



Crawford Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

All students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 at Crawford Public School are involved in various speaking and listening activities throughout the year. This term, each student in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will participate in the Public Speaking Program. We ask that during the next few weeks, all students prepare a speech that they will present in the class.

Topics for the competition are:

Stage	Prepared speech	Topics
Stage 2 – Year 3	2-minute speech	Every family has a story
Year 4	2-minute speech	An Australian Story
Stage 3 – Year 5	3-minute speech	Open topic – free choice
Year 6	3-minute speech	Open topic – free choice

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.

Winners from each class will compete in a Stage final on the 16th and 17th of September. The winners of the Stage final will then compete in the Regional Public Schools Speaking Competition against speakers from schools in our area in Term 4.
Thank you for your support with Public Speaking.

Mr Richard Ford
Principal

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Public Speaking Coordinator