



## Speak Out Competition

Poseidon Primary will be holding our annual Speak Out Competition in Term 3. It is time now for students to start thinking about a subject and possibly practicing throughout the coming school holidays.

### Competition Schedule

Term 3, Weeks 1 and 2	Preparation and practice in classrooms.
Term 3, Week 2, Monday to Friday	Year finals in the classrooms.
Term 3 Week 3, 8:45am Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Speak Out Finals Assembly in the undercover area. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Speak Out Content Guidelines

**Years PP-2** children are delivering a speech on a topic of their choice. This does not have to be a persuasive argument speech.

**Years 3-6** children have to try to persuade the audience on their point of view on their chosen topic. The genre is persuasive arguments/debating topics. The school has had a big emphasis on persuasive writing, and this will help the children with the framework for their speech. They can choose a topic from the given list or a topic that is of interest to them. When planning the speech, one side only of the argument is to be stated.

All children from years PP-6 are encouraged to use palm cards, as many props as they like, dress up, PowerPoint presentations and make their speech as fantastic and dazzling as they like.

### Time Limits

The time limits are stated below. Performances should be kept between this range so they will not be penalised.

Year Group	Year PP & Year 1	Year 2 & 3	Year 4 & 5	Year 6
Time Limit	1 minute	1 to 2 minutes	2 to 3 minutes	3 to 4 minutes

### Assessment Criteria of Speeches

- Plans and Maintains Topic: Introduces speech, develops a sequential persuasive argument and maintains topic, concludes speech, speaks for correct amount of time.
- Uses different "shades" of language, uses language to suit the audience.
- Delivery of Speech: Speaks clearly, voice tone, rate of speech, hand gestures, stance and body language.
- Presentation of speech: eye contact with audience, visual aids.

A copy of the Score Card has been attached to show how the performances are scored.

For each year level, a teacher will choose the best two performers who will then go into the Speak Out Finals Assembly on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026 to perform their speech. Please note that PP children will deliver their performance in the classroom for the final and results announced at the assembly.

Parents please support your children as they write their own speech and thank you for your support.

Kind regards,  
Melissa Guy  
Principal