



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Each year the NSW Department of Education conducts a Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. All students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate. This competition aims to heighten awareness of Multicultural issues amongst primary school children and at the same time developing their public speaking skills.

Interested students are asked to prepare a speech ready to deliver in front of their class between the 24th- 28th May (Term 2, Week 6). For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list below.

Stage 2 students will talk for three minutes and Stage 3 students for four minutes.

Two students from each class present their speech in the hall during week 7(dates TBA). From this, two students from each stage will represent Kariong Public School at the District level competition on Friday June 11th at Point Clare Public School. At District level students will deliver two speeches – their prepared multicultural speech and an impromptu speech on a general topic. The winners of these finals proceed to a regional final held in later in the year. Regional winners proceed to the state final.

2021 Years 3&4 Topics	2021 Years 5&6 Topics
Stronger together	Stronger together
We are one and free	Racism: it's everyone's business
Racism - no way!	January 26
The Olympics - bringing people together	Sport - making a difference
Australia on TV	Media Matters
Language matters	Australia - where to next?
Sharing	It's complicated
Kids lead the way!	A safe place to call home
Reconciliation	Healing
Where do I belong?	Global voices

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIPS

The essence of Public Speaking is the clear and effective use of spoken English to convey a message or point of view. A speaker is judged on the originality and depth of their material and how effectively this is presented to an audience. Some important factors in successful public speaking are:

Be yourself

The audience needs to feel that the speaker's style is genuine and sincere.

Visual expression – a speaker's face should be animated.

Eye contact with the audience is vital. Notes should be kept to a minimum and palm cards used (1/4 of an A4 page is suitable).

Establish a rapport

The introduction should capture the attention of the audience and establish a rapport.

Speakers can be powerful and imaginative without sacrificing credibility or sincerity.

Avoid introductions that remind the audience they are listening to a speech.

Development

Ensure there is a definite and logical link between the introduction and the body of the speech. There should be a smooth and logical progression through the speech and not simply a series of examples or ideas loosely strung together.

Concluding minutes are vital – the speaker should aim to leave a lasting impression on the audience.

Adjudicators make their decision based on:

Manner, matter and method presented.

The prepared speeches need to show an understanding of multiculturalism.

Balance of personal opinion and information, humour and sincerity.

No props or external aids. For example: Power point Presentation, posters or cultural items.

For further information regarding the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, please visit www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au.

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