INDONESIAN STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESSES IN THE STATE FINALS OF THE SPEECH CONTEST

On Saturday 24 May, there were 31 students from Prep-9 who represented Benalla P-12 College at the state finals of the *Sayembara Lisan* Indonesian Speech Contest. The students had been preparing for this competition for at least a month prior to the state finals. Benalla P-12 College, Avon and Faithful St Campuses hosted the regional Indonesian Speech Contest, whereby over 120 students competed. From this competition, the 31 students were selected to participate in the state finals.

Students were asked to answer questions about themselves, recite poems/stories and sing traditional Indonesian children’s songs.

There were undoubtedly nerves on the day, as the competition involved the students conversing with a panel of 2-3 unknown assessors. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Benalla P-12 College Indonesian students were successful again in the competition.

Of the 31 participants from Benalla P-12 College, 22 of our students received awards. With 32 schools participating in the State finals and around 900 students, this Indonesian Speech Contest is certainly very challenging and rigorous. The winners reached the top 5% of performers in Victoria.

We would like to congratulate the following students:

- Prep  1\textsuperscript{st} Priya Jones, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Jayhe Lee Quattrochhi, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Ryder Levy
- Grade 1  1\textsuperscript{st} Rayne Cole, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Brayden Quattrochhi, Highly Commended Aria Winkler
- Grade 2  1\textsuperscript{st} Amba Rose Hunt, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Imogen Biddle, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Hailie Maddox
- Grade 3  2\textsuperscript{nd} Ben Sutherland, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Kyle Termoushuizen, Highly Commended Shayne Pearson
- Grade 4  1\textsuperscript{st} Anna Howell, Equal 2\textsuperscript{nd} Place: Jayde James and Justin Maddox
- Grade 5  1\textsuperscript{st} Ankur Singh, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Alex Dowe, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Lara Cole
- Year 7 (Beginners)  1\textsuperscript{st} Tiahna Fox, Highly Commended Claire Townsend
- Year 7 (Continuing)  2\textsuperscript{nd} Jai Pyke
- Year 9 (Continuing)  Highly Commended Taylah Pyke

Students and their families are invited to the official awards ceremony at the Old Arts Public Lecture Theatre, University of Melbourne, Parkville on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} June from 6.00-8.00pm.

Once again, the Benalla P-12 College is incredibly proud of the achievements of our students in this contest. We would like to recognise all of the students who participated on the day, as well as to thank the families who supported their children in this event. We would also like to thank all of the Indonesian teachers at the college who prepared the students for this important event.

We look forward to even more students joining in the event in 2015.