Nominate our Outstanding Educators

Parents and school communities have been called on to recognise outstanding educators with nominations now open for the 2008 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards.

Member for Goyder Ted Warren and Education Chief Executive Margaret Banks joined staff at Bees Creek Primary School today, where last year’s Teacher of the Year Gayle Purdue works.

“As the local member, I can vouch that Gayle is a marvellous teacher with outstanding classroom practice, who inspires her students and colleagues, and who thoroughly deserved to be recognised,” Mr Warren said.

“We want to acknowledge teachers such as Gayle every year. These awards are the perfect opportunity for the community to show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions”.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to delivering the best education for our kids – and we value highly the work of our teachers and other school staff.”

Ms Banks said a new category had been added to the awards this year, and that one of the previous categories had been expanded to include more educators.

“I am proud to announce that we will be acknowledging the Principal of the Year for the first time this year,” she said.

“The Teaching Team of the Year Award allows for the recognition of collaborative efforts made by both teaching and non-teaching staff in achieving improved student outcomes.”

The six categories for government school staff in the 2008 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards are:

1. Teacher of the Year
2. Early Career Teacher of the Year
3. Support Staff Member of the Year
4. School of the Year
5. Teaching Team of the Year
6. Principal of the Year

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Mr Warren said the nominating process has been streamlined to make it quicker and simpler for members of school communities to make a nomination.

“The easiest way to nominate someone is to download a nomination form from www.teacherawards.nt.gov.au. This is a really worthwhile exercise and I urge parents, students and others in the community to take the opportunity to suggest an educator they consider worthy of recognition on World Teachers’ Day.”

Nominations must be in by 24 September and the winners will be presented with their awards during Education Week in October.

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