

## Dural Public School K-2 Public Speaking Competition 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Students in K-2 will be participating in our school's Public Speaking Competition. This event forms part of our school's Speaking and Listening Program for K-2 and every child is encouraged to participate. Class competitions will begin in Week 7 (29.8.16) so we ask you to encourage your children and, if needed, to help them prepare a speech.

	Prepared speech	Choice of topics
<u>Kindergarten</u>	1 minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My favourite place</li> <li>• My family</li> <li>• All about me</li> </ul>
<u>Year 1 and Year 2</u>	2 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best surprise ever!</li> <li>• A person who is special to me</li> <li>• A job I'd love to have</li> </ul>

### Tips for Public Speaking

- The speech should be written by the child or with the child in their own words. Speakers should be able to say all of the words in their speech and understand the meaning of each one.
- **Do not** start with "Good morning. My name is ...and I will be talking to you about ..."
- **Do not** finish with "Thank you for listening to my speech."
- Practise the finished speech in front of the mirror regularly because good speeches are not read. Use lots of eye contact.
- Palm cards should be about the size of the speaker's palm.
- Palm cards are used to help speakers remember their speech and help if they get nervous.
- Palm cards should be numbered in case they get dropped.
- Speakers should speak a little slower than they normally would. This helps them calm down a little, gives them time to think and allows the audience to appreciate all of their hard work.
- Speakers need to speak clearly and pause at full stops.
- Speakers do not use microphones so the volume needs to be easy for the audience to hear.
- A little humour keeps the audience interested.
- Speeches should be well organised with an introduction, relevant information and a conclusion.
- No props are to be used.

Two students will be chosen from each class and they will present their speech at our **K-2 Public Speaking Showcase** which will be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** in our school hall at **9:45am**. All parents and guardians are very welcome to come and watch.

Thank you kindly for your support.