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Communities Count On Awarded Teachers

Coinciding with Australia's celebration of World Teachers' Day on Friday 28 October 2011, NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) and the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) announced the names of the 60 teachers, principals, and directors honoured with NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards.

"World Teachers' Day encourages celebration of the work of teachers within Australian communities," Chairman of NEiTA, Mr Terry O'Connell said. "It is a fitting day to announce the recipients of the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards.

"I congratulate the award recipients and applaud communities for taking the opportunity to thank and honour their excellent teachers.

"There's no doubt that quality teaching equals quality education. Every day, in millions of classrooms around the world, great teachers engage and connect with students, parents, peers and the community. They inspire their students to achieve their best," Mr O'Connell said.

Teachers touch every one of our lives and are increasingly vital as populations grow and nations worldwide recognise that education opens the door to many opportunities.

World Teachers' Day and the NEiTA teaching awards program promote 'teacher appreciation'—the importance of saying 'thank you' to a great teacher.

UNESCO established World Teachers' Day in 1994 to celebrate the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development. In that same year, NEiTA's teaching awards program was also founded. The awards helped pioneer teacher recognition and appreciation, and today, enable the consumers of education – parents, committees, community organisations, and student councils – to nominate teachers and leaders who they believe are inspirational.

Sixty teachers from across Australia will receive awards as representatives of Australia's excellent and inspiring teaching force. Local education communities nominated the teachers, principals, and directors for their admirable leadership qualities, their dedication and their excellence in teaching. Sharing complementary themes, NEiTA and World Teachers' Day celebrate the invaluable role great teachers play as they educate and guide their students, and as they contribute to Australia's future.

The 60 award recipients were selected from the 1400 nominations NEiTA received for the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards, indicating 'teacher appreciation' runs high across Australia. A detailed list with profiles of recipients recognised through NEiTA's 2011 ASG Inspirational State and Territory Teaching Awards can be found at: www.neita.com/2011ST Awards.htm or refer to the list of awardees below.

The NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients will be presented with their certificates and award plaques at events held in the teachers' local communities.

(Note: Please contact the NEiTA Secretariat for more details by phone on (03) 9276 7768 or 1800 624 487 or by email: neita@asg.com.au)

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NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards recipients will now be eligible to progress through to the next phase of the awards at the national level. Ten teachers will be selected to receive a NEiTA 2011 ASG National Teaching Award. Award recipients at the national level will receive a commemorative crafted NEiTA crystal apple and a professional or project grant of \$5000. National awards will be granted across three categories: Leadership and Development, Innovation, and Community Engagement. One national award recipient will be selected as Australia's Inspirational Teacher to participate in the International Space Camp for Educators held in Alabama, USA, in July 2012 supported by ASG.

With the theme this year, *Teachers Count*, NEiTA is Australia's only national, independent community-centred teaching awards program that gives Australian secondary students, parents, early childhood and school communities the opportunity to nominate teachers who they believe to be committed, dedicated, and outstanding representatives of the teaching profession.

For more background information about NEiTA and its awards program, please visit the website:

www.neita.com.au

Now in its 18th year, NEiTA offers communities an opportunity to celebrate the work of great teachers who inspire their students and their communities. ASG has supported the NEiTA ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards since 1994.

Not-for-profit organisation, the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) has supported the NEiTA teaching awards program since its inception. ASG offers a proven and proactive way to help parents nurture and fund their children's education. ASG has supported parents to provide education opportunities for their children for almost 40 years. Find out more about ASG and ASG's Education Program™ from www.asg.com.au or phone 1800 648 945 for more information.

NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards Recipients

Australian Capital Territory					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
ACT	2600	Telopea Park School, Barton	Paul Andrews	Kerrie Blain	02 6205 5599
ACT	2601	Australian National University School of Music Early Childhood Program, Acton	Dr Jolanta Kalandyk-Gallagher	Prof Adrian Walter	02 6125 5700
ACT	2603	Canberra Grammar School, Red Hill	Loretta Kennedy	Dr Justin Garrick	02 6260 9700
New South Wales					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
NSW	2026	Bondi Public School, Bondi	Karla Aspden	Michael Jones	02 9130 6998
NSW	2093	Balgowlah North Public School, North Balgowlah	Marita-Louise Nieuwenhuis	Vicki Treble	02 9949 4499
NSW	2121	Epping North Public School, North Epping	Betty Asmanis-Ploeg	Betty Asmanis-Ploeg	02 9876 5254
NSW	2160	Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets, Merrylands	Lou Single	Fr Chris Riley	02 9721 5718
NSW	2217	James Cook Boys Technology High School, Kogarah	Krishna Diwakar	Stephen Outram	02 9587 1770
NSW	2290	St Mary's High School, Gateshead	Patrick Beisler	Larry Keating	02 4944 4800
NSW	2482	Wilson's Creek Public School, Mullumbimby	Simon Cook	Simon Cook	02 6684 0132
NSW	2519	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, Fairy Meadow	Bozena Beagley	Di Trist	02 4229 6844
NSW	2578	Bundanoon District Preschool, Bundanoon	Deni Harden	Deni Harden	02 4883 6166
Northern Territory					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
NT	0810	St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Nightcliff	Tracy Flynn	Kelly Smith	08 8985 1911

