



## MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Bear Pit Speaking Competition 2023

### History and Overview:

The Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition is open to the Manly electorate's primary schools. The event was first held in 2009 and was the brainchild of Vicki Treble (former Principal Balgowlah North) and Mike Baird (former Member for Manly). This year will be the 13th anniversary of the annual Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition. Over the past 13 years the competition has been an enormous success and has been a testament to the hard work of students, parents, volunteer judges and of course the teachers.

### Aim of the competition:

- To promote the public speaking skills of all students
- To develop effective listening skills
- To encourage confidence in students and the ability to speak in front of an audience
- To develop the public speaking skills of students who have a talent and to promote this talent through a competition

### Who can enter:

The Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition is open to students in Stage 2 and 3. Students will need to prepare their speeches at home, ready to present to their class in Week 1 Term 3.

### How the competition works:

#### 1) Class Competition (Term 3 Week 1)

The speech is to be selected from one of the set topics below. This same speech will be used at all levels of the competition. Students present their speech to their class and the class teacher will adjudicate using a scoring sheet that will be provided and choose one speech to move onto the Stage finals.

#### 2) Stage Competition (Term 3 Week 3 Tuesday)

One student from each class will present their speech in front of the Stage. Teachers will adjudicate using the same scoring sheet as at the class level competition. One Stage winner will then be selected to represent their stage at the finals.

#### 3) Finals (Term 3 Week 3 Friday)

Participating schools will send one Stage 2, and one Stage 3 winning representative to compete at Parliament House on Friday 4th August at 9:30am. Parents will be responsible for taking their child and are welcome to attend the finals.

### 2023 Topics: (choose 1)

#### Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4 – 3 minutes in length with a bell at 2 minutes

I can help my community by.....

It's important to help others because.....

What sport would you like to see added or removed from the Olympics and why?

#### Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6 - 4 minutes in length with a bell at 3 minutes

Is digital technology making kids' lives better?

If I could meet anyone from the past, present, or future who would it be and why?

To me, freedom means...

If you have any questions, please speak with your class teacher.

Bear Pit Coordinators,

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