



# ILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Public Speaking

Wow!! What fantastic students we have. Our students were wonderful representatives of the school and spoke beautifully at last Friday's Small Schools Public Speaking. It is wonderful to see the growth and confidence in public speaking as students progress through school. The adjudicator, Mrs Davies wrote very constructive and informative comments for each of the speakers and had lovely comments to make about the competition as a whole. I would like to congratulate Glen Alice School for the organisation of the day and say a very big thank you to our Mrs Cresswell, who put a lot of energy and effort into the organising and running of the day. I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lodewijks and Ms Le Poidevin for the work they did with the children in supporting them to prepare their speeches.

Congratulations to: - Lucy (1st Senior), Raynor (1st Junior), Blainey (1st Juvenile), Billy James for 3rd in Juvenile and to Highly commended winners—Jayden, Amelia, and Gina and an Encouragement Award to Charlotte.

## Anzac Day Service

For students who would like to take part in the march on Anzac day please meet Mrs. Lodewijks at the rotunda in Angus Avenue at 10:30am. Please wear full school uniform. The march will be followed by an Anzac service in the Kandos Community Hall and families are welcome to attend. Lucy Waddell has been chosen as one of our school captains to be involved in the service which is a great honour.

As Anzac Day falls during the holidays, our service will be held on Wednesday of Week 2 (8th May) at 9:00am. Please come and join us for this important occasion and enjoy morning tea afterwards.

## Life Education Van

Students enjoyed Healthy Harold's visit to the school. This year's discussions were around safety and staying healthy.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Jessie-Lee who turns 10 during the holidays.

## Burrendong Excursion

It is 6 weeks until we go to Burrendong! Please feel free to make part payments for your child's excursion if that helps. Final payments and all forms must be in by May 10th. If you have any questions please speak to us.

## P & C

At last night's meeting the P & C kindly donated money towards mother's day craft and the Burrendong camp. Thank you for this contribution.

The P and C was also able to obtain a \$700 donation to the school from the Mid-Western Regional Council. This money is very much appreciated.

## Term 2

A reminder that 29th and 30th April are Staff Development Days where staff will become familiar with the new curriculum. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

## Gifted and Talented Weekend

Digi Ed is running 'Mind Challenge' at Dubbo on 25th and 26th May. Activities include science, animation, robotics and art. Anyone wishing their child to attend any of these activities please contact the office for an application form.



## Dates to remember

11 <sup>th</sup> April	Reading on the Run
12 <sup>th</sup> April	RDO
12th - 30th April	School Holidays
29th & 30th April	Staff Development Days
1st May	Students return for Term 2
8th May	Anzac Day Service
14th—16th May	Naplan testing
21st May	ICAS test—Computer skills
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Burrendong Camp
5th June	ICAS test—Science
17th June	ICAS test—writing
18th June	ICAS test—spelling

## Worker and Citizen of the Week

Each Monday 2 students are chosen by the class teacher to wear the Worker of the Week and the Citizen of the Week badges.

### Worker of the Week:

Tomas—excellent application during speech writing.

Esabela—beautifully expressive reading in public speaking.

### Citizen of the Week:

Gina—for being kind and helpful.

MacAlister—makes everyone happy!

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School Banking

School banking will be each Wednesday. Please leave any banking in the steel (cream coloured) box in the residence.

Library

Library will be held each Thursday. Please bring a library bag to help protect our books.

P & C News

Each year the P & C pays insurance on behalf of each student. The cost is \$4.85 per student and covers medical, dental and ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please send in \$4.85 per student as soon as possible.

P & C Meeting— Next P & C meeting is being held on **6th May** at the new time of **5:00pm**. All parents and community members are welcome.

Blainey's Winning Speech

1. Ladies and Gentlemen. Boys and Girls. I am **certain** that **dogs** are better than cats. For instance, cats sleep all day but dogs will play with you whenever you like. Dogs know your **feelings** but cats don't know your feelings. Also, cats don't help people but dogs do help people.

2. Cats will only play with you when they want to, but dogs are much more friendly and will play with you when you want to play. If the park has some equipment that is too babyish you could take your dog to the park and play fetch the ball or chasing games. Dogs love exercise and being with people.,

3. If you have a cat, all you can do is nurse it and stroke its fur. Cats do not know your feelings, but dogs do. For example, if you hurt yourself, your dog would know and he will come and cheer you up. When I feel sad, my dog comes up to me and comforts me by licking me. I feel that cats don't really care about you.

