

2008

SYDNEY REGION DEBATING COMPETITION

2007 was an exciting year in primary school debating. Congratulations to Clovelly PS, the winners of the 2007 Sydney Competition and Illawong PS who were the runners up.

The NSW Primary Schools Debating Championship team represented Sydney Region at the NSW Primary School Debating Championships. This team advanced through the championship competition undefeated and unfortunately were beaten in the Final.

Congratulations to all students and teams who proudly represented their schools. Thank you to all the teachers who gave up time to ensure the positive development of debating in Sydney Region. We should take pride in the fact that our region has a strong competition that has seen the number of students participating in this worthwhile activity, increase each year.

COMPETITION OPTIONS AND CHANGES FOR 2008

To cater for the needs of all schools in Sydney Region there are two regional debating competitions.

1. The Premier's Debating Challenge, using a 'no assisted preparation' model.
2. The Sydney Region Debating Competition where preparation is a component of the teaching and development of debating skills.

The second competition, the Sydney Region Debating Competition, has been created for schools who have felt that the limited preparation model of the Premier's Debating Competition does not provide enough opportunity to support their students in the development of their debating skills.

For your information the differences between these two competitions are outlined later in this document.

We hope that your school will take the opportunity to become involved in what is an exciting area of the senior primary school curriculum. If your school has not been involved in debating before - join the club. Many schools in the Sydney Region are not experienced in debating so the workshops, inservices and competitions are designed to be focussed on learning, for both teachers and students.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SYDNEY REGION DEBATING COMPETITION

Schools wishing to enter teams in the Sydney Region Debating Competition should:

1. Complete and return the registration form and fax it to Paul Robinson, Canterbury South PS. Fax Number: 9718 8006.
2. Pay the registration fee to Beverly Hills Public School.

Following the closing date schools will be placed into zones and draws will be sent to schools.

The deadline for registration is: Thursday 15th May, 2008.

Sydney Region Debating Competition Committee

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REGISTRATION

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Name:

School Address:

..... Postcode:

School Email:

School Phone: School Fax Number:

Debating Coach:

Coach's Email:



Please enter one (1) team in the Sydney Region Debating Competition

OR



Please enter two (2) teams in the Sydney Region Debating Competition

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment: Number of teams X \$10.00 (No GST)

= \$ Total

Please make cheques payable to Beverly Hills Public School.

Post to: Beverly Hills Public School, Cnr Stoney Creek and King Georges Roads, Beverly Hills, 2209

Please attach a copy of this form with your cheque.

Sydney Region 2008 Debating Competitions

The Premier's Debating Challenge this year will operate on a limited preparation model for all debates. A second tier competition "The Sydney Region Primary Schools Debating Competition" will operate simultaneously with the Premier's Debating Challenge but will operate on an assisted model of preparation.

Below is an overview of each.

	Premier's Debating Challenge	Sydney Region Primary Schools
Entry Fee	\$50 Payable to the Performing Arts Unit	\$10 Payable to Beverly Hills Public School
Preparation	<p>Preparation Time – All Debates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics will be given to the teams 1.5 hours prior to the set starting time of the debate. • Three topics will be given to teams simultaneously. Teams will need to undergo a topic selection process. This process will be outlined to the teams participating in the finals. • Teachers or coaches will not be permitted to assist teams during topic selection. • Argument allocation will be done with a coin toss. If a team calls a correct toss they will be given the Affirmative Argument. If they call wrongly they will be given the Negative Argument. • The first half hour of preparation will be with teacher or coach assistance. • Cards will not be permitted until the end of the first 30 minutes. • Following the departure of the teacher, colour coded cards will be supplied to the team. • Debaters will be allowed a further 1 hour preparation. • No resource material, including dictionary, will be allowed in the preparation room. 	<p>Preparation Time – Preliminary Rounds</p> <p>Topics will be released to schools the day before the debate, preferably in the afternoon. Coaches should ring Tina Berry, Beverly Hills Primary School, Phone 9580 5074 to receive the topic. You will need to tell Tina what round you are up to!</p> <p>Once one team in the zone has requested the topic, the topic will be faxed to all other teams in the zone.</p> <p>Preparation Time – Interzone Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic will be given to the teams the day before the debate. <p>Preparation Time – Quarterfinal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic will be given to the teams 1.5 hours prior to the set starting time of the debate <p>Preparation Time – Semi Finals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics will be given to the teams 1.5 hours prior to the set starting time of the debate. <p>Preparation Time – Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics will be given to the teams 1.5 hours prior to the set starting time of the debate.

Adjudicators	Paid for by the Performing Arts unit	Paid for by the Host School - \$35 per round. (A round will consist of the two debates) - The school that is not scheduled to host any of the debates will be expected to supply the morning/afternoon tea for each debate. (This may be negotiated within each zone.)
Representative Opportunities	<u>Successful team</u> - Premier's Debating Challenge at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre 2 nd – 5 th November <u>Talented debaters</u> (Sydney Region Representative Team) - Primary Schools State Debating Championship at The Collaroy Centre 26 th – 29 th October	Nil
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