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# Alfords Point Public School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Kindergarten Public Speaking Competition**

In Term 2, across the whole school, we spend time teaching and preparing for the Alfords Point School Public Speaking Competition. In the past few years Kindergarten's participation has been optional; however, we always encourage all children to choose to participate. In the competition a prepared speech is required, followed by an impromptu speech at a later time. The News Maps the Kindergarten children have been presenting so far this year have already given them many of the required skills. If your child participates they will present their prepared speech to their class. Only students from Year 1 upwards will be selected for the Stage Finals and whole school competition to be held, on an evening to be advised, in our School hall. More information about this night will be put into the School Newsletter. The finalists in Stage One, Stage Two and Stage Three will be chosen for their prepared speech and impromptu speech skills.

The prepared speech is to be only 1 minute in length and needs to be written as a persuasive text, a sample of which is attached. The main point of a persuasive text is that it gives a point of view or opinion about the chosen topic.

Of course your child is entitled not to select to do this task; however, participation will give your child experience to develop public speaking skills before the competition becomes compulsory in Year 1. The Kindergarten children are often very happy to participate once they see their peers participating. The more confident or willing children will be encouraged to go first; however, we will have them present their speech on their normal news day as much as possible.

Palm cards are preferred to be used rather than a sheet of paper and we do not suggest or expect the children to know their speech from memory. Pictures and key words are often all the children need to remember what they are going to say for their 1 minute speech.

If your child wishes to be involved in this competition they will present their speech on their news day commencing in Term 2 Week 2.

If you have any questions we are happy to talk to you further.

Kind regards,

**Nick John and Kim Dobson**  
Class Teachers

**Annette Wein**  
Principal