

## Speaking and Listening Stage 1, Term 1 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Speaking and Listening is an important part of the English curriculum. In order to help develop students' skills and confidence in communicating and speaking to an audience, stage 1 will be required to prepare a short talk about specific topics each week as part of their news. The list of news topics for this term are outlined for you on the back of this letter.

Please display the term's list of weekly news topics at home and support your child by discussing their planning of ideas for news. News in Stage 1 needs to be brief and succinct. Please help to keep news topics simple and familiar for your child so that they experience success each week.

It would be appreciated if News items could be kept to 2 minutes in duration.

Please feel free to speak with me about any questions or concerns you may have regarding news topics.

Thank you for your support,

Tanina Gobor

Stage 1 Teacher

# Term 1 News Topics

\_\_\_\_\_ news day is \_\_\_\_\_

Week	Topic
2	<b>Free Choice:</b> You may talk about a topic of their own choosing.
3	<b>My Favourite Toy:</b> You may bring to school your favourite toy or a drawing of your favourite toy and tell the class what the toy is, a description of what it does, where or how you got it and why it is your favourite.
4	<b>A Great Book:</b> Bring in your favourite book. Tell the class the title of the book and choose 1 page from the book to read to the class. Give the book a rating out of 10. What makes it such a great book?
5	<b>Interesting Animal:</b> Bring a picture or drawing of your favourite animal. Describe the animal to the class. What does it look like? Where does it live? What does it eat?
6	<b>Wonderful Weekend:</b> Describe to the class what you enjoy doing on the weekend. You may bring in a photo or drawing to help you with your description.
7	<b>Family:</b> Bring in a photo or drawing of your family to show the class. Describe who is in your family and what you like to do together.
8	<b>Favourite Movie:</b> Tell us about your favourite movie. Who is the main character? Give a short description about the movie. You may draw a picture to show the class and help you with your description.
9	<b>When I Grow Up:</b> Tell us what you would like to do when you grow up. You may bring in a picture to help with your description to the class.
10	<b>Free Choice:</b> You may talk about a topic of your choice.