29 May 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the preparation for the Public Speaking Competition in which our school is involved, Year 1 students will be practising presenting speeches in class. In Week 6 and Week 8, children in 1C, 1G and 1M will be giving prepared speeches in place of news and show and tell. Preparation for the two minute speech will be at home. Children can select a topic from the suggestions below, or choose a topic of their own.

- My favourite food
- The best place to go in the holidays
- Wearing hats is important
- Playing sport is fun
- Scary things
- Telling the truth
- Caring for pets
- The best computer game
- Birthday parties
- Eating healthy food

A speech is given to persuade the audience with good reasons. It is not to report information. Speakers give their opinions. We will be teaching students the components of a prepared speech, how to talk to an audience and how to prepare palm cards. Students will be assessed on their listening skills as well as their speeches.

In Week 7 and Week 9, we will have news and show and tell as usual.

In Term 3, speeches will continue. Students will prepare speeches at home and present these to the class. Impromptu speeches, will also be given.

Thank you again for your support of this program.

Mrs T. Mar
Assistant Principal

Mrs L. Cattley, Mrs G. McLachlan
Year 1 teachers