**Mullaway win ‘The Great Debate’**

The Mullaway Primary School Debating Team has again been crowned champions of the 2015 Northern Beaches Public School’s Great Debate Competition. The team, consisting of Lucy Dunning, Kai Nudd, Jacob Roberts and Quinn Watson won three of their four debates on the day. Topics included the education of boys and girls separately, the use of social media, the Woolgoolga bypass and native animal protection. The students were ecstatic with their win over the other larger Primary Schools of Corindi, Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach and Kororo.

The Debates were supported and adjudicated by teachers from the participating schools, along with two Year 11 Woolgoolga High students. The two WHS students; Zoe Schmidt and Patrick Mullan were effective mentors for the younger debaters due to their acclaimed representative credentials within their own school. “We really enjoyed helping the students with ideas and delivery strategies,” commented Patrick.

The Perpetual Shield and Medallions were presented to the winners by Mrs Leslie Casey, a member of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga. “Rotary have been wonderful supporters of this annual event for seven years now,” coordinator Mr David King said. “It’s terrific to have local community support for these young, aspiring students.”

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