

# St Mary's Catholic School Ellerslie

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22 June 2017

Dear Year 5 and 6 Learners, Parents and Caregivers,

Put your thinking caps on – we are having a speech competition.

By the end of this term, every student in the Senior School will have drafted a speech. The holiday can then be used to practice and learn it as best as possible. In Week 1 of Term 3 the speeches will be presented to your class. Each class will select finalists for the Senior School Finals that will be held in Week 2 and from that 4 Year 5 and 4 Year 6 finalists will be chosen to represent the Senior School in the School Finals that are held in Week 3. From these School Finalists a student will be selected to represent our school in the inter-school Speech Competition on Friday 11 August 2017.

For now we would like students to **decide on a topic and discuss as a family what the main point of the speech is** going to be. Choose a topic you are interested in that will appeal to classmates. We have attached the APPA Speech Competition Preparation guidelines and ideas for presenting a speech to help you. Students will be working on drafts in class.

The speech must be appropriate for the target audience which is one's peers. Speeches need to be between 2 ½ and 3 ½ minutes long. Any longer or shorter and points get deducted. The target is 3 minutes. Remember that it is a speech and not a performance.

Some ideas to start your thinking...

- Fracking: should it be banned?
- Cats are killers and we should exterminate/not exterminate them.
- NZ native birds, animals and the pests in New Zealand.
- Trees should not be wasted for paper and cut down.
- Water should not be wasted.
- Should Matariki be a public holiday in New Zealand?
- Is it a good thing to be able to easily buy a hunting gun?
- Energy drinks
- Drinking and driving
- Why children should never annoy their teacher.
- What you need to know about 'fast food'
- Why do we have 'Parental Supervision' as a rating?

Have fun! If you need anything clarified please be welcome to contact your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Henkin, Mrs Trytsman, Ms Gallagher and Ms Lawlor