



"The world is waiting for your words" ~ Anee Robinson

School Information 2023

Welcome to the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

Thank you for your participation in the Junior Public Speaking Program. Glad to have you on board!

What is the aim of this program?

To give students in Primary Schools the chance to develop their ability to speak in public. This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Why should your school be involved?

We all know that young students have an abundance of enthusiasm and self-confidence, and this program aims to build on this base before they reach their teenage years. And public speaking is a great skill to have – regardless of your age!

And of course, it's a great way to get involved with your Local Lions Club and for them to be involved with their local School.

What now?

Shortly, if they haven't already, your Lions Club representative will be in touch with you to organise this year's competition. We hope you enjoy the topics that have been chosen this year.

For years 3-4 the topic has been chosen to get them interested and involved in public speaking. At this age, we want them to become interested in public speaking and find that it's not as scary as they think! Teachers are welcome to help the students to do some research and to help them write their speech.

For years 5-6, the topic was chosen to allow them to explore the wonders of World Records. A great opportunity for some fact-based public speaking for students to share their opinion on the topic.

The topics for 2023

Years 3 - 4

Oh no – you've turned into a Giant! One morning you wake up and something has happened, and you are now a giant. Just like the BFG in Roald Dahl's book or the giant in Jack & the Beanstalk! How did this happen? What's it like being a giant? What do you do while you are a giant? Do you stay that way? Tell us your story of being a giant.

HINT: Use your amazing imagination to tell us your story.

Years 5 - 6

Strange World Records set in History – There are many world records held for many things – some strange and wonderful records over the course of history. Choose one and tell us about it. (A world record is usually the best global and most important performance that is ever recorded and officially verified in a specific skill, sport, or other kind of activity.)

HINT: Maybe you are the person setting the record, or perhaps the person judging. You might just be in the crowd at the event. How did this record begin? Who holds the record? Has it been broken?

While some of the details may be fictional - it must be based on the facts of a real record held by someone.

Rules of the Competition...

As with any competition, there are some rules to follow, so that everyone has the same opportunity.

The school-based level is to be completed by end of JUNE each year.

Student Entry - ALL STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND RETURN A REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE THE SCHOOL LEVEL COMPETITION. These will be kept by the club until the competition is over.

Speeches – Students will prepare a speech on a topic chosen by Lions. Year 3 & 4 students will present a 3 minute speech. Year 5 & 6 will present a 4 minute speech.

Presentation - Students should present their speeches from the floor or stage without the use of:

- props, photos, or slideshows during their speech
- lecterns - this allows for judges to see the student clearly - we encourage students to use palm cards instead of large sheets of paper.
- **MICROPHONES** are allowed, BUT not all schools/clubs, etc will use one - it is not necessary to use one if you don't have access to one. Students should still be encouraged to use a loud, clear voice when speaking. (Microphones will be offered to students at District Finals).
- Remember it's a speech, not a drama performance.

Dress - students are representing their school and are asked to wear their school uniform to all levels of the competition.

Short Preparation Speech - (*this is not part of the school level competition*) As part of the Club, Regional & District level competitions – students in year 5-6 are also given a Short Preparation Speech. They are given a topic and

10 minutes to prepare a 1-minute response to this topic. This has been included at Club, Regional & District levels, as an added challenge for students who have already shown that they are skilful at preparing and delivering a prepared speech.

Judging Criteria

Judges have a hard task - to choose only 2-3 students from each year level (years 3/4 & 5/6) to represent their school at Club Level, where they may compete against other schools to be the "Club Representative" for Junior Public Speaking.

Students will be judged on the following, with a score out of 5 for each one.

Content

- Beginning – begins in an interesting way, grabs attention, has main points.
- Central Theme evident and logical sequence developed.
- Research – supports opinions with facts and/or examples.
- Language – Appropriate use of language – clear, correct sentences, words well chosen, informative
- Ending – strong, summary of main points, as close to time as possible.

Delivery

- Visual – Confidence, stance, unobtrusive use of notes
- Eye Contact
- Use of gestures to convey message.
- Voice – clear, varied expression, pace, projection, etc
- Engage Audience

Short Preparation Speech - students will be given a score out of 10 for their speech.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact your local Lions Club representative.

For more information about our program please contact your nearest Lions Club – you can find Lions Clubs - <https://lionsclubs.org.au/find-a-lions-club/>

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