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### **Newly Appointed APPA President – Angela Falkenberg**

It is with great delight that I write to notify you of the appointment today of **Angela Falkenberg** as the new President of APPA. As a current Member of the APPA Board and National Advisory Council, and the President of the South Australian Primary Principals' Association, Angela is ideally placed to take up the role of President of APPA.

Angela holds a Bachelor of Education, a Master of Special Education and a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership. She has been a principal of three primary schools in both South Australia and the Northern Territory. She has a deep understanding of the importance and complex role of primary school leadership and a clear vision of the support needed to enable all primary principals to thrive.

Angela has been awarded the John Laing Professional Development Award for her work in leading resilience and wellbeing learning, including presenting at State, National and International Conferences. She is a keynote speaker at our upcoming APPA National Conference in Hobart in July. Additionally, Angela was awarded the SA ACEL Educational Leadership Medal and the ACEL National Leadership Award in 2021.

Angela's advocacy has been forthright and strong. She is especially interested in building resilience including mental toughness and emotional strength. Equally, she has championed the wellbeing and rights of families experiencing educational disadvantage and has been especially active in facilitating the education of First Nations children.

Angela's experience together with her quick wit, delightful sense of humour and passion for supporting all involved in primary education, sees her as the ideal next president of APPA.

Yours in education

Sally Ruston AM  
APPA Deputy President  
on behalf of the APPA Board  
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