The FunFox Speech Championship

About FunFox:

FunFox is a Writers and Readers Club Program designed to teach students how to become excellent communicators. Forget the traditional tutoring model. FunFox is so much more than that. Our small-group classes are led by teachers rigorously trained in the FunFox Way to help students excel at primary school and beyond. Aligned with the Australian curriculum and suitable for students from all over the world, our classes are interactive, fun and deliver the kind of growth you're looking for.

About the Competition:

Welcome to the FunFox Speech Championship! This competition aims to encourage primary school students to explore shaping the future while they practice their public speaking skills and improve their confidence. At FunFox we are focusing on persuasive writing this term, one of the key elements of persuasive writing is being able to speak, and convincing your point to others. Which is why we thought we should host a championship to help build on their skills and give them a chance to showcase their talent. The competition is for students in year 1 to year 8, we hope to see everyone giving their best. Best of luck to everyone – we can't wait to hear your ideas!

The Topics:

- 1. Is AI the future?
- 2. Taking Risks is more important than playing it safe?
- 3. Is Curiosity the Most Important Trait for Success?
- 4. Can Art Change the World?
- 5. Competition: Improve or Impair Creativity?
- 6. Space Exploration should get more investment than Deep Ocean Exploration

Participation:

To participate you have to fill the form given below with the video of your child speaking on the given topics. Each and every child who signs up and participates will be receiving a certificate, the main winner in the final round will win an ipad, there are also smartwatches up for grabs.

The Rounds:

There are 3 rounds to this competition. The competition is free for the FunFox Students and there is a 35\$ fee for non Fun-Fox Students

Round 1: For round 1, you need to sign up by scanning the Qr Code, filling in the details, and then submit a video on the given topics, the video will then be judged by our esteemed judges. There will be 7 winners for this round who will then move on to round 2

Round 2: The top 6 will then be announced on our instagram page so do not forget to follow us @funfoxprogram to see if your child is selected. The videos will then be open to the public to judge and be voted on, the videos will also be simultaneously judged again by our judges. From each cohort there will be 1 person from the votes moving forward and 2 people as per the judges. In total 3 people chosen to come to the in-person event

Round 3: The top 3 will get a chance to address the group, where they will be judged by our esteemed professors. There will also be a workshop they get to attend to help hone their skills The topics for this will be given after the announcement of the top 3 We would love to see the students come even if they are not selected, to come cheer on for their friends.

Prizes:

The winners of the grand prize in Round 3 will be receiving an ipad, smartwatch or nintendo switch with that everyone selected for round 3 will get a chance to take part in our amazing workshop, hosted by our wonderful teachers. Tailor-made to help each one of you find your confidence, and boost it before heading over to the stage. Kids who participate will be receiving a certificate of participation. Students advancing to each round will also be getting a certificate.

The judges

Mrs Nazneen Shayeq: A highly accomplished and experienced teacher with almost three decades of experience. Having worked at some of Pakistan's top schools and universities, Nazneen has a track record of delivering outstanding student results. A lover of learning herself, Nazneen holds University level qualifications in English literature, teacher training, freelance journalism and teaching English as a second language. She also holds a Certificate in Training and Assessment. As a mother and grandmother, Nazneen is warm and nurturing, always challenging her students in a safe environment. At FunFox, she enjoys sparking a love of learning in her students and equipping them with the skills they will need to succeed at school and beyond.

Dr Craig Billingham: Craig Billingham is an accomplished writer of fiction and poetry with an impressive body of work that spans two poetry collections—Storytelling (2007) and Public Transport (2017)—as well as a children's picture book, The Empty Jar (2014). His short stories, essays, and reviews have been featured in prestigious literary journals such as Southerly, Island, HEAT, Meanjin, Antipodes, and the Australian Book Review. Craig's expertise in creative writing has been honed through teaching roles at The University of Sydney and Western Sydney University, as well as through his work as a manuscript assessor and mentor at Varuna, The Writers' House.

The Chief Guests

NSW's State MP, Mr Mark Robers and Blacktown's Mayor Mr Brad Bunting will be our guests of honor. Their work in community has inspired us and we are sure they will help inspire the kids and motivate them to be future leaders like them