

Debating News 22 May 2014 – by Teresa Eather – Debating Coach

Yesterday, two teams from Nundle Public School travelled to Timbumburi for the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

NPS1 team members; Meg Worley, Pippa Bell, Charlie Chapman and Joe Worley debated the negative side in the topic "That all Primary School should have longer holidays". The team put together a well structured debate with strong points back by brilliant statistics from Meg Worley's news data brain. However, due to lack of strong rebuttals, NPS1 narrowly lost to Timbumburi.

NPS2 team members consists of first time debaters; Charlie Jones, Lindsey Burnes and Erica Eather from Year 4. A big congratulation goes to Pippa Bell for debating twice yesterday in order to assist NPS2 as their team advisor. NPS2 was on the negative side debating the topic "That Saturday Sport should be compulsory for all Primary School Students". With well written expositions, clear delivery of speeches and well written rebuttals, NPS2 managed to win their debate against Timbumburi Year 6 team.

Mr Worley and I were extremely proud of both the debating teams. The children have worked extremely hard since the beginning of this year and should be recognised for the extra homework task and extra time in school they spend on preparing for their debating commitments.

Our next debate will be at Gunnedah South on Thursday 5 June 2014.