



# Lions District 201V3

## 2023 Junior Public Speaking Competition

“The World is waiting for YOUR words”

~ Arvee Robinson



# Information for Schools



# Welcome to the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition



*Thank you for your participation in the Junior Public Speaking Program.*

*Glad to have you on board!*

## **What is the aim of this program?**

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

## **Why should your school be involved?**

- Similar programs often do not exist for Primary students or are difficult to access. This is especially 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 to get involved with your local Lions Club and for their members to get involved in the local school!

## **About this program**

Each year, more and more schools are becoming involved in the Junior Public Speaking program. Students really enjoy the program and reap the benefits for years to come.

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

## **The Topics for 2023 are:**

**Years 3 – 4 “Oh no – you’ve turned into a Giant!”** - One morning you wake up and something has happened, and you are now a giant. Just like the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) in Ronald Dahl’s book or the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk! How did this happen? What’s it like being a giant? What do you do while you are a giant? Do you stay that way? Tell us your story of being a giant.

*HINT: Use your amazing imagination to tell us your story.*

**Years 5 - 6 – “Strange World Records set in History?”** - There are many World records held for many things – some strange and wonderful records over the course of history. Choose one and tell us about it. (A world record is usually the best global and most important performance that is ever recorded and officially verified in a specific skill, sport, or other kind of activity.

*HINT: Maybe you are the person setting the record, or perhaps the person judging. You might just be in the crowd at the event. How did this record begin? Who holds the record? Has it been broken? While some of the details may be fictional – your presentation must be based on the facts of a real record held by someone.*

## **How the Program works**

### **There are several levels to the competition**

**School Level Competition** – Teachers are encouraged to assist students to develop skills needed to speak successfully. A school competition will be held at each participating school in your Lions Club area. It may be run by the Lions Club Chairperson, in conjunction with the school, and will be organised to suit the Students and Staff and to make the process as easy as possible. There will be 3 judges from your community or school, one may be a Lions Club member. The Lions Club may be asked for help with choosing judges and a timekeeper. The school selects 1-4 students from each level to represent the school at a Club level competition. The number of students selected depends on the number of schools participating in the Club's area. The Lions Club will provide all information for Judges and certificates for students. Schools should nominate their representatives for the Club Level Competition by 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**Club Level Competition** – Students representing their individual schools will compete to become a Lions Club Representative who will represent the club at the Zone Competition. In order to keep the program on track, it is suggested that each Club hold its Club Level Competition during August and be able to nominate their representatives for the Zone Competition by 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**Zone Competition** – Lions District 201V3 comprises 12 Zones with each Zone having 5 to 7 Lions Clubs. Representatives chosen at Club level will compete within their respective Zone and these Zone Finals should be held during September, before 15<sup>th</sup> September (the end of the School Term 3).

**District Semi-Finals** – District Semi-Finals will be conducted at two strategic locations in the District after the start of Term 4 between 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**District Competition** – winners from the two District Semi Finals will compete at District Level. Our District extends from Endeavour Hills to Mallacoota and contains more than 60 Lions Clubs. The District Competition will be conducted at the District Convention to be held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at Warragul.

**State Level Competition** – discussions are underway with other Victorian Lions Districts with a view to conducting a State level final. If this were to go ahead, it is likely that the competition would be conducted on ZOOM on a date after 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **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:

- props, photo's or slideshows during their speech
- lectern - the absence of a lectern allows for judges to see the student clearly.
- **MICROPHONES** are allowed BUT not all Schools or Clubs, etc, will use one – it is not necessary to use one if you don't have access to one. Part of learning to speak to a group, small or large is to be able to project your voice so that people can hear. Beyond the school competition however, microphones will be used and students with poor microphone technique may be at a disadvantage.

**Dress** - students are representing their school and are expected to wear uniform or clothes they would normally wear to school to all levels of the competition.

**Student Entry** – ALL STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND RETURN A REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE THE SCHOOL LEVEL COMPETITION. These will be kept by the Club until the competition is over.

## **Judging Criteria**

Judges have a hard task - to choose only 1-3 students from each level (years 3/4 & 5/6) to represent their school at Club Level, where they will compete against other schools to be the "Club Representative" for Junior Public Speaking.

Students will be judged on the following, with a score out of 10 for each one.

### **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

Eye Contact. This controls the level of engagement with the audience and is important.

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

Engage audience through eye contact, gestures and body language.

### **TIMING**

Points are deducted for speaking for too long or too short a time.

Grade 3/4 students speak for 3 minutes.

Grade 5/6 students speak for 4 minutes.

One point is deducted for every 5 seconds over or under this time.

**LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THIS PROGRAM WILL HOLD A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD**



**For more information on how you can run a successful Junior Public Speaking Program at your school, please contact the 201V3 District Coordinator for 2023, Geoff Anderson from the Lions Club of Mount Erica. Phone: 0412 285913 or email [aldbar@dcsi.net.au](mailto:aldbar@dcsi.net.au)**

**or your local Lions Club:**