



District 201V6 Lions Junior Public Speaking

“The World is waiting for
YOUR words”



What is the aim of this program?

To give students in Primary Schools the chance to develop their ability to speak in public. This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

How does this program work?

Prepared Speeches

Students are given a topic (chosen by Lions) and are asked to prepare a speech. Years 3-4 are asked to prepare a 3 minute speech and Year 5-6 are asked to prepare a 4 minute speech.

Short Preparation Speech

As part of the Club, Regional & District level competitions – students in year 5-6 are also given a Short Preparation Speech. They are given a topic and 10 minutes to prepare a 1 minute response to this topic. This has been included at Club, Zone/Regional & District levels, as an added challenge for students who have already shown that they are skilful at preparing and delivering a prepared speech.

Why should your club and schools be involved?

- Similar programs often do not exist for Primary students or are difficult to access. This is the case for most isolated schools.
- Young students have an abundance of enthusiasm and self-confidence. This program aims to build on this base before they reach teenage years.
- All young students need to build such skills in an environment which encourages them to participate.
- And it's a great way for school to get involved with their local Lions Club and for Lions Clubs to be involved in the local

The topics for 2016

Year 3-4

“My Secret Life as a Superhero”

You are a superhero – tell us about yourself. Do you have a superpower? What is it and how do you use it? How did you find out you were a superhero? Are the rest of the family superheroes? How do you keep it a secret?

Year 5-6

“A Day in my life as a.....”

You are a doctor, teacher, nurse, vet, prime minister, brain surgeon, astronaut, etc. Tell us about a day in your life. It may be an ordinary kind of day, or a day when something big happens.

Hint: While some of the details may be fiction, it must be based on the facts of a real occupation, etc.

school and community.

Get involved with the
YOUTH in your
Community...
YOU'LL reap the benefits as
much as they will!



About this program

This program has been running successfully for 10 years in the 201V6 District. Each year, more and more schools are becoming involved. Students really enjoy the program and reap the benefits for years to come.

A current year 12 student, who had participated in the program from years 3 to 6, stated in a speech recently, that she credits her public speaking ability to the opportunity she had to participate in the Junior Public Speaking in primary school, and how much confidence it gave her to speak in front of a group of people.

There are 4 levels to the competition



level will compete within their Zone/Region.

District Competition – winners from the Zone/Regional competition will compete at District Level, at a central location.

Rules of the Competition...

As with any competition, there are some rules to follow, so that everyone has the same opportunity.

Presentation of Speeches - Students should present their speeches from the floor or stage without the use of:

School Level Competition – held at each participating school in your Lions area. Run by your club chairperson in conjunction with the school. You will need 2 or 3 judges from your community, with one being a Lions Club member.

Club Level Competition – held at your Club, as part of a dinner meeting or as a separate event. Students representing their individual schools will compete to become your Club Representative.

Zone/Regional Competition – representatives chosen at Club

- **NO** props, photo's or slideshows during their speech
- **NO** lectern - this allows for judges to see the student clearly - we encourage students to use palm cards instead of large sheets of paper.
- **NO MICROPHONES** are to be used. This competition aims to display the natural abilities and skills of the speakers.

Students should be encouraged to you a loud, clear voice when speaking.

Judging Criteria

Students will be judged on the following...

CONTENT

Beginning – begins in an interesting way, grabs attention, has main points

Central Theme evident and logical sequence developed

Research – supports opinions with facts and/or examples

Language – Appropriate use of language – clear, correct sentences, words well chosen, informative

Ending – strong, summary of main points, as close to time as possible.



DELIVERY

Visual – Confidence, stance, unobtrusive use of notes

Use of gestures to convey message

Voice – clear, varied expression, pace, projection, etc

Engage Audience



What to do now?

If you are interested in finding out more about how to run this program in your club or school – contact the District Chairman below...

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