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## Years 3 - 6 Public Speaking Competition 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

The LPS Public Speaking Competition will take place during Term 2, 2017. This competition is an excellent opportunity for students to plan, rehearse and deliver oral presentations to engage an audience. Each year, the students are able to access increasingly more complex topics, ideas, issues and language forms and features.

Students are asked to select **one topic** and prepare their speech over the next few weeks. They will then present their speech to their class from Week 6. Stage finals will take place later in the term.

The topics appear on the reverse side of this sheet. Please see the timing for the length of speeches below. A warning bell will sound 30 seconds before the time has elapsed. At the time limit, students will be permitted to complete their sentence.

Grade	Time
Years 3 and 4	2 - 3 minutes
Years 5 and 6	3 - 4 minutes

### What makes an excellent speech?

- **Matter** - well-structured and interesting content, that is unique and interesting for the audience. Speakers should refer to palm cards and not just read the content.
- **Manner** - good use of voice (articulation, volume, pause, pace), good posture, gestures and eye contact. The speaker's voice should be relaxed without being exaggerated. Costumes or props are not permitted.
- **Method** - well-practised in presenting (rehearsed). Speeches need to have a clear introduction, middle and conclusion. Do not introduce yourself or thank your audience. Good introductions and conclusions are memorable, effective and original.

Teachers will teach speech writing skills and explore public speaking techniques. Students will also have the opportunity to give impromptu speeches.

We look forward to hearing the original work from all students.

Kind regards

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**Principal**



## 3 - 6 Public Speaking Competition 2017 Topics



1. Honesty is the best policy.
2. If I could be an animal, I would be...
3. My favourite family outing.
4. If I could be a grown up for a day.
5. Everyone should learn to cook.
6. How to successfully annoy your teacher.
7. Our planet needs us!
8. Advertising – Wicked or Wonderful?
9. What matters?
10. Sport – does it bring us together or tear us apart?
11. What would the world be like if people could live forever?
12. Superman, Spiderman, Batman – superheroes or misleading role models?
13. Wonders of the world.
14. Is social media really social?
15. Places where I can wear my sombrero.