

METELLA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stage 1 Speaking and Listening Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Speaking and Listening is a mandatory element of the English syllabus for K-6 students. In Term 4, students will complete topic talks that link to our History topic *Past and Present*, PDHPE unit *Safety First* and Creative Arts – Drama

Students are required to:

- Prepare their topic talks carefully in their own words and then rehearse their talk.
- Where possible, have an outline of their talk written on palm cards.
- Use visual aids such as pictures and drawings to make their talk more interesting. Pictures can be saved onto a USB and then displayed on the classroom's interactive smartboard during the topic talk.
- Present their news in a clear speaking voice so their classmates can hear them.
- Use expression and gestures when they are presenting their topic talks.
- Topic talks are expected to be one and a half, to two minutes in length.

Please find a list of the topic talks for each week on the back of this note. If you have any concerns, please contact the class teacher.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Mrs L. Bartlett
Stage 1 Supervisor

Mrs S. Larobina
Deputy Principal

My Child's news day is: _____

Week Beginning	Topic	Content	Teaching Focus
10/10/2022 Week 1	Free News	Free News	Eye Contact
17/10/2022 Week 2	Holiday Recount	Describe something you did during the holidays. No home preparation required.	Voice projection and Gestures
24/10/2022 Week 3	Identifying Groups in our Community	Describe the different groups that your family belongs to. For example: sporting groups, religious groups, hobby groups.	ASSESSMENT: looking at all teaching focuses
31/10/2022 Week 4	Free News	Present on a topic of your choice.	Stance and Eye Contact
7/11/2022 Week 5	Drama	Charades: Act out a job/chore that you do at home.	Gestures and Voice Projection
14/11/2022 Week 6	History	Interview a parent or a grandparent. Ask them what life was like in the past. What was their favourite toy or game that they liked to play with when they were your age.	Use of palm cards
21/11/2022 Week 7	PDHPE	Explain how you are going to keep sun safe this summer and why sun safety is important?	Visual aids and clear speaking voice
28/11/2022 Week 8	Free News	Present on a topic of your choice.	Stance and Eye Contact
5/12/2022 Week 9	Book Review	Present a review of your favourite book that we have looked at this year. You can talk about the characters, setting, plot and why you like this book.	Visual Aids and Voice projection
12/12/2022 Week 10	Term 4 in Review	What was amazing about Term 4? Tell us about the events you participated in and what interesting things you have learnt about.	Clear speaking voice