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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, every class at Murwillumbah Primary School will be participating in our Public Speaking Competition. The speeches need to be written and practised at home, ready to be presented to the class in the week beginning on **Monday 22nd, August**. The school final will be held on **Tuesday 6th of September**. The winner from each stage will progress to the District Final on the 12th of October at Uki Public School.

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 speech 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...”

Students are encouraged to memorise their speech. Using palm cards is a good idea to record important ideas/points. A good speaker uses expression, shows interest and sounds as if they are enthusiastic about the 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, pandemics, 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, speaks fluently, clear pronunciation, enthusiasm, audience appeal, appropriate stance, content and structure and timing of the speech.

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

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or the class teacher.

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Public Speaking Coordinator

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Relieving Principal