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Queensland					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
QLD	4006	Ballymore Kindergarten and Preschool, Herston	Desley Jones	Desley Jones	07 3252 3732
QLD	4019	Clontarf Beach State High School, Clontarf	Mat Buckney	Lisa Starmer	07 3480 4777
QLD	4030	Windsor State School, Windsor	Faye Haas	Stephen O'Kane	07 3866 4333
QLD	4060	Ashgrove State School, Ashgrove	Kristine Barbarossa	Patrick Murphy	07 3858 4777
QLD	4272	Tamborine Mountain State High School, North Tamborine	Cameron Ross	Tracey Brose	07 5545 7222
QLD	4361	St Francis de Sales Primary School, Clifton	Tyronne Maher	Brett Pollard	07 4697 3366
QLD	4401	Biddeston State School, Biddeston	Craig Young	Sharon Wilson	07 4691 6145
QLD	4488	Bollon State School, Bollon	Ben Austen	Ben Austen	07 4625 6139
QLD	4557	The Kuluin School, Kuluin	Denise McCormack Elizabeth Stunden	Alison Welch	07 5477 3777
QLD	4662	Torbanlea State School, Torbanlea	Ralph Pendleton	Dave Hillhouse	07 4193 2111
QLD	4740	Mackay Christian College, Mackay	Mariette Pienaar	Pastor Dr Craig Murison	07 4963 1100
QLD	4810	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, North Ward	Glenda Scrase	Patrick Dempsey	07 4772 1973
QLD	4820	All Souls St Gabriels School, Charters Towers	Karen Storey	Gordon Royall	07 47871433
QLD	4880	Mareeba State School, Mareeba	Hannah Simpson	Shirlee Gallo	07 4092 8100
QLD	4881	Kuranda District State College, Kuranda	Kathryn Mannion	Gary Toshach	07 4085 5333
South Australia					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal	School Phone
SA	5043	St Ann's Special School, Marion	Mary Jacquier	Mary Jacquier	08 8296 8777
SA	5052	St John's Grammar School, Belair	Cinzia Cursaro	Cheryl Bauer	08 8278 2233
SA	5082	Blackfriars Priory School, Prospect	Linda Harvey	Brian Turner	08 8269 6333
SA	5109	Brahma Lodge Primary School, Brahma Lodge	Graham Wood	Graham Wood	08 8258 2929
SA	5280	Kangaroo Inn Area School, Millicent	Peter Gillespie	Peter Gillespie	08 8734 3046
SA	5330	Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, Waikerie	Sue Beelitz	Linda Warner	08 8541 2344
SA	5700	Augusta Park Childhood Services Centre, Port Augusta	Sonya Gee-Davis	Sonya Gee-Davis	08 8642 3399
Tasmania					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
TAS	7004	South Hobart Primary School, South Hobart	Greg Turner	Greg Turner	03 6223 6040
TAS	7018	Mackillop Catholic College, Mornington	Timothy Johns	Dr Sally Towns	03 6245 0099
TAS	7250	Riverside Primary School, Riverside	Janine Hosking	Jane Bovill/Colleen Breheny	03 6327 3731
TAS	7320	Havenview Primary School, Burnie	Alison Luck	Simon Dent	03 6431 3995
Victoria					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
VIC	3055	Brunswick North West Primary School, West Brunswick	Trevor Bowen	Trevor Bowen	03 9386 4624
VIC	3060	Darul Ulum College of Victoria, Fawkner	Mohammed Azim	Zulfiquar Ali	03 9355 6800
VIC	3126	St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten, Canterbury	Susie Rosback	Susie Rosback	03 9830 1117
VIC	3139	Launching Place Primary School, Launching Place	Candice Nyman	Steve Shaw	03 5964 7783
VIC	3143	The King David School, Armadale	Milorad Cerovac	Guy Evans	03 8508 9600
VIC	3152	Wantirna South Primary School, Wantirna South	Kerri Emonson	Wayne MacDonald	03 9801 1900
VIC	3156	St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully	Trina May	Vincent Feeney	03 9758 2000
VIC	3162	Melbourne Montessori School, Caulfield South	Dianne Davis	Dianne Davis	03 9528 4478
VIC	3175	St Leonard's College Cornish Campus Early Learning Centre, Bangholme	Kirsty Liljegren	Kerry Bolger	03 9773 1965
VIC	3280	King's College, Warrnambool	Michael Tucker	Ian McKay	03 5562 0147

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Western Australia					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
WA	6025	Padbury and Currambine Catholic Primary Schools, Padbury & Currambine	Tanya Atherton	Helen O'Toole (Padbury) Tony Giglia (Currambine)	08 9307 5155
WA	6030	St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Clarkson	Eileen Climo	Eileen Climo	08 9407 8000
WA	6060	St Kieran Catholic Primary School, Tuart Hill	Russell Pratten	Red Berson	08 9444 9744
WA	6065	St Stephen's School Carramar, Tapping	Glen Prideaux	Tony George	08 9243 2102
WA	6066	Ballajura Community College, Ballajura	Carmelina La Galia	Dr Steffan Silcox	08 9262 7953
WA	6105	Notre Dame Catholic Primary School, Cloverdale	Paul Hille	Paul Hille	08 9277 2225
WA	6160	John Curtin College of the Arts, Fremantle	Peter Harmsworth	Mitchell Mackay	08 9433 7220
WA	6220	Saint Anne's Primary School, Harvey	Leonie Wright	Phillip Rossiter	08 9729 1287
WA	6230	Newton Moore Senior High School, Bunbury	Tyrl Houghton	Susan Kerr	08 9722 2400
WA	6558	Wooroloo Primary School, Wooroloo	Peter Jakimowicz	Peter Jakimowicz	08 9573 1144

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- A list of the NEiTA 2011 Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients and their profiles can be found on the NEiTA website: at: www.neita.com/2011STAwards.htm
- Profiles and images of all award recipients will be available on the NEiTA website: from: 8am on Friday, 28 October 2011.
- Further information about ASG and its education benefits program is available from the ASG website: www.asg.com.au

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