Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kindergarten students will be participating in the Ultimo Oracy Competition during Term 3. As part of their homework for next term, students are to prepare a 1 minute speech on one of the following topics:
1. All about Kindergarten
2. My favourite things
3. My friend is special

Students must select ONE topic and prepare a speech ready to present from Monday 30th July (Week 2). Students are given two opportunities to present their speech (Week 2 and Week 4), receive feedback and make adjustments prior to the final presentation in Week 6. Classroom teachers will select a finalist by the end of Week 6, and each finalist will present their prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech in front of all Kindergarten students and teachers in Week 7.

Oracy timeline:

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<td>Students present speeches to their class and receive feedback from teacher. Students take their speeches home and make adjustments.</td>
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<td>Students present speeches again in class. Teachers give further feedback and students make final adjustments before final presentation.</td>
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<td>Final speech presentations. ONE finalist is selected from each class.</td>
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<td>Class finalists present prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech in front of all Kindergarten classes.</td>
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All students are encouraged to participate in the Ultimo Oracy competition as it provides fantastic opportunities to develop and improve public speaking skills.

If you have any questions regarding speeches, please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child’s teacher. Further information about Term 3 homework will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

The student that is selected as our overall winner will be awarded with the Kindergarten Oracy Award at Presentation Day at the end of the year.
Students will be marked according to the following criteria:

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Thank you for support

Kindergarten Teachers