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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kariong Public School's annual Public Speaking Competition returns for 2020. This competition has been a highly successful initiative with positive feedback from parents, staff and students. This year, the speech may be a topic of own choice or if your child would like to enter the 25th anniversary year of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, they must choose a topic from the list below. The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition is only for Stages 2 and 3 and will be run throughout New South Wales schools. Kariong Public School will be selecting 2 students from each of **these stages** to enter the competition and compete against other schools in the district.

All students are expected to participate at their class level and class speeches will begin on Monday Week 3, Term 3. Students should choose a topic they are interested in so they are enthusiastic in the presentation and talk about hobbies, activities or issues that are important to them. Two students will be chosen from each class to present their Multicultural Perspectives speech at the **grade finals to be held in the hall in Week 5**. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we will not be able to have parents/carers attend as an audience.

Two students from each stage will then be chosen to represent our school at the district finals which will be held later in the term. The exact date and location is still to be determined.

Multicultural Perspectives 2020 Topics:

Years 3 and 4 Topics	Years 5 and 6 Topics
Our place	Our place
Racism - No way	Racism - No way
Refugees	A world of difference
Our national anthem	Colour matters
Kid power!	Sports - bringing people together
Respect	Welcome to Australia
When does a migrant become an Australian?	It's complicated
The Olympics - breaking down barriers	Becoming a global citizen
Belonging in school	Learning from the past
Words can hurt	Many voices one land

Length of Speech:

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2): 1 - 2 minutes
- Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6): 3 - 4 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 points, using emotive language if you can.
- The **conclusion** should have a strong ending, not ending in 'Thank you' or 'Thank you for listening to my speech'.
- The audience needs to feel that the speaker's style is sincere and genuine.
- Visual and vocal expression – a speaker's face and tone should be animated.
- Eye contact with the audience is vital, so notes should be kept to a minimum. You should use palm cards if using notes. (1/4 of an A4 page is suitable.)
- Keep to the time limit

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