

**Delwyn Kruyff**

**Albany Primary School, Auckland**

**Recipient of the 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award**



Delwyn says daily feedback from her students as to how much she supports them in their learning, how much they enjoy coming to school and the joy they exhibit in learning during the day fuel her commitment to teaching.

She says she wakes up each day excited about what will happen in class that day. Knowing that she is making a difference, no matter how small, keeps her coming to school every day.

Delwyn, has had 23 years of teaching experience, and over the years has understood that relationships are at the heart of all that you do as a good teacher. She believes that the quality of the relationships you build is the platform from which you can collaboratively create optimum teaching and learning opportunities.

She makes it a point to build these relationships by getting to know each child as an individual, creating a classroom that is open and welcoming to each and every family, taking the time to stop, chat and listen, and by encouraging reciprocal sharing of goals and observations with parents around their child.

The parent who nominated her mentions that Delwyn 'celebrates her students' progress, which encourages them. She is an excellent teacher.'