

# About the Lions Junior Public Speaking competition...

- This program has been running successfully since 2007.
- It is a Category B Multiple District Program and more clubs & schools get involved across Australia each year.
- Students really enjoy the program and reap the benefits for years to come.
- Teachers are enjoying the program and are making it part of their class curriculum.
- This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3 to 6, to give students in Primary schools the chance to develop their public speaking skills in a supportive environment.
- Great opportunity to build a relationship with your local schools & wider community, which could lead to new members.

#### Why should Lions Clubs & Schools be involved?

- Similar programs often do not exist in our Primary Schools or are often difficult for them to access, particularly in remote and rural areas.
- Public speaking not only boosts a student's self-confidence but also helps them become better leaders and communicators. It also empowers them to successfully give a presentation in class, at work, or in other professional settings.
- This program helps to create a wonderful, long-lasting relationship between Lions and the schools in their community.

#### What skills do Student Develop through this Program?

- Public Speaking can in improving academic performance.
- It helps in improving their listening skills.
- It helps students develop the ability to voice opinions and influence others.
- It empowers kids to overcome fear in a supportive environment.
- It prepares the child for a better future.
- It allows them to research information through a number of platforms – books, internet, family, friends & community members.

#### How does the program work?

#### **Prepared Speeches**

- Students are given a topic for their prepared speech, chosen by Lions, and this topic remains the same throughout the competition.
- Years 3 & 4 students are asked to prepare a 3-minute speech. Years 5 & 6 students are asked to prepare a 4-minute speech.

#### **Short Preparation Speech**

For students in year 5-6 only. At the club, zone/region & district level, they are given a topic
and 10 minutes to prepare a 1-minute response to this topic. This has been included as an
added challenge for students who have already shown that they are skilful at preparing and
delivering a prepared speech.

#### There are four levels to the competition...

School Level
Competition – held at
each participating
school in a Lions
area. Run by Lions.

Usually held by the end of June

Club Level
Competition – can be
an evening or a
weekend afternoon.

Students representing their individual school/s will compete to become Club Representative.

Usually held by the end of July

Zone/Regional Competition – representatives chosen at Club level will compete within

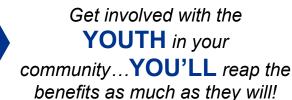
Usually held by 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August

their Zone/Region.

**District Competition** 

 winners from the Zone/Regional competition will compete at District Level, at a central location within the district.

Held on the last Sunday in August





#### Rules of the Competition...

As with any competition, there are rules to follow so that everyone has the same opportunity.

#### **Presentation of Speeches**

Students should present their speeches from the floor or stage.

- NO props, photos, or slideshows during their speech
- NO lecterns this allows for judges to see the student clearly.
- Microphones are allowed, BUT not necessary to use one if you don't have access to one.
- **Remember** it is a speech, not a drama performance.

#### **Judging Criteria**

Students will be scored on the following...

- Content The content of their speech must have a beginning, middle and end.
   Students will be judged on how well researched their topic is, appropriate use of language, how well they address the theme.
- Delivery Their delivery should be confidence, unobtrusive use of notes, good use of gestures, voice projection is particularly important as well as their ability to engage the audience.

## Why not run this in YOUR club!

#### What to do now?

If you are interested in finding out more about this impressive program, check out our website -

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Speak to your own -

- District Chairperson
- Zone Chairman
- District Governor

**OR** contact the Multiple District Chairperson:

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