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Dear Parents/Caregivers

2017 Public Speaking Competition

Engadine Public School will be holding our Public Speaking Competition on Thursday, 27th July 2017 (Week 2, Term 3). Public Speaking is part of the English curriculum and is compulsory for all students. The winners (one from each Stage) of this competition will compete against students from other schools in the Zone Finals which will be held late Term 3. The teachers will choose the two finalists for the school level from the Stage competition. Speech times are as follows:

	K	Yrs 1-2	Yrs 3-4	Yrs 5-6
Prepared Speech: Topic of speaker's own speech	1 mins	2 mins	3 mins	4 mins
Impromptu Speech: Single topic given on day with short preparation time	NA	1 mins	1 mins	1-2 mins

Speech Requirements: All competitors are required to deliver both types of speeches at every level of the competition stage, School, Zone & District:

- A prepared speech; and
- An impromptu speech (5 minutes preparation time).

Each speech is worth 50% of the total mark. The use of external aids and props is not permitted.

The Process of Selection: Class Level – Term 2, Week 7 and 8

- The children will be required to present both types of speeches to their class.
- A few children from each class will be chosen by the class teacher to enter the Stage competition.

The Stage Level – Term 2, week 9 and 10

- Once again, the children will be required to present both types of speeches.
- Stage teachers will be required to use the 'Southern Sydney Public Speaking' standard judging sheet.
- A maximum of **six students per stage** will be chosen to enter the School Level competition.
- This will be kindergartens final level of school completion. One winner from Kindergarten will compete against students from other schools in the Zone Finals.

The School Level – Term 3, Week 2

- The school competition will be held on Thursday, 27th of July in the School hall.
- At this level parents will be invited to watch the school competition
- The child who gains 1st place in each stage will represent Engadine Public School at Zone level.
- The runners-up will be offered reserve positions.

All teachers present at the School competition will be required to adjudicate using the 'Southern Sydney Public Speaking' standard judging sheet.

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Topic Selection: Speakers should choose a topic that they feel very strongly about so that they can speak with sincerity. They should also choose a topic that would be of interest to the rest of the audience.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1: Students can choose simple topics such as pets, holidays, family members etc.

Stage 2: Students can also choose simple topics but they should be encouraged to talk about other people in relation to their topic. Their entire speech should not just be about themselves.

Stage 3: Students should be encouraged to speak about an issue or problem in society such as the environment, war, poverty, etc. They should be talking about other people and the world in general for their entire speech.

Message: Each speech must have an overall point. Speakers should incorporate their own point of view so that their speech does not become an information report. The speaker should make his/her opinion clear and they should leave the audience with something to think about.

In Early Stage 1/Stage 1 the message can be simple.

In Stage 2 speakers should be encouraged to justify their opinion.

In Stage 3 the message should be profound and also justified.

Language: Students should understand, be familiar with and be able to pronounce correctly the language contained in their speech.

To help parents assist their children in preparing an appropriate speech we have prepared some Public Speaking Guidelines. **These guidelines can be found on our website, published via Skoolbag, and copies will be available from the front office if required.**

We look forward to your support and cooperation in encouraging your children to participate in our Public Speaking Competition for 2017.

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