



**The Annual Blue Mountains Schools'
Public Speaking and Oral Reading Competition**

25.09.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Annual Blue Mountains Schools' 2020 Public Speaking and Oral Reading Competition will be held on Thursday, 5th November 2020 **via Zoom**.

The competition will proceed in accordance with social distancing and all Department of Education COVID-19 precautions and policies. Please be aware that adjustments may have to be made at short notice as to the running of the competition and we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible of these changes.

Oral Reading for Year 3 and Year 4 Public Speaking for Year 5 and Year 6

Number of students able to participate: One representative each from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be selected to participate in the competitions.

When: Thursday, 5th November, 2020. Via Zoom.

COMPETITION DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Oral Reading - One Representative from Year 3 and One from Year 4

- Reading to be 2 to 2-2½ minutes.
- Students may choose a poem or prose.
- Students are expected to read their text, not perform it from memory.

Public Speaking - One representative from Year 5 and one from Year 6

- Students select and prepare a speech on a topic of their choice
- Please ensure the topic is appropriate for an audience of Stage 3 students and that the work is the student's own.
- Speaking time - 3 minutes maximum.

If your child would like to participate in the Oral Reading or Public Speaking competition then over the holidays Year 3/4 students need to choose a poem or book they would like to read from that is 2-2½ in length. Year 5/6 need to write a speech on a topic of their choice that is 3 minutes in length. We will be doing these speeches in class in Term 4 and then selecting our Yr3/ Y4/ Yr5/ Yr6 representatives who will have an opportunity to practice in front of their cohort before the competition.

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