



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kariong Public School's successful Annual Public Speaking Competition returns for 2021. This competition has been a highly successful initiative with positive feedback from parents, staff and students. Over the years the audience have been entertained, informed and amazed at the ability, confidence and skill of each child.

All students are expected to participate at their class level.

Students have free choice regarding the topic of their speech. Students choose a topic they are interested in so they are enthusiastic in the presentation, for example, talk about hobbies, activities or issues that are important to you. Two students will be chosen from each class to present their speech at the grade finals see dates and times below. Two students from each stage will then be chosen to represent our school at the district finals which will be held at Point Clare Public School on Thursday, 19th August.

Length of Speech:

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 1-2 minutes
- Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) 2 minutes
- Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) 2-3 minutes
- Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) 3 minutes

Public Speaking Tips

- Have an **introduction** – this is your chance to grab the audience's attention.
- **Body of speech** should include interesting facts; make your point, use humour if you can.
- The **conclusion** usually has an obvious ending and does not end in thank you, or thank you for listening to my speech.
- Use palm cards (if needed) to help you to remember what you want to say.
- Practise eye contact.
- Vary your tone.
- Use gesture and facial expression to convey interest.
- Keep to the time limit.

Dates	
Term 2 Week 10	Students prepare their speech at home.
Term 3 Week 1- 2	Students present their speech to their class and teacher. Two students are chosen from each class and move to the final in the hall.
Week 3 Wednesday July 28th (Years 1 & 2) 9am Kindergarten 10:00am Friday July 30th (Years 5 & 6) 9am (Years 3 & 4) 11:45am	<u>GRADE FINALS</u> for Public Speaking Competition to be held in school hall.
Week 6 Thursday	Central Coast Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition FINALS: Thursday 19 August Parents are responsible for taking their child to <u>Point Clare Public School</u> for this part of the competition.

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