

Kahibah Public School

K-2 Public Speaking



Tuesday 5th April, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our English program (Speaking and Listening) at Kahibah Public School, we are running a Public Speaking Competition. The ability to speak confidently in front of an audience is an important skill and one that will benefit our children in many areas of their lives. We are asking all K-2 children to prepare a short speech to present to their class.

Some ways you can help:

- Discuss a **topic** for your child's speech. We try to encourage students to be creative in their choice and make sure that their topic will be of **interest** to the other students and the teacher.
- Please discourage information reports copied from the internet - speeches in their own words are more entertaining. Encourage them to use humour. Fiction is often funnier than fact; let them know it is okay to embellish real stories.
- Speeches need an engaging beginning (introduction), a middle (all the detail) and a memorable end (conclusion). All teachers will discuss this with their classes.
- Encourage your child to **practise regularly** so that they are comfortable speaking in front of the class. Be their audience at home. Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to be the audience.
- **Positive comments** about what you like in their presentation is better than a lot of negative criticism.
Hint: Give three pieces of encouragement each time you comment on an area for improvement and always finish on a positive note.
- They will be marked on how they present their speeches; **eye contact, clarity and variety of voice, hand and face gestures, stance and the entertainment value of what they say**. These are the areas to encourage as your child gains confidence in front of an audience. They should not use props or pictures but palm cards will enhance their presentation. If they are not able to write down their speech they may use visuals on their palm cards to assist them with their speech.
- Of course the competition gets harder as students get older but we have been thoroughly entertained by students of all ages, never underestimate what students as young as kinder can achieve!
- Students in Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 are required to speak for **1-2 minutes**. It is very important that the children **do not** go over the 2 minute mark.

Your child will give their speech during **Week 4 (16.5.2022)** on their usual news day. The year finals will be towards the end of the term, and we will let you know exact dates closer to the time. Two students from each Stage will represent the school in the District Competition in early Term 3.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support,

Kindergarten and Stage 1 Teachers