

## **Debating News 19 June 2014 – by Debating Coach Teresa Eather**

Both NPS1 and NPS2 debating teams enjoyed success last Thursday by defeating Quirindi Public School in the third round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

NPS1 debated the negative side in the topic "That Australia should ban all Sports involving Animals". As first speaker, **Charlie Chapman** delivered an excellent introduction and strong exposition. The debate was consistently carried through by **Joe Worley** as second speaker who raised interesting rhetorical questions as example to leave audience wondering what it would be like to play Polo without their Pony! Third speaker **Meg Worley** concluded well with strong rebuttals. This is the best debate the children have produce to date and it was the perfect combination for an easy win over the opposition.

NPS2 debated the negative side of the topic "That Teachers should wear School Uniforms". Again this team of year 4 students; **Lindsey Burnes, Charlie Jones** and **Erica Eather** produced another well presented debate with sound rebuttals and won the debate against Quirindi Year 6 team.

The fourth speaker in debating is often perceived as the weakest member of the team; however, this is definitely not the case. In fact, the fourth speaker's role is the most difficult in debating. Although they do not get up and physically present an argument, fourth speakers record every argument raised by the opposing team and assist the whole team in delivering sound rebuttals against the opposition. Well done to **Pippa Bell** who did an excellent job as fourth speaker for both teams. Pippa did not miss a beat last Thursday; every point raised by the opposition was well rebutted by our team.

The score currently stands for Premier's Debating Challenge:

NPS1 - 2 win, 1 loss

NPS2 – 2 win, 0 loss

Well done NPS1 and NPS2 – keep up the good work!