## Public Speaking 2014

As part of our school English program, all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be required to prepare and present a speech to their class. This task aims to improve your child’s ability to speak and communicate with various audiences in a confident manner and meets talking and listening outcomes in the English Syllabus.

As homework during week 2,children will prepare a speech of their choice at home. **This will be the focus of their homework during this week.** During weeks 3 and 4, the children will present their speeches to the class. The best speakers in each class will be selected to present their speeches during the infants or primary assemblies.

# The Speech

Children should choose a topic (from the list provided) that interests them and that they have some knowledge about. Encourage them to identify the purpose of the speech (What do I want the audience to know/feel?) and go from there.

The link below has some great tips and guidelines for parents on how to assist children with this task:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school

# Palm Cards

Encourage your child to make and use palm/cue cards. They should be no larger than 10cm x 5cm. When speaking, hold the cards down low, not in front of the face. The cards should be used for prompting, (reminding) not reading. Therefore, **children should use key words and pictures to assist them in presenting their speech.** They should contain the main points they wish to speak about.

We are aware that infant’s students are still learning, so this task may seem difficult. We suggest that children use a combination of simple words and pictures. This will prompt the children to remember what they have to say.

# Speech Times

* K-2 1- 2 minutes
* Yrs 3-4 2- 3 minutes
* Yrs 5-6 3-4 minutes

Please assist your child with this task. Help them prepare their speech and palm cards and listen to them practise their speech every night. Give them hints on vocal expression, eye contact and posture as they practise.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Topics for Public Speaking

Please choose **1 topic** from the appropriate section that you will write your speech about.

*K-2*

* My family
* School is great
* If I could be any animal in the world I would be…

*Yr 3 & 4*

* My hobbies
* Everyone Belongs
* If I had three wishes…

*Yr 5 & 6*

* Growing up
* Getting ready for high school
* Laughter is the best medicine

**My Speech**

* Use palm cards to organise and deliver your speech.
* Use dot points – do not read from your cards, they should just be there to prompt you.
* Using pictures on your palm cards helps you to remember what you need to talk about.
* **DON’T** hold the card in front of your face when delivering your speech.
* Use the right size paper for you palm cards (see page 1).
* Use words that you can read and understand yourself.
* **Structure:** A clear and logical structure has an introduction, body, main points and conclusion.
* Grab your audience’s attention with a strong opening statement.
* Make an impression with your concluding statement.

Practise, Practise, Practise ☺