Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the Speaking and Listening outcomes in the English syllabus, Stage 2 students will be participating in a school public speaking competition in Term 3. There will be a class based speech performed by each student in week 4 of this term. From here, finalists will be selected from each year to present their speech at a stage final to be held on the evening of Monday 18 August.

Stage 2 students are asked to choose their own topic or select a topic from the list overleaf; gain teacher approval; then write and present an age appropriate 2-3 minute speech. Please note that speeches should be about stating an idea or a point of view and then giving supporting evidence for these opinions (an exposition). A speech should not simply tell a story or deliver 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 directly from the cards.

Although impromptu speeches are not used at a class level, they will be used to determine the stage representatives for both years 3 and 4 at the final on Wednesday 13 August (Week 5). If successful, there will be an impromptu speech at the stage final, which is of equal importance in determining the winner of the competition.

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

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Please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or assistance.

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Stage 2 Teachers
Some optional topics include:

- Technology is making us lazy.
- Everyone should play a musical instrument.
- Junk mail should be banned.
- Native animals need our help.
- Pocket money should be earned.
- A computer should be on every desk.
- Today’s children are spoilt.
- Children should have to earn pocket money.
- The importance of friendship.
- We need to improve our manners.
- You should be allowed to purchase whatever you want with your own money.
- Children should be able to choose their own bedtime.
- The Commonwealth Games is a waste of money.
- Public transport should be free.
- Good looks get you further than a good mind.
- Computers are the problem not the solution.
- We should say what we think.
- Why healthy living is important.
- Why I’m passionate about…
- Reality TV is better than reality.
- You can’t judge a book by its cover.
- Do sports people make good role models?
- Fairy-tales are not for children.
- Mobile phones should be allowed in schools.