4. Cats do not like to help anywhere at all, but dogs will help in many situations. On our farm, we would be lost without our sheep dogs and cattle dogs to round up the animals and work in the paddocks and in the yards. Where would farmers be without them?

5. Seeing eye dogs give blind people independence. Otherwise, blind people would be stuck at home and crash into things.

6. Sniffer dogs work at airports. They find drugs and prohibited goods in luggage or in mail. They can find fruit too. ,

7. Police dogs can track bad people and catch them. They can run faster than the police man and look in tricky places and find burglars. They can trace a scent. That is something cats can't do!

8. I have given you many reasons why I am certain that dogs are better than cats. Thank you for listening.

By Blainey



## Lucy's Winning Speech



### **ZOOS ARE DEFINITELY THE WRONG PLACE FOR INNOCENT ANIMALS**

I strongly believe that animals have a place in this world... and this place is certainly **not in a Zoo**. Just like us animals need to experience freedom and choices. They should not have to live in uncomfortable and unnatural conditions. They should not be cramped in small cages and enclosures. They should not be isolated and stared at by humans.

Firstly, animals need freedom. They should not be shut up in small areas for their entire life and treated like they don't have their own minds!! Zoo animals have to spend their days in the same old boring enclosure. Like us, animals require exercise of both the mind and body. Like us, they need to explore.... but how can they do that when they're locked in a 15m enclosure with 10 other animals? Zoos are definitely the wrong place for animals.



Secondly, animals need choices, just like we do. They need to have the ability to choose their food, mates and where to live. Most animals have the same life every day. Just think about it! How would you like someone who you barely knew to choose what you eat every meal of the day? You probably wouldn't even like the food!

Thirdly, let's talk about the issue of privacy! **Don't we all** like to live in our own spaces, **don't we find it difficult** to be surrounded by people all the time. Well how do you think Zoo animals feel with people yelling out to them and trying to touch them? When do Zoo animals get privacy, when do Zoo animals get a proper rest, when do Zoo animals get the chance to explore? Some animals, like elephants, live for many, many years, so they have to put up with humans for many, many years. Is this really fair??? Is this really conservation?? Of course it's not!! In fact most animals don't even breed in captivity because they are so stressed and they lack privacy.

Finally, animals need their own habitat. Zoo enclosures are boring and no matter how good the paintings on the walls are, they can never take the place of a real habitat. Many animals live in large herds and like to migrate to new areas. **This is what they do!!** So how can they do this in Zoos? Herd animals like lions often look sad and lonely in Zoos because they are on their own. Surely they would be better off on a large nature reserve with the freedom to explore and live in peace with their herd.

Zoos are not good for the preservation of animals and it should be very obvious by now that animals should not be kept in zoos. Animals need freedom and choices, just like us. They also need space to live and breed. Nature Reserves allow for this but Zoos definitely don't and they are definitely the wrong place for our precious wildlife.

Thank you.

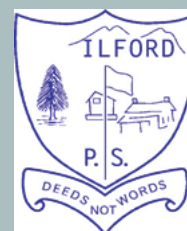
**by Lucy**

### **Our School Values**

**Be a Learner**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**



# Raynor's Winning Speech



## A PERSON I ADMIRE

### Topic: Taylor swift

Ladies and gentlemen a person I very much admire is Taylor Swift. She is only 23 years old and is already an accomplished singer-song writer, musician and actress. I have four good reasons why I think Taylor is also an outstanding role model for young people.



Firstly, she is very natural. She does not wear revealing clothes and does not speak inappropriately in public or in her songs. This is because she is very aware of the age of her audience which is mainly young people. She knows that by the way she acts young people will try and copy her and she tries very hard at all times to be a good role model.

Secondly, most singers and actresses change their looks and style because they want to be noticed. They think that by doing this they will gain popularity. How many times have you seen singers completely change their looks for example green hair one week purple the next. Taylor does not need to. She is comfortable with the way she is and doesn't need attention grabbing changes to win popularity.

Thirdly, Taylor supports charities such as natural disaster relief, arts education, children's literacy and charities for sick children. She tries her best to support all of these as much as possible.

Lastly, she inspires people in the way she writes her music. Such as her song 'Fifteen'. In this song she talks about personal experiences like the time one of her friends no longer wanted to be friends with her after she became famous. This allows everyone to see that no matter how famous you become you still have your ups and downs. Taylor's music is good for all ages from 1-100.

I do not want to be a singer when I grow up but Taylor Swift is still a person I admire and I think girls all around the world admire her too because she is positive and is an excellent role model for us all.