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## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, every class at Murwillumbah Primary School will be participating in our Public Speaking Competition. This is part of your son/daughter's ongoing assessment of English. The speeches need to be written and practised at home, ready to be presented to the class in the week beginning on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, August**. The school final will be held on **Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September**. There will be one winner from each stage who will then compete in the District Public Speaking Competition at Uki Public School on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of October in Week 1 of Term 4.

The times for the speeches are as follow:

Early Stage One/Stage One – 1/1 ½ minutes

Stage Two – 2 minutes

Stage Three – 3 minutes

The speeches should be entertaining to the audience and can cover any topic that your child shows an interest in and is suitable for their age group.

The speech should have a definite beginning, middle and end.

Opening – Catch the audience attention by beginning in an exciting way. Please note – students in all sections must begin their speech by acknowledging the chairperson and the members of the audience and conclude with 'Chairperson.' Students should **not** begin with "Today I'm going to talk to you about..."

Where possible, children should try not to 'read' their speech. Using palm cards is a good idea to record important ideas/points. Presenting your speech is more than just memorising it. You need to show expression, interest and sound as if you're enthusiastic about your chosen topic.

### Topic Ideas

**Early Stage One** and **Stage One** Students should choose simple topics such as pets, holidays, family members, etc.

**Stage Two** Students should also choose simple topics, but they should be encouraged to talk about other people in relation to their topic. Their entire speech should not just be about themselves.

**Stage Three** Students should be encouraged to speak about an issue, current affair or problem in society such as the environment, current affairs, poverty, homelessness, etc. They should be talking about other people and the world in general for their entire speech.

In the competition, we are looking for –

\* Eye Contact, fluent speakers, clear pronunciation, appropriate stance and timing of speech.

Teachers will be discussing appropriate topic choices and providing tips for presentation of speeches this week.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

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