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PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION SPEECH – Early Stage 1

Dear parents and carers

Over the next few weeks, your child will be given the opportunity to plan, write and practise a speech on one of the following topics:

1. Fun
2. I am amazing
3. Student choice (to be approved by class teachers)

To be competitive, student choice topics must be topics related directly to self and personal interests.

All students will present a speech in class during **Weeks 5 and 6, Term 3, commencing Monday 19 August 2024**. Students wishing to be considered for the competition need to present a speech of **1 minute**, while non-competitive class speeches need to be **30 seconds** in length.

All speeches need to include at least three parts: introduction, body and conclusion. The following presentation outline is one of the ways for your child to organise the material into a speech format.

INTRODUCTION	BODY	CONCLUSION
<p>What is the topic of your speech? Why should the audience listen to your speech? What will your main points be?</p>	<p>How will you expand your points? What is your supporting evidence and information?</p>	<p>What were the main points of your speech? What do you want the audience to remember?</p>
<p>The introduction is where you gain the listener's attention, clearly state the purpose and preview the structure of your speech. Some effective strategies to gain attention could be: tell a story; refer to recent or historical events; refer to personal interest; use startling statistics; use an analogy; use a quotation; ask a question; or use humour.</p>	<p>In the body you speak about each of your points in detail. For each point you must give the audience some evidence or information that will help explain and support each point. The body is the longest of the three parts.</p>	<p>In the conclusion you should summarise your main points and prepare the audience for the end of your speech. You can present any final appeals or challenges. You do not need to include any extra information here.</p>

Competition Notes

- Students progress from each level of the competition, from:
Class ⇒ stage ⇒ network final
- Each class winner will present their speech to Early Stage 1 students in Week 7, and the winner from the stage competition will represent Liverpool West Public School at the Liverpool/Glenfield Network Public Speaking Competition.
- All speeches are marked according to Manner (20), Matter (40) and Method (40), and are required to persuade the audience.
- Speeches must be original, reflect the work and ideas of the child, and be age/content appropriate.
- No use of props or costumes.
- Use of appropriate humour is deemed satisfactory.
- Overly dramatic presentations are discouraged.
- No microphones are available for any division.
- Speech topics are not to come from or be related to those of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competitions. Student choice must be appropriate for a wider audience at school and network finals.
- All students will be asked to give an impromptu speech on a broad topic at the network finals. The topic will be provided to each student at preparation time. Palm cards and pencils will be provided. Each student will be given 5 minutes of preparation time before their impromptu speech. Student performance in both the prepared speech and impromptu speech will be combined to decide the winners at each final with each speech worth 50% of the final score.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Prepared Speech Times</u>	<u>Impromptu Speech Times</u>
Early Stage 1	1 minute speech	30 second speech

During class time, we will be looking at strategies to help students to prepare and present a prepared speech, as well as teaching your child how to plan an impromptu speech. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher.

EARLY STAGE ONE TEACHERS


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