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ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards now open

Communities all around Australia can now nominate outstanding teachers for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).

ASG NEiTA are the only community based awards giving school communities, parents, grandparents and boards of management an opportunity to recognise and thank teachers for the crucial work they do and making a real difference in education.

Nominated teachers, principals and centre directors have the chance of becoming the state and territory award recipients, with the national award recipients announced in March 2016.

The national award recipients will be presented with \$5000 professional development grants, helping them to pursue further studies, embark on international study tours and one teacher also gets the opportunity to attend International Space Camp at the U.S Space and Rocket Center in Alabama. One teacher is also awarded the Disability Inclusion Grant.

ASG NEiTA Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis, said without these awards many exceptional teachers would fly under the radar.

"ASG is proud of NEiTA because it provides the community with an avenue to nominate teachers and give them recognition they so richly deserve. These teachers are dedicated to ensuring that all of our children are receiving a world class education and are equipped with tools for lifelong learning.

"Ultimately these students will drive our economy and the impact our ASG NEiTA recipients have had on their development is profound. This extends outside of the classroom as well, impacting communities and the profession. So I encourage communities to nominate their teachers and send a message that their work is appreciated and deeply valued."

Nominations for the awards close on 31 July 2015. To nominate go to: www.asg.com.au/nominate. Teachers can be nominated across early childhood, primary and secondary school categories.

Almost 30,000 teachers have been nominated by their communities across Australia and New Zealand since the awards started in 1994. ASG NEiTA started in 1996 in New Zealand. ASG NEiTA has distributed more than \$750,000 in grants and prizes since the awards started 21 years ago.

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Editors notes:

The Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) is a member owned organisation, helping to create educational opportunities for children. ASG has been helping families and their children for more than 40 years. During this time, more than 515,000 children have been enrolled with ASG and more than \$2 billion in education benefits and scholarship payments returned to members. For more information visit: www.asg.com.au.

