

ENGADINE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition

Dear parents/carers,

Class and stage competition -Term 2

To support *argument and authority (persuasive writing)* in English this term, students will participate in public speaking. Students are asked to prepare a persuasive speech to present to their class. There will also be an impromptu aspect delivered in class. All students will deliver their speeches in class, however, they have a choice as to whether they want their speech to be considered for the stage final of the school public speaking competition. Class winners and subsequent stage finalists will be notified on Seesaw.

During the next few weeks students will be revising persuasive texts in class. This learning will support the writing of their speeches. Students will need to place their speeches onto palm cards in preparation for their speech.

Speech writing (at home)	Term 2, Weeks 2-5 (6 May – 31 May 2024)
Class finals	Term 2, Week 6-7 (3 June – 14 June 2024)
Stage 2 finals	Term 2, Week 8 (17 June 2024)

Length of Prepared Speech	Length of Impromptu
3 minutes	1 minute

Topics for the prepared speech

Students should choose a topic that they feel very strongly about so that they can speak with sincerity. They should also choose a topic that is appropriate for a Stage 2 audience.

Marking

Prepared and impromptu speeches will be marked on:

Manner 20%	Method 40%	Matter 40%
How it is said: eye contact, body language, pitch, tone, volume and cards.	How the subject matter is arranged: how balanced the argument is or how well supported.	What is said: its relevance to the topic, suitability, originality, how clearly the opinion is presented.

Engadine West Public Speaking Competition -Term 3

Four winning students will be selected from the Stage 2 competition to participate in the public speaking finals evening in the school library during Term 3.

Metropolitan South and Metropolitan South and West Public Speaking Competition

Our school is part of the *Metropolitan South and Metropolitan South and West Public Speaking Competition*. School finals will be conducted **early Term 3** to award stage representatives to participate in this competition.

We appreciate your support.

Sue Roach Principal

Stage 2 Teachers