

Class days and times...

All classes resume the week starting Monday 17th October. There is no need to re-enroll. Our enrolment process rolls over from term to term. Class days, times, and venues are the same unless you have requested something else. If you do need to change times or venues because of a schedule clash this term, please let us know. We have plenty of other class times and options that will be suitable.



Speech Examinations and internal assessments...

Speech exams and internal assessments are just a few weeks away. Every student is preparing a programme of their work that will be assessed either externally by Speech NZ or internally by their teacher. Your teacher will advise you of your examination time as soon as this becomes available. Please be aware of your child's programme they are expected to be prepping. Depending on their age and grade, this may include a poem recital, prepared reading, characterisation, prepared speech, and impromptu skills. You will find an outline of this in their speech and drama book. If you are not sure please contact your teacher early. There is an expectation that there will be some extra encouragement and support from home to get assessment programmes ready.

Visual aids to support prepared speeches...

Visual Aids are encouraged for supporting prepared speeches. A visual aid is a large poster (MUST BE A2 OR BIGGER) that a speaker uses to help their audience better understand their speech. A visual aid also acts as a support for the speaker to guide them through the contents of their speech. Some tips for designing and using your visual aid

- **Use BIG BOLD keywords**
- **Use BIG BOLD images. Images convey so much more than words.**
- **STUDENTS MUST INTERACT WITH THEIR POSTER (e.g. turn to your poster, point to headings and images as you refer to them as you talk.**
- **Spend plenty of time practicing your speech with your visual aid.**



Speech and Drama exercise books...

Please remember to send your child along to each lesson with their speech and drama book. Speech and Drama books are our primary source of communication - bridging the gap between classes and home. In your child's speech and drama book you will see their work and their teachers feedback. You will also find information and notices about important dates and upcoming events. If your child needs a new or replacement speech and drama book please be sure to tell your child's teacher so we can get this arranged early in the start of term.

End of year class celebrations...

Classes end for the year on the 16th December - and it is going to be jam-packed right up to the last week! After the completion of the assessment season, we will turn our focus to some fun and creative teaching topics. Individual classes will choose to different group activities including preparing a mini-production, creating an iMovie, scriptwriting, broadcasting experience and more. All of these topics will continue to focus on the underlying communication and performance skills of our New Zealand teaching syllabus. In the last week of the year, we open our classes to friends and whanau to celebrate and share...