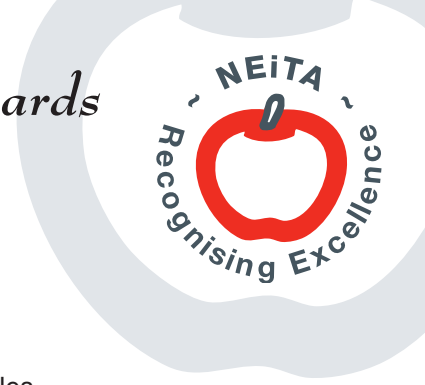


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Susan Goodwin

Diploma of Teaching (Primary); Bachelor of Theology (Hons)
Jerrabomberra Public School, Jerrabomberra, New South Wales
Nominated by: School parent

Position: Class teacher • Category: Primary • Level taught: Years 1 and 2 • Years teaching: 17 years • Years at this school: 2 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Jerrabomberra • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2619

Why teaching?

I first entered the teaching profession thirty years ago because of a deeply held belief that every person has the potential to learn and grow. My teaching has been sustained by a personal sense of calling to facilitate that growth through quality teaching practices in supportive school communities that engage colleagues, families and the wider community in educational endeavour.

My enthusiasm and passion for teaching is constantly fuelled when my students' faces glow and their eyes light up with the joy of cognition and personal achievement - 'the ah-ha!' moment.

Using co-operative teaching and learning practices to enhance achievement

Constructed in 2002, Jerrabomberra Public School is a new school based in the Queanbeyan district. Sue Goodwin is a teacher of a composite Year 1/2 class at Jerrabomberra. Sue is an experienced and passionate teacher whose enthusiasm, commitment, creativity and sense of humour make her students' learning process a fun and enjoyable process.

The educational program in Sue's classroom is planned to ensure that each student works at their level to achieve personal bests. With parental and teacher input, the children work towards achieving their individual learning goals. This practice gives the students a sense of ownership over their educational process and allows them to feel a sense of achievement. Sue uses a diverse range of student-based learning activities to ensure that all learning is hands-on, engaging and fun.

Sue uses many resources from the environment around her to provide stimulating learning opportunities. She carefully decorates her classroom to assist in theme-based learning and she incorporates a wide variety of games, puzzles and her own musical contributions into her lessons. Sue also uses the latest technologies to help engage her young learners. Interactive whiteboards, computers and digital video making are all employed to stimulate her class.

Sue's dedication to her students, and especially students with special needs, has been recognised. She has been invited to participate in a Commonwealth Government-funded training and development course called Positive Partnerships – Supporting School Aged Students on the Autism Spectrum.

As well as her classroom duties, Sue mentors other teachers in the use of the latest information and communication technologies and coaches them in Musica Viva, an in-school music education program.

Sue displays great skills in identifying the strengths and needs of each individual child. She consistently inspires her students to achieve to the best of their abilities in all areas of their educational journey. She also openly shares this learning journey with parents in the spirit of a true school/home partnership.

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