Dear Parents,

It's that time of the year again. Public Speaking competition is back! The students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be involved in public speaking this term. Grades 1 – 6 are required to prepare a two minute speech and present this to their class in week 5 (11th August – 16th August), however the Kindergarten children will be taking part in a less formal structure but still practicing their public speaking skills. A separate note to Kindergarten parents will be provided.

The children are encouraged to use palm cards for prompting but will need to practice in order not to read their whole speech from the cards. Each grade will receive a list of topics that the children can choose from and some hints to help them present their speech in front of the class. The talks are part of curriculum outcomes and will be assessed in terms of reporting for end of year reports.

The process will be as follows:

**WEEK 5**

11th August - 15th August

- **Round 1 - At class level**
- Each child will present to their class and 4 students will be selected from each class to present at round 2 - ‘Grade Level’.

**WEEK 6**

18th August - 22nd August

- **Round 2 - At grade level**
- Top four students from each class present in front of the whole grade.
  **NOTE:** In a 3 stream cohort there will be 12 students presenting. In a two stream cohort there will only be 8 students presenting.

**WEEK 7**

Monday 25th August 2014

- **ROUND 3 – At stage level; FINALS.**
- Top five students from each grade present in front of their stage. e.g Stage One includes year 1 & 2, Stage Two includes years 3 & 4 and Stage Three includes years 5 & 6. Parents will be invited to Round 3 level of competition.

Thank you for your support and encouragement in this initiative. Please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher or myself if you need to clarify any of the above.

Regards

Marta Chylewska.