

Debating News End of Year 2014 – by *Debating Coach Teresa Eather*

In 2014, 7 students in years 4, 5 and 6 were selected to represent Nundle Public School in the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge.

I would like to congratulate Meg Worley, Charlie Chapman, Pippa Bell, Joe Worley, Charlie Jones, Lindsey Burnes and Erica Eather for their consistent hard work and efforts throughout the year especially with extra homework tasks given on a weekly basis. Well done to you all.

Both teams have achieved success in debating this year. The year 4 team were undefeated until they came across our own year 5&6 Nundle 1 team. Nundle 1 team then proceeded to win the debating challenge in the Tamworth District against Tamworth Public School. They were finalist in the North West NSW Regional. Although Nundle 1 narrowly lost to Sir Henry Parkes, Tenterfield, this result is an amazing achievement for a small school of less than 70 students.

All students are excellent achievers in debating and in choosing one for this award has been an extremely difficult task. The student receiving this award is a team player and also a consistent hard worker. Not only has she proved to be a good public speaker but she has excelled in her listening skills which I believe is the winning factor in their debates throughout the year. Her willingness to sacrifice opportunities to speak at the debates when we need her to assist other members of the team as fourth speaker has earned her this award today.