MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY 2013

25 October 2013

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries and acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society.

Across the Territory, World Teachers’ Day will be marked by events in urban and regional centres to recognise the achievement and dedication of teachers.

At events across the Territory winners of the 2013 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards and School Excellence Awards will be announced and presented.

Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, said World Teachers’ Day is a time for everyone to reflect on the fantastic work of the Territory’s educators and show appreciation for their tireless work throughout the year.

“Teaching, in any case, is a challenging profession and the Northern Territory presents some unique challenges for the delivery of education – our population size, our demographics and our geography all have an impact,” Mr Chandler said.

“Despite these challenges, there are dedicated teachers out there every day, in every school, making a real difference in the lives of young Territorians.

“I'm looking forward to presenting the Teaching in the Territory Excellence awards and showing my appreciation for the work of our teachers.

“Over 150 nominations were received from students, parents, colleagues and the community for a number of awards which is a real testament to the quality of teaching and support staff here in the Territory.”

World Teachers’ Day events taking place across the Territory:

Darwin – Main Hall, Parliament House – 5pm
Alice Springs – Double Tree by Hilton – 5pm
Nhulunbuy – Arnhem Club – 4pm
Katherine – Katherine Golf Club – 4pm
Tennant Creek – Battery Club – 5.30pm
Categories of the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards are:

- **NT Award for the Excellence in Teaching or Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**
  (This award recognises the contribution towards excellence in teaching or leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education)

- **NT Support Staff Member of the Year**
  (This award recognises the contribution by a school employee in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding support staff member)

- **NT Secondary Teacher of the Year**
  (This award recognises excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding secondary teacher)

- **NT Secondary Principal of the Year**
  (This award recognises excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding secondary principal)

- **NT Primary Teacher of the Year**
  (This award recognises excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding primary teacher)

- **NT Primary Principal of the Year**
  (This award recognises excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding primary principal)

- **NT Early Childhood Teacher of the Year**
  (This award recognises excellence and innovation in achieving significantly improved outcomes for Territory students by an outstanding early childhood teacher)

The School Excellence Awards are new in 2013 and celebrate the quality and achievements of government schools across the Territory.

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