

## Term 3 Speeches – Opuke

Term 3 is traditionally when Opuke students write and deliver speeches. As we did last year, we are giving the students a choice about presenting a speech in front of their peers. Those children that choose not to deliver a speech will be reading a poem in front of their peers. We feel that speaking in front of an audience is a good skill to practice.

The speech students will participate in a class final and the winners will then go on to challenge for the MPS Speech Cup. The winner of this will participate in the Ashburton Rotary Speech Competition. Piwakawaka students will practise presenting a poem to their classes, with a selection chosen to be the “curtain raiser” to the Y5/6 competition.

The speeches will be written during class time. Some finishing may need to be completed at home with lots of practice in front of a friendly audience! Please feel free to give advice and guidance to your child, but make sure **they do the writing**. If you have any further questions, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

### Expectation:

A well-prepared speech that has an introduction, middle (paragraphed ideas that build on intro) and conclusion that sums up the speech.

The speaker will use few notes (well practiced) and is dynamic in front of the audience. We recommend the use of cue cards

### Details:

- ☆ 5-6 finalists will be selected from each year level
- ☆ Speech needs to be 2mins 30 secs – 3 mins 30 secs long
- ☆ No props permitted (as they are not allowed in the Ashburton Competition)

### Dates:

**Class Speech presentations:**

**During Week 5 August 21-22**

**MPS Speech Cup Competition:**

**Wednesday 28 August @ 9.30.** Location to be decided. Parents welcome to attend, if your child will let you!

**Ashburton Rotary Speech Competition:**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm**

### Topics: (these are suggestions only)

Should recycling be compulsory? Why?

My most embarrassing moment

A day in the life as a ... (pencil, ball, potato)

Should zoos be banned?

Everyone should learn to play a team sport

All Olympic athletes should be able to take enhancement drugs

Free choice (a topic you are passionate about!)

### Judges:

2 students from MHCM speech competition 2019 and Mr. Murphy

Good luck to all the students. We know it is a challenging thing to do, but a great skill to have!

Kind regards

Adele, Milly, Hannah, David and Jane