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STAGE 3 MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each year the NSW Department of Education conducts a Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition for all students in Stages 2 and 3 throughout the State. All students in Stage 3 will be given the **option** to prepare and present a 4 (four) minute speech on one of the topics below. The students will deliver their speeches in front of their class in Weeks 3 and 4 from May 9 to May 20.

Two students will be chosen from each class to present their speeches at a Stage 3 Assembly on **Thursday 26 May** with times to be advised. From this, two students are then selected to represent Kariong Public School at the District level competition.

This competition aims to heighten awareness of Multicultural issues amongst primary school children and at the same time develop their public speaking skills. At District level students give two speeches – one prepared and one impromptu – on multicultural issues. The Stage 3 topics for this year are:

In my language	Identity – it's complicated
The story of Australia	Rights and responsibilities
Everyday racism	Welcome to country
Representation	Crossing borders
Australia Day	Healing

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

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.

Engaging speech.

Balance of personal opinion and information, humour and sincerity.

No props or external aids. For example: Power point Presentation.

For further information regarding the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, please visit <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/the-multicultural-perspectives-public-speaking-competition>

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