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Nominations open for ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

Do you know a fabulous teacher in your local community who has made a real impact at the grassroots level? If the answer is a resounding 'yes,' now is the time to nominate them for the 2017 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA).

Now in its 23rd year, ASG NEiTA is one of Australia's only community centred teaching awards where parents, grandparents, student councils/school boards, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations get to nominate teachers for an award.

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 2018.

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.

ASG NEiTA Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis, says it's a wonderful opportunity for local communities to thank teachers for making a real difference in education and for transforming children's lives.

"Supporting lifelong education and learning is a mission that we are passionate about and is supported by dedicated teachers who build open and trusting relationships and care about the welfare and future of our children. These outstanding educators see the benefits of holistic education connecting schools, families, businesses and the community to support learning on many levels. It is through innovative strategies and finding scope around the curriculum to maximise student engagement that these inspiring teachers also support the educational aspirations families have for their children.

That's why ASG NEiTA resonates with communities, attracting more than 34,000 nominations since the awards started in 1994. Teachers have an enormous responsibility and they take it on with humility, striving to always be accountable for their actions, working beyond what is expected of them and expecting nothing in return. Their joy comes from the challenge of ensuring their students flourish academically and socially, giving students choices and offering holistic solutions."

Nominations for the awards close on 3 July 2017. To nominate go to: www.asg.com.au/nominate. Teachers can be nominated across early childhood, primary and secondary school categories.

More than 34,000 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 \$940,000 in grants and prizes since the awards started 23 years ago.

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Editor's notes:

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