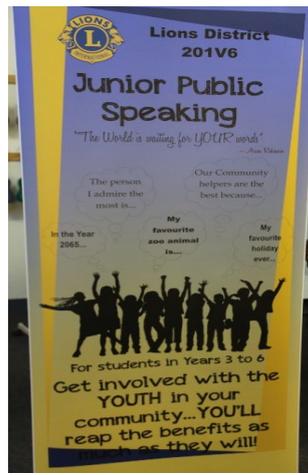




Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

A little about this program...

- This program has been running successfully since 2007.
- It is a Category B Multiple District Program - with more clubs & schools getting 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.



Get involved with the **YOUTH** in your community...
YOU'LL reap the benefits as much as they will!

What is the aim of this program?

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.

Also, a 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.

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 Regional 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.

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 several sources – books, the internet, or speaking with family, friends and community members.
- They gain an ability to organise their thoughts and then confidently express them to others.

How does the program work?

There are two parts to the program - the main part being the Prepared Speeches. This is for all students. The second part of the program is a Short Preparation Speech and is for years 5/6 students ONLY at Club, Zone/Region & District Level.

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 4 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

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 their Zone/Region.

Usually held by 2nd week in August

District Competition

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

Usually held by the end of 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!

This amazing program can give the young people in your community the opportunity to gain their confidence to speak in public.

From our experience this Junior Public Speaking program will be well received by the Schools, Teachers, and Parents of the participating students.

What to do now?

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

[LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING](http://LIONSJUNIORPUBLICSPEAKING)

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