

MEDIA RELEASE

Australian Primary Principals Day – shining a light on school leaders

This Friday (2nd August) gives communities across the country the chance to recognise and thank our primary principals. Australian Primary Principals Day, originally an initiative of the Victorian Principals Association, moves national in 2019.

APPA president, Malcolm Elliott, said Friday gives a special opportunity for school communities to celebrate the great work principals do to make primary schools such great places for our children.

“Primary schools are truly reflective of the diversity of Australian society. Each day in these schools, Australian families entrust the education and care of their children to our primary principals.

“Principals take on that responsibility with the highest levels of commitment and care.

“Australian Primary Principals Day is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the contribution made to society by school principals and show how much they are valued by the wider community.”

Mr Elliott made the point that principals are often found leading a school through difficult, sometimes tragic, times.

“At times, our principals are called to lead in the most difficult of circumstances. While few principals seek accolades or reward for what they do, let’s make this Friday the day where school communities acknowledge and thank them.”

Friday will see school communities across the country recognise their principals in a range of ways – from thank you notes and friendly waves to morning teas, assemblies and other special events.

APPA would like to see this day become a significant one on the Australian calendar.

“Principals do a mountain of work in a challenging role and I have no doubt they are pivotal to building a strong and prosperous future for our children. In the modern context, bringing together theory and practice to meet the needs of children is an important and increasingly complex task.”

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

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