

MT DRUITT/MINCHINBURY 3-6 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Glendenning Public School has once again entered the Mount Druitt/Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition. Each class from Years 3-6 will be choosing representatives to speak in our school finals.

Every student will present a speech. Students are required to prepare their speech at home as part of weekly homework tasks. Students may consult with their class teacher if any assistance is required.

Their speech will be presented in class during **Week 3**. Students will need to be prepared to present their speech on Monday, Week 3. Students will be given feedback according to the attached criteria. The topics for each grade are:

- Year 3 – An Australian story
- Year 4 – A Family story
- Year 5 – Free choice
- Year 6 – Free choice

In class during **Week 6**, they will be required to present their speech again, having applied the feedback they received. Students will need to be prepared to present their speech on Monday, Week 6

Three (3) students from each class will be selected to compete in the semi-finals. From the semi-finals, three (3) students from each grade will compete in the finals. From the finals, the grade winner will represent Glendenning PS in the District competition.

The allocated time for each speech is:

- Years 3 and 4 – **2 minutes**
- Years 5 and 6 – **3 minutes**

Competition Rules:

- Participants must NOT introduce themselves, greet or thank the audience. The allocated time must be used solely for the purpose of addressing the topic.
- No microphones are used.
- No movement on stage is allowed. Hand movements and gestures are allowed.
- You are not allowed to use any props as part of your speech. You should use palm cards, but it is expected that you will have practised your speech, and not read straight off palm cards.
- You must not over-dramatise your presence on stage. A 10 point penalty will be applied.

If you have any questions, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Mr D. Meaney
Principal
1 Aug 2019

Miss G. Cole
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Public Speaking Competition – Marking Criteria

Speeches in the competition will be marked on:

The content (the information in your speech) – **30 points**

- Explaining the intention and purpose of your speech
- Giving details of many aspects of your topic
- Using good quality language and vocabulary
- Showing originality and fresh ideas
- Choosing a topic that the audience can relate to
- Mostly using your own ideas, not all copied text

Performance (body language and the way you involve the audience) – **30 points**

- Confident body language and standing comfortably
- Not looking at notes too often
- Making eye contact and looking around at your audience
- Using dramatic skills to interest the audience
- Using your hands to express yourself
- Showing the audience that you enjoy speaking to them

Sequence (the organisation of your information) – **20 points**

- Having an interesting opening
- Grouping information in a logical order
- Having a clear beginning, middle and end
- Having an ending that sums up your talk

Voice (voice level and quality) – **10 points**

- Speaking loud enough and to everyone in the room
- Using your voice to keep the audience interested

Time (how well you keep to the timeframe) – **10 points**

- Speaking for 1:50 to 2:10 minutes (Stage 2) or 2:50 to 3:10 minutes (Stage 3) gives you the full 10 points
- 1 point is deducted for every 5 seconds, or part thereof, outside this time.