



# Australian Council of State School Organisations

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## Parents Celebrate Public Education Day 2016

Today, May 26, Public Education Day is celebrated in public school communities across Australia.

“This day provides an opportunity to highlight the wonderful achievements of public education as a cornerstone of Australian society,” announced Mr Phillip Spratt, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations.

“Many schools take this opportunity to plan and celebrate with a variety of activities including morning tea with their school community, tree planting ceremonies, school assemblies, grandparent days, performing arts displays and lunchtime concerts and barbecues.”

“It also provides an ideal opportunity to invite local MPs, both Federal and State, to acknowledge and celebrate the excellent work undertaken by teachers, parents and students. It is essential that local politicians experience the quality of our great schools first hand, and obtain a greater understanding of how important a well-funded public education system is to our country. Government acknowledgement of the true value of public education is critical to the future of a democratic Australia.”

In light of the impending Federal Election, as a nation we need to ensure that education, particularly public education, is the priority of all candidates.

“It is a smart country that puts the young people of our nation and their future first. Funding to education should be fair, simple and transparent to allow all young people, of all backgrounds the opportunity to succeed”

“Our public schools are worth celebrating and should be a government investment priority,” Mr Spratt concluded.

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