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PRIMARY SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2013 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Speeches are for 3 minutes with a warning bell at 2 minutes.
2. Topics for the School Final are free choice. Topics for the Quarter, Semi and Grand Finals are provided by Rostrum.
3. School Finals shall select a Winner and Reserve. (Reserve required if the Winner is unable to attend Quarter Final). Quarter and Semi Finals will select a Winner and Runner Up, both will proceed to the next round.
4. All competitors will receive a certificate at the School Final, Quarter Final, Semi-Final, and Grand Final.
5. The overall winner and runner up will receive a personal prize and the winning school will receive the Perpetual Shield to hold for the next year.
6. The Grand Final will be held Monday 26 August 2013 at 7.30pm

The success of the Rostrum Primary School Competition means that we now have about 90 entrants each year. To give each school finalist and the Rostrum judges a fair chance we like to have six schools competing in each of the quarter and semi-finals. In practice, this entails 14 quarter finals and 4 semi finals and with ninety entries most quarter finals will have six or seven contestants.

This means we require 18 school venues for finals. It is of considerable assistance to us if we have more than 18 offers as this helps us to schedule only one final per evening. Also, it helps avoid the situation where your finalist is competing elsewhere on the night you are hosting a final, something we always try to avoid.

How do you help?

Simply indicate your willingness to host a quarter final or semi final on your Registration Form. If there are dates which conflict with other activities in your calendar, tell us and we will work around them. The more offers we have the easier and quicker it will be to produce a finals program meeting everyone's needs.

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