. Rehearse your speech.
6. Make notes on what you could improve.
7. Keep your topic clear.
8. Speak at a good pace.
10. Make notes here.

Stage 1: Introduction - Your Point of View

What is the topic of your speech?
Use this sheet to plan your speech.

Stage 2: Arguments

| Argument 1 | Argument 2 | Argument 3 |

Each of the arguments here:

- Needs an argument.
- Provides some background information.
- Shows your audience what you're talking about and how you feel about the topic.
- Argues for a specific point of view.

Stage 3: Concluding Statement

Concluding statement below:

arguments and give your recommendation. Write notes for a
the concluding statement ends your speech. You sum up your

Stage 4: Overall

How I could improve the talk:

How I could improve the end:

How I could improve the middle:

YES
MOSTLY
NO

YES
MOSTLY
NO

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My point was clear.
My main conclusions were in order.
I kept on the topic.
I spoke at a good pace.
I sounded confident.

Plan Your Speech

Speech Preparation

OVERALL

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