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STAGE 3 ASSIGNMENT – TERM 4 2024

Task: To compose and present a 3-4 minute speech on a space related topic.

Due date: Monday, October 28 2024 (Monday of Week 3, Term 4)

Purpose:

- To promote confidence when speaking publicly
- To allow students to research a topic of choice
- To provide students with the opportunity to develop the time management skills required to complete an assignment by a given date

Details: During Term 3 and 4 students have and will be learning about the skills and strategies they need to employ to deliver effective speeches to their class. This assignment will provide them with the opportunity to research, write and rehearse a speech at home.

Students need to select a topic that is related to our science unit Earth and Space. Any space related topic is suitable and students are allowed to choose a topic that interests them. They may choose, for example, to present a speech about:

- The solar system
- The sun
- The moon
- One of the planets
- The history of space exploration
- The moon landing
- The space shuttle missions
- The Hubble Space Telescope or James Webb Space Telescope
- The International Space Station
- Satellites
- Space tourism

Students are encouraged to prepare small palm cards to support them as they deliver their speech. Palm cards are preferable to holding a piece of paper. Students are not permitted to use or refer to props, photos or slides presentations during their speech.

Speech presentation: Students will present their speech in Week 3 of Term 4 (October 28 to November 1 inclusive), on a randomly selected day. Students who are unable to present during this week must negotiate an alternative time prior to the deadline.

We recognise that speaking in front of an audience can be intimidating, but also hope that students will understand that it is an essential skill to possess, and that they take this opportunity to engage in learning in a safe environment with their peers.

If you have any questions about this assignment, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or Mr Copeman, the Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

Stage 3 Teachers

PUBLIC SPEAKING MARKING CRITERIA

Criteria	1	2	3
Speech Length	less than 2 minutes	between 2 and 3 minutes or over 4 minutes	between 3 and 4 minutes
Eye Contact	no eye contact	establishes some or occasional eye contact	establishes eye contact with the audience
Body Language	stands with inappropriate posture	stands with appropriate posture	stands with appropriate posture and a relaxed and confident stance
Volume	frequently too soft to be heard by all audience members	loud enough to be heard by all audience members at least 80% of the time	loud enough to be heard by all audience members throughout presentation
Fluency and Pace	too fast or too slow	speaks at a natural pace at least 80% of the time	speaks at a natural pace throughout presentation, making appropriate pauses for effect
Articulation	often mumbles OR cannot be understood OR mispronounces many words	speaks clearly and distinctly most of the time AND may mispronounce some words	speaks clearly and distinctly all the time AND no mispronunciation of words
Palm Cards	reads from palm cards without looking at the audience	reads from palm cards looking occasionally at the audience	refers to palm cards occasionally, rarely or not at all
Content	lacks organisation (list of ideas) OR only remains on topics for some of the time	organised and logical AND remains of topic most of the time	well organised and logical AND stays on topic all the time