Year 2 Public Speaking for Term 3, 2013

24 July 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

During Term 3, the Year 2 students will continue to work on developing their public speaking skills. We will be alternating between impromptu speeches and prepared formal speeches.

Impromptu Speeches: Week 2 (starting 22 July) and Week 4 (starting 5 August)

- The students are given a topic to talk about on the day (no preparation at home)
- They are given 5 minutes to make short notes on the palm cards provided
- Speeches should be approximately 1 minute in length

Prepared Speeches: Week 3 (Starting 29 July)

- Students need to prepare their speech at home on palm cards
- Speeches need to be approximately 2 minutes in length
- Students are encouraged to practise their speeches at home to help them with volume, clarity, pace, expression and eye contact. Being very familiar with what they are going to say gives children a great advantage when they are presenting in front of an audience.

The Week 3 topic for prepared speeches is:

“Should Connells Point PS Change The Colour Of The Boys’ Uniform To Be Bright Pink?”

Children need to choose whether they agree with this statement or not, then present a range of points to persuade the audience to their point of view. Some ideas to consider might be:

- High visibility – is bright pink a safety colour? Would it help teachers and parents find children quickly if they were on an excursion or outside of school?
- Uniqueness of colour - is this an unusual colour? Would we be on tv or be famous?
- Fashion – Would other schools follow this trend?
- Cost – what would parents think about having to buy new uniforms?
- What might the boys feel about wearing pink?
- Fairness – is it fair that only the boys’ uniform would change?

These are just a suggestion of ideas. Students may come up with many other points or examples to help them convince the audience one way or another about pink uniforms!
Overview for Speeches in Term 3.

To help our students and parents be prepared for this term, please find the overview for this term’s speeches listed below. We will be sending home a note with further information regarding the Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition within the next week.

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The Year 2 teachers were absolutely delighted with the standard of what our students are producing for both their prepared and impromptu speeches in Term 2. Within a short time, they have made so many gains! We’d like to thank parents for the time that you are taking to help your child with his or her preparation. Your input makes a positive difference!

If you have any questions about the Year 2 Public Speaking Program, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

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