As part of the Talking and Listening outcomes in the English curriculum, Stage 3 students are participating in a school public speaking competition in Term 3. There will be a class based speech performed by each student in Week 8 of term. From here, students will be selected to present their speech at a school final in week 9.

Stage 3 students are asked to select a topic from the following list or choose their own topic, then write and present a 3 - 4 minute speech. Please note that speeches should be about stating an idea or a point of view and then giving supporting information for these beliefs (an exposition). A speech should not simply be telling a story or an information report. Students are encouraged to write an interesting speech and then do their best to memorise it. Palm cards with the main points of the speech written on them are encouraged. This way students can work on delivering their speech with expression and appropriate eye contact rather than reading it all straight from the cards.

There is no impromptu speech at class level HOWEVER, there will be an impromptu speech at the school final, to help determine the stage place getters.

Please note: any speeches that have already been presented as part of a school competition may NOT be used for this competition.

Some examples of topics include:

- Zoos are good/bad
- Pet stores should be allowed to display dogs/cats
- Children should have to earn pocket money
- Are school uniforms necessary?
- Why school excursions are so important
- Why I'm passionate about...
- Technology is making us lazy
- The importance of friendship

The school will organise a link on the Connells Point website to a site that has plenty of tips for writing and presenting a good speech. We will let you know shortly when this has been done.

Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or assistance.

Stage 3 Teachers