

Y4-8 SPEECH COMPETITION

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear parents and caregivers,

As part of our Year 4-8 Literacy program this term, your child will be preparing and presenting a speech to their class. This will take place during Week 4 and 5, 7th August - 18th August.

After the speeches have been presented in class, the following finalists will be selected for the School Speech Competition.

- 9 students from Years 4, 5 and 6.
- 9 students from Years 7 and 8

The School Speech Competition will be held in the Ballroom on Wednesday 23rd August. Families are welcome. The times are:

- 10:30 am for Years 4-6
- 11:45 am for Years 7-8

Speech Preparation

Every student will **prepare a speech in class time** that may then be practiced at home. Speech lengths are:

- Year 4 - 2 minutes
- Years 5 and 6 - 2.5 minutes
- Year 7 and 8 - 3 minutes

The speech length must be within 15 seconds of the time stated.

The topics are listed below. **It is important that your child independently selects their topics and prepares their speech with as little assistance from you as possible.** Please help your child find suitable resources to research their topic. They will need to bring these to school and use them to prepare their speech.

The topics are:

Year 4, 5 and 6	Year 7 and 8
If you could add a subject to the curriculum, what would it be?	Zoos are ethical in today's society
One thing I could change about the environment is...	Girls and boys should be taught in separate spaces
All plastics should be banned	School is the best form of education
Should animals be kept in zoos?	Minecraft should be a school subject
If you could live on another planet, it would be...	The most useless invention of all time is...
If you could create a theme park, it would be...	Here's why I should be Prime Minister
If you could make the world a better place, what would you do?	My role model is... because...

We are looking forward to seeing the students' creativity and their ability to develop excellent speeches. Once their speeches have been written at school, you can encourage your child/ren to practice and prepare well at home. They can type up their speech and put it on to cue cards.

Thank you for supporting your child/ren's learning. We hope to see you at the School Speech Competition to support our finalists.

Yours sincerely,

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Team Leader Year 7-8