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## **TOPA Speech Competition Information**

“Why it is important to learn an speak my language.”

You have indicated that your child will be entering the speech competition section at the Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration 2019. This speech is to be prepared and practised at home, and will be presented in the middle of the Cultural Performances.

**Speech Competition JUDGING CRITERIA** – Judges will base their score card on the following key points:

- a) Language – Spoken in native tongue, appropriate use of grammar and word selection
- b) Speech construction – Introduction and gaining audience attention, flow of speech, main points developed and strong conclusion. Giving the judge and audience something to think about TOPA  
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- c) Presentation and delivery – Display confidence, gesture enhancements, appropriate use of pause, stance and audience eye contact. Vocal modulation – volume, pace and pitch.
- d) Content of Speech – The message – relevance, clarity and meaningful.
- e) Overall effectiveness – Impact on Judge and overall performance and delivery of speech
- f) Time – In or close to 3mins
- g) TROPHIES – Any trophies awarded will be kept at the school’s property for a year. The trophy will have the Schools name engraved on it. After a year it will be returned to TOPA safely and polished before the next TOPA TPC commences.

We wish you the best of luck on the day.

Meitaki Maata, Vinaka, Malo ‘Aupito, Fa’afetai lava,

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