

# The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc.



## WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition, 2020

Open to all school-aged children (Pre-primary to Year 12) who are formally studying the Greek language

### VIDEO & TOPICS

Students are invited to prepare a video of a maximum 3 minutes' duration, speaking in Greek on any **one** of the following topics:

- Me
- My family
- Food
- Winter
- Life in Greece
- Life in Australia
- Explaining the rules of a chosen sport
- Greek Orthodoxy/Your religion
- The Arts
- Topic of choice, as approved by your teacher

\*Participants can repeat a topic that they may have chosen in the previous year; however, the content and presentation must vary from what was done before.

### CATEGORIES

Students may work alone, in pairs, or in groups (no more than 4 persons to a group).

**The categories** for judging are as follows:

- (1) Background Speakers: Solo, Pair, Group
- (2) Non-background Speakers: Solo, Pair, Group
- (3) Mixed Background and Non-background Speakers: Pair, Group

\*Teachers must specify the category of each participant on the Entry Form.

\*Students working in pairs or groups in any of the above categories must ensure that the speaking roles are evenly distributed among all participants for fair and equitable judging.

\*This year, primary school participants will be judged separately to secondary school participants, allowing in this way for differences in presentation, and giving more students the opportunity to win prizes in their respective category.

### DEFINITIONS

#### **Definition of a 'Background Speaker':**

For the purpose of the WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition, WAMGLTA's definition of a 'Background Speaker' is a student who is exposed to spoken Greek on a regular basis outside of their school environment wherein they learn Greek formally; for example, Greek

spoken at home by one or both parents/grandparents/relatives. “On a regular basis” implies using the Greek language to communicate, even if at a basic level, on a daily/weekly basis outside of the school environment.

**Definition of a ‘Non-background Speaker’:**

A ‘Non-background Speaker’ is a student who is not exposed to spoken Greek on a regular basis outside of the school environment wherein they learn Greek formally.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The **criteria** for judging the winner/s of each of the 8 categories above are:

**(a) Fluency in speaking Greek.**

Students must not read scripted text in this competition. Students can use palm cards or other prompts, or learn their lines off by heart, although a natural approach is preferred.

**(b) Clear communication of meaning.**

**(c) Audience engagement** (i.e., making eye contact with the audience/looking into the camera; using a few props/costume items to add appeal to the presentation, if relevant; using hand gestures/body language to add emphasis; varying voice pitch, etc.).

***\*Errors made in the course of speaking Greek are to be expected and should not prevent candidates from participating in this competition, which is intended to promote the speaking of Greek as a natural and enjoyable practice.***

COMPETITION DATES

**The competition will open on Monday 1 June and close on Saturday 4 July, 2020.**

Videos and the completed, signed and dated Entry Forms can be sent to the following email address: [WAMGLTA.Inc@gmail.com](mailto:WAMGLTA.Inc@gmail.com)

Alternatively, teachers can provide the WAMGLTA Committee with a USB containing all of the videos of their school’s participants, along with hard copies of the completed, signed and dated Entry Forms.

Videos will be accepted at any time throughout the month of June and up to the end date of the competition; namely, 4 July.

Judging will take place by 31 July, 2020. Members of the WAMGLTA Executive Committee will judge the entries. The judges’ decision will be final.

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. The winners of each category will receive a small prize and public recognition through various local Greek media channels.

**WAMGLTA actively supports the ‘Speak Greek in March’ Campaign with its initiative of the WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition.**

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**WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Competition Entry Form**

**Name/s of Participant/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Age and Year Level (Day School *and* Greek School) of Participant/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Greek Education Provider (Greek School/After-hours Greek Language School):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Topic (one of the 9 listed topics or own choice, approved by the teacher):**

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**Category (one of the 8 listed categories; i.e., Background Speaker - Pair):**

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**Contact Details of Participant/s or Parent/Carer of Participant/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Parent/Carer), give permission for my child/children (named above) to be filmed for this competition. I understand that the judges' decision is final and that all videos will be deleted after judging is concluded.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_