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## Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition is a statewide competition which was introduced in 1996. It aims to heighten the awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students while developing their interest in public speaking and improving their confidence and speech-writing skills.

The Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are to write a speech using one of the topics from the list below.

Teachers will host a class public speaking competition in Weeks 3, 4 and 5 (beginning May 13th). Your class teacher will discuss with you how they will run this competition. Two of the best speakers will be selected from the class to go through to a school wide competition. All students entering the competition should have their speech ready to present in class by Week 3, Term 2.

Class representatives from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will participate in a Stage based competition in the school hall and will present one prepared speech from the list of Multicultural topics listed below and an impromptu speech. Competitors are given 5 minutes to write their impromptu speech (a topic chosen by the adjudicators on the day). The school finalist competition for Stage 2 and Stage 3 will begin in Week 6, Term 2.

Two winners from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will go through to the next round of the competition.

You must select your prepared topic from the lists below and consider the suggested speaking times.

### Prepared speeches - speaking times:

Division/speech	Warning bell	Speaking time	Continuous bell
Years 3 and 4 prepared	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes
Years 3 and 4 impromptu	30 seconds	1 minute	1 ½ minutes
Years 5 and 6 prepared	3 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Years 5 and 6 impromptu	1 ½ minutes	2 minutes	2 ½ minutes.

### What are the prepared speech topics for 2024?

#### 2024 Years 3 and 4 topics

Mind your language  
The Olympic Games  
Peace  
My culture and me  
Multiculturalism on our screens  
Racism – it stops with me!  
Voyages  
If kids ruled the world  
Australian stories  
My multicultural school

#### 2024 Years 5 and 6 topics

Mind your language  
January 26?  
Welcome to country  
Privilege representation  
My neighbourhood  
Learning from the past  
Our voices  
Conflict  
Live together play together

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**Please note** - the topics for Stage 2 and Stage 3 are the ones given to use from the organisers of the Multicultural Public Speaking competition and the prepared topic must contain multicultural content, however, the topic for the impromptu speech is more general i.e. not multicultural.

## **What are the adjudicators looking for?**

The adjudicators will make their decision based on the manner, matter and method the contestants employ in presenting their speeches. They will expect contestants to be confident and engaging speakers. The prepared speeches need to show an understanding of multiculturalism and be well developed and interesting. Contestants are also expected to demonstrate a balance of personal opinion and information in their speeches, as well as a balance of humour and sincerity.

Further tips and advice can be found searching the following link: <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/the-multicultural-perspectives-public-speaking-competition>

Thank you for being involved in this competition, we look forward to hearing all your wonderful speeches.

Kind regards,

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