Newsletter of the Debating SA Schools' Competition

Issue 5, 2019

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Round 5 – the final round for 2019. It's hard to believe that the main part of the season has come to an end. The finals series is just around the corner with finals teams announced in the coming weeks.

Finals Information

All divisions except Year 5 will participate in a finals' series. For the first time, in 2019 we will be holding Quarter Finals for the Year 6/7 division. With just over 100 teams in this division the competition is fierce, and I wish all teams well.

Teams that qualify in the top-eight of their division will proceed to the Quarter Finals.

The full suite of information about finals is available on our website at www.debatinasa.com.au/schools-competition/finals.

As with previous years, we will be filming all Quarter, Semi and Grand Finals debates which will be kept as a resource for schools and the wider debating community on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/debatingsa. Additionally, we will be taking team photos of all quarter finalist teams for both display on our website and for school use in school yearbooks and magazines.

Please note therefore, that for all Quarter Finalist teams:

- 1. It's important to arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled debate time for team photos to occur.
- 2. Every debater (including Chairman and Timekeeper) needs to complete a Photo/Video permission form.

See our website www.debatingsa.com.au for more details.

Grand Finals

We are again privileged to hold the Grand Finals for all divisions, except Year 5, in the amazing venue of The House of Assembly Chamber in the Parliament of South Australia. We are grateful to The Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly for generously supporting our use of the chamber.

Regardless of whether your school is involved in the Grand Finals, we invite all members of the debating community to come along for what promises to be a fantastic showcase of excellent debating.

Debates will be held as per the schedule below but please arrive at least 15 minutes before as there are security screening arrangements in place.

Year 6/7 division: 10:00am | Year 8 division: 11:00am | Year 9 division: 12:00pm

Year 10 division: 1:45pm | Senior Division: 3:00pm

Award Presentations

We will recognise the winning and runner up teams, as well as the Debater of the Year Award winners of the 2019 Schools' Competition at a ceremony to be held on Friday 1 November 2019, 5:00pm to 6:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus. Our sincere thanks to Sacred Heart College for their generosity in again hosting this wonderful event.

Thank you!

An important part of any end of season is the acknowledgement of those who have contributed so generously to what has been a wonderful season.

To the teachers, coaches and parents: thank you for supporting your students and children this year. As a teacher myself, I can empathise with the many lunchtimes of preparation that teachers/coaches contribute to helping their debating teams. No doubt it has all been worth it!

To our host schools: Adelaide High School, Glenunga International High School, Grange Primary School, Nazareth Catholic College, Pembroke School, Pulteney

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 27th August 2019

Finals Teams and Information announced for Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Senior.

Friday 30th August 2019

Finals Teams and Information Announced for Year 6/7.

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Quarter Finals at Pembroke Middle School (Year 8 and 9)

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Quarter Finals at Pembroke Middle School (Year 10 and Senior)

Thursday 5th September 2019

Quarter Finals at Nazareth Catholic College (Year 6/7)

Tuesday 10th September 2019

Semi Finals at Pembroke Middle School (Year 8 and 9)

Wednesday 11th September 2019

Semi Finals at Pembroke Middle School (Year 10 and Senior)

Thursday 12th September 2019

Quarter Finals at Nazareth Catholic College (Year 6/7)

Saturday 21st September 2019

Grand Finals in The House of Assembly Chamber, Parliament House

Year 6/7: 10:00am Year 8: 11:00am Year 9: 12:00pm 1:15pm Lunch

Year 10: 1:45pm Senior: 3:00pm

Friday 1st November 2019

Award Presentations, 5:00pm to 6:30pm Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus

Spectators are welcome to attend all events.

Grammar School and host school staff, thank you for so generously opening your schools to the debating community – we are indeed grateful.

Most importantly – our debaters. This programme exists solely for you and I hope that you have found that you have gained some new skills this year and have had a lot of fun in the process. Congratulations for participating this season and I hope that you will consider debating again next year.

If I don't see you at the upcoming finals, I wish you all the best for the remainder of the 2019 school year and hope to see you again in 2020.

James Tran

Administrative Officer

Stay in Contact With Us

If you would like to be kept informed of information about finals and training workshops in 2020, please provide your contact details below and return to the Committee Desk. Alternatively, you can join our mailing list via our website www.debatingsa.com.au.

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Year Level:
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Sudoku Puzzles

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www.debatingsa.com.au/rankings