

MEDIA RELEASE

Primary principals recognise the vital work of teachers

Tomorrow across Australia, *World Teachers' Day* is being celebrated. The day is a great opportunity for the whole community to recognise and appreciate teachers for the vital role they play in shaping the next generation.

Australian Primary Principals Association president, Malcolm Elliott, said most people can name a teacher who had a major impact on them and that school principals know primary teachers will make a difference to the children in their class today.

"All principals are happy and proud to recognise the wonderful work done by Australia's school teachers.

"World Teachers' Day gives all of us an opportunity to think about the contribution teachers make – not only to our own schools, but in schools around the world."

Mr Elliott said it was interesting to reflect on the way schools are the place of refuge in times of crisis.

"A teacher's work is often far beyond the classroom. Schools become the 'go to' place when communities are struck by fire, flood or some other calamity. Many teachers are offering a listening ear in rural communities hit by drought.

"Education makes the difference in people's lives. It is our teachers who give so much of themselves through the work they do, all for the betterment of the lives of our children.

"To all teachers, whether you be veterans of many years, just starting out in your careers, or somewhere in between, thank you. To all teachers, wherever you are working, thank you."

APPA is the professional association representing over 7,200 primary school principals across Australia.

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