Dear parents and carers

All students in 4S will be participating in speaking and listening activities throughout the year. During Term 1, all students will present a 1 minute impromptu speech, orally describe an object to the class convincing them to purchase it or discuss their favourite toy. They are expected to plan, rehearse and present a 2 minute speech on one of the topics below. Speeches will be presented in class during Weeks 8 to 10 of Term 1. All students need to be prepared to give their speech Monday Week 8.

Students need to select one of the following topics for their 2 minute speech:

- Books are more satisfying than movies.
- Girls work harder than boys.
- Sometimes it’s better not to tell the truth.
- Boys and girls should wear the same clothes.
- It is cruel to keep animals in zoos.
- Children should be required to help with household tasks.
- Too much television is bad for you.
- Children should be allowed to use mobile phones at school.
- Football players get paid too much.
- Aliens have visited the earth.

Students are aiming to persuade their class members to believe their argument. Students should also write their speech in point-form on palm cards. This will encourage students to look at their audience instead of only reading from the cards. Students should not say, “Thank you for listening to my speech,” when they conclude.

Assessment of speeches will be based on the matter of the speech (subject, information, preparation and argument), the manner in which it is presented (catching the audience’s attention, speaking in a clear and expressive voice and eye contact) and the method in which it is delivered (structure and timing).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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