NPS1 team members; Meg Worley, Pippa Bell, Charlie Chapman and Joe Worley defeated NPS 2 team members; Lindsey Burnes, Charlie Jones and Erica Eather on 2 September 2014 in a deciding round to progress to the Zone Final against Timbumburi on 9 September 2014.

On 9 September 2014, NPS1 debated the negative side in the topic “That all school work besides Art should be done on Computers”. First speaker, Meg Worley delivered a well structure and strong introduction. Joe Worley followed as second speaker; delivering strong lengthy rebuttals and brought solid substance to his teams arguments by raising interesting rhetorical questions as examples. Third speaker Pippa Bell used her analytical skills and made excellent rebuttals against the opposition to win their debate against Timbumburi in the Zone final today. Erica Eather is also congratulated for stepping in as fourth speaker in place of Charlie Chapman who was unfortunately sick with the flu.

For the first time since I have taken on the role as Debating Coach at Nundle Public School; our Nundle team progressed to the regional championship in this Debating Challenge. I would like to thank all the debaters for their consistent hard work and effort and would also like to congratulate these children on their remarkable achievements. A big thank you also to parents of the debaters for putting up with “arguing” children and extra homework throughout the year.

Special mention goes to our Year 4 debaters; Lindsey Charlie and Erica for having debated extremely well throughout the year. Although your team did not progress to Regional finals; please remember that you are only in year 4 and will have two more years of debating left at Nundle Public School. I believe by the time you reach Year 6, you will be an amazing team and very hard to beat.

I look forward to supporting NPS1 in the Regional rounds of the Premier’s Debating Challenge next term.