

1. Public Speaking

As soon as I stepped on the stage, I froze in fright and immediately cried. Despite wanting to go to the finals for Public Speaking, My stage fright still took over me. There were just so many people there, watching me, and I just could not control my emotion. From that day onwards, I vowed never to do Public Speaking again. I was in kindy.

In Year 4, I made it into the Public Speaking Semi-Final, once again. So, I had to make a decision; Would I face my fears or would I stay in the crowd watching other people deliver their speech in the distance? I know that Public Speaking is a useful skill but I didn't want to embarrass myself again. So, I asked all my friends and family for advice and/or motivation so that I could overcome my stage fright and they helped me in my decision; I was going to perform my speech on that stage and then walk off it, without hesitation or any fright.

After making my decision I rehearsed my speech whenever I had the chance until I memorised it to the point that I didn't need palm cards

When the day to came to perform my speech, I stepped up on the stage and spoke out aloud, trying to not look at my palm cards too often. When it finished was so relieved, and I waited to hear the results. But unfortunately, I didn't make it into the Grand finals. Despite that, I was very proud of myself that I got over my stage fright. I think it was a very important skill to learn and I will continue to practice it more and hopefully win in future public speaking competitions. Nevertheless, I could not have been so brave if I had not been encouraged and mentored by my parents and supportive friendship group,

2. Maths Olympiad and Maths medals

Ever since I knew how to talk, I was always interested in math. I always loved numbers and solving equations. I found them like being a detective or solving a puzzle.

And when I was in Year 2, My mum found a tutoring course (Scholarly)for me to keep me challenged. I was enrolled despite having a really hard time as the questions were hard and there was a lot of homework. It was here that I realised my passion **in** **for** maths and it did challenge my abilities in the subject. Skip to the present, I **gained** 2 math class awards and even when I wasn't present to sit one part of three, of the test as I was away from school, sick, I collected 3rd place in the Math Olympiad competition. If I hadn't been to this particular tutorial school and my tutors, I would not have known my potential.

It's great to know about your talent and the potential you have. You were able to follow the instructions.

Keep up the great work!

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