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Parents Celebrate Public Education Day 2019

Today, May 23, Public Education Day is celebrated in public school communities across Australia.

"This day provides an additional opportunity to highlight the wonderful achievements of public education as a cornerstone of Australian society," announced Kevan Goodworth, 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 barbeques."

"This year it also provides an ideal opportunity to invite local MPs to acknowledge and celebrate the excellent work undertaken by teachers, parents and students. We need to continue give 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, both state and federal, of the true value of public education is critical to the future of a democratic Australia."

Following on from our advocacy leading up to the Federal Election, ACSSO will maintain a strong voice in discussions with the new Federal Minister especially around ensuring that the needs of our young people are met and they all have access to opportunities to develop their strengths and be the best they can be.

"Funding to education should be fair, simple and transparent to allow all young people, of all backgrounds the freedom to succeed in their local schools. A smart country puts the young people of our nation and their future first."

"Our public schools are increasingly the first choice for parents and should rightly be the number one investment priority for all governments" Mr Goodworth concluded.

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