

Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition 2022

Friday 24 June 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Lambton Public School will once again be participating in the annual Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition. All children from Early Stage One to Stage Three are invited to participate with the possibility of progressing through the stages to represent our school in this event. Public speaking aligns with the *Speaking and Listening* outcomes in the English curriculum.

This competition focuses on developing the skills of public speaking through highlighting and practising aspects of effective presentations such as:

Matter: What is said – Topic creativity and originality, with a message that is of interest to the audience. Uses strategies like humour, persuasive language, and correct grammar.

Method: How the speech is organised - Includes an introduction that captures the audience's attention, develops a logical thought, and reaches a conclusion.

Manner: How it is said – Uses a clear, expressive voice (no singing or poetry recital), maintains eye contact, and uses gestures.

Children will become familiar with these criteria and will be adjudicated accordingly.

Students will be learning some public speaking skills during class activities; however we would like them to prepare their speeches at home so that they can choose relevant, personal content and practise their presentations with your guidance. All presentations should be prepared on small palm cards. Pictures or drawings may be used as prompts for non or developing readers. It is acceptable, for parents and carers to support or help their child with preparing their speech if they need support.

Duration of Speeches

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1	1-2 mins (a warning bell will sound after 1 ½ minutes. Continuous bell will sound from 3 mins)
Stage 2	2-3mins (a warning bell will sound after 2 ½ minutes. Continuous bell will sound from 4 mins)
Stage 3	3-3 ½ mins (a warning bell will sound after 3 minutes. Continuous bell will sound from 4 ½ mins)

Please Note: As per competition rules, children who are still speaking when the continuous bell rings, will be penalised 10 marks as they have not completed their conclusion.

The students are permitted to select their own topics. No props are to be used in public speaking.

Although not all students may be interested in progressing through to representing the school at the Zone or Hunter Public Speaking finals, we would still like all students to participate in their class public speaking activities. A copy of the marking rubric is attached and will assist students to consider all aspects of how each speech is assessed.

Class presentations will commence from Wednesday 20th of July (Week 1 Term 3). Two representatives from each class will be chosen to present at the school finals to be held in **Week 3 Term 3**. Further information about the school finals will be shared next term and parents will be invited to attend.

Thank you for supporting your child in this event.

Kind regards

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Public Speaking Competition Coordinators

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Principal.