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St Oran's College

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Parent Association Cultural Cup for Speech.

This year the Parents Association of St Oran's College has provided a cultural cup for senior speech students who excel in all areas of speech work.

This award is for a senior student who shows dedication to completing work at a high standard across three areas, research, performance and vocal quality.

**Congratulations
to the recipient for
2009 Yanna Petter.**



Poetry Speaking

Grades 5 6 7 8 and diplomas level.

Poetry speaking is a more challenging skill than many students recognize. It requires a knowledge of rhythm and meter, rhyme and structure; knowledge of the poet and the genre of poem. It involves researching the poem and some of the poet's work: and how the poem fits into his or her historical period which is vital for understanding the poem and poet's intention.

Poetry speaking develops a greater understanding of language and how devices such as simile, metaphor, imagery, onomatopoeia, humour can be used to give a poem greater impact for an audience.

A poem well spoken can transport the listener into a heightened world of the senses, can extend the audience's sense in experiencing something new or familiar. A poem is like a piece of music. It can be an escape, however brief, from our day to day existence.

Therefore the speaker must make the poem their own and practise aloud to give a dynamic vocal performance. Building a connection with the audience in performance is vital. I encourage parents to listen to their daughters performing poetry aloud as this encourages the awareness of an audience.



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Speech New Zealand has created a new level of Honours Plus for work of outstanding achievement. For the first time this year Speech New Zealand now has badges available for initial to grade 8. Students can

purchase badges for previous exams passed.

Speech results for 2009

N/A	P	P+	C	C+	M	M+	H	H+
2	5	5	17	32	16	6	5	2

Drama Festival

This year 64 girls took part in the drama evening and performed in 13 scenes. The evening encourages students to perform in front of an audience, develop performance and theatre skills and also use a strong and resonant voice. Thank you to the parents who attended as this is a vital part of the exercise and allows all the girls to develop greater confidence.

The Speech enrolment form for 2010 is now on the St Oran's web site at www.storans.school.nz

Under, *current events*.

I wish you all a happy and safe festive season and look forward to working with your daughters in the new year.

