**Term 1 Talking & Listening Assessment**

*Persuasive Texts*

You will need to prepare a **persuasive talk** on **one** of the following topics:

***Topics:***

1. Logging should be allowed as it provides jobs for lumberjacks.
2. It is cruel to keep animals in zoos.
3. Space exploration is a waste of money.
4. Television is educational.
5. The use of animals to test drugs and other products should be banned.

You will need to research your chosen topic so that you have some background knowledge before you start to write your exposition. Try to find some proven facts or expert references that can be included in your argument.

**Purpose:**

**The purpose of a persuasive text is to persuade the listener into agreeing with, or believing, your point of view. You are NOT writing an information report. You must state your point of view and then present a number of convincing arguments in support of your position on the topic.**

Your exposition should be structured to include:

1. Statement of position (**state your point of view**)
2. Arguments: Try to present **at least 3 detailed and different arguments** that persuade the audience
3. Conclude by **reinforcing** your point of view

You must try to include as many persuasive devices as possible to **persuade and convince** the audience:

* high modality language
* emotive and descriptive language
* refer to an expert
* technical language
* rhetorical questions
* alliteration
* a short catchy statement e.g. *Roar for the snow leopards!*

**ORAL PRESENTATION**

Your speech should be approximately 2 mins in length. Once you have written your argument, you should allow plenty of time to rehearse your speech and practise your oral presentation skills. The marking rubric has been attached so you are aware of the criteria and skills that should be demonstrated throughout your presentation.

Use the following timeline to assist with your preparation:

Week 7- Research the topic

Week 8- Write your speech and start rehearsing it out loud

Week 9- Excursion week

Rehearse whenever you are able to

Weeks 10- 11 Rehearse and present your speech

***Speeches are compulsory and will be presented in class during Weeks 10-11. You will have a designated day on which to present your talk and will be notified of this prior to Week 10. If you are attending the Mogo excursion, you will need to organise your time so that your speech is well prepared before the excursion.***

If you have any queries, see Mrs Brown for assistance.