



Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

A Junior Public Speaking Journey - Emma Moore



Emma Moore is in Grade 4 at St Joseph's Primary School in Benalla and participated in the Junior Public Speaking competition with her school in 2024.

The topic of her speech was her favourite Fairytale Character, and she spoke about Puss in Boots.

She went on to represent her school at the Club Level Finals and progressed as the Club Representative to the Reginal Finals.

Emma was Runner Up at the 2024 V6 District Final in Tocumwal.

This is Emma's story....

What did you enjoy most about writing the speech?

I enjoyed that I was able to write about something I was really interested in and that it was something that I could describe in many different ways.

What was your favourite part of presenting the speech?

My favourite part about the Lion's Club speech was getting to make everyone happy when I read my speech and getting to do what I love doing.

How have you grown in your experience with the Lion's Club speeches?

I think that I have learned more since my Grade 3 speech (which I didn't go so well in) and I have built up my confidence loads. This year I got through four extra rounds; my school, Benalla, regionals and I came runner up in the district finals in Tocumwal. It was nice to visit all the local towns and make some new friends along the way.



Sally Moore (Emma's Mum) ...

This really is a unique opportunity for children to grow in their confidence and understanding of how to present to an audience. I remember participating in this competition when I was young, and I know that this is the reason I have the confidence to get up in front of an audience today.

This year she learnt the value of hard work and that her words can make a difference in people's lives. She also learnt how to lose gracefully and to be proud of her own achievements. We believe that these experiences are setting her up for a lifetime of success in whatever she chooses to pursue.

We look forward to Emma having this opportunity again in Grade 5 and 6.

School Reflection (Benalla P-12 College) ...

Classroom teachers view this event as an opportunity for our students to interact with the wider community, represent themselves and their school and practice their writing and presenting skills in a real-life context.

The students enjoy working alongside their peers in the lead up to the event to brainstorm, plan, write, revise, edit and practice delivering their speeches in front of each other. They practice giving and receiving feedback, which prepares them for the actual day of competition. For our emerging student leaders, it is an invaluable opportunity to practice the public speaking skills, which are an integral part of running our Campus assemblies and other school-based events at the Year 3/4 level and beyond.