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Auckland teachers dominate in regional awards

Seven Auckland teachers have scooped ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA), in recognition of the outstanding work they do for their students and the wider community.

The teachers, a mix of early childhood, primary and secondary, are among 18 regional recipients to be awarded the honour, selected from almost 200 nominations.

Now in its 21st year, ASG NEiTA gives parents, grandparents, school boards and councils and committees of management the opportunity to formally thank and recognise outstanding and dedicated teachers, who are passionate about driving a world class education system and encouraging students to reach their full potential.

ASG NEiTA Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis says these educators recognise that 'it takes a village to raise a child,' which is testament to their dedication and the impact they have on the lives of those they serve in local communities.

"In many respects, teaching is about giving, not only to children and students but to their families and the community networks around them. Some of the ASG NEiTA recipients come from very small towns and do represent the heartbeat of these communities.

"These teachers have an enormous responsibility in shaping and guiding these young people as well as supporting the educational aspirations families have for their children. Their teaching stretches beyond the core curriculum and standardised testing, and they also help children develop the social skills they need to develop into successful adults. Ensuring children have a well-rounded education is something our ASG NEiTA recipients are absolutely passionate about. This passion is welcomed by families as they want teachers to play a greater role in developing their children's life skills, which was one of the key findings in the latest [ASG Parents Report Card](#)."

ASG NEiTA chairman, Allen Blewitt says the awards highlight a long history of positive relationships being built between teachers and their communities.

"These teachers are also mentors and the influence they have on young people is remarkable as they learn to appreciate the value of lifelong learning as they navigate their life journeys. So, ASG NEiTA is one of the only channels where the community gets to express their sincere gratitude through nominating an inspirational teacher, educator, principal or centre director."



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Christchurch has five ASG NEiTA recipients, and one each for Hawke's Bay, Palmerston North, Invercargill, Rotorua, Timaru and Maungaturoto.

The seven Auckland ASG National Excellence in Teaching (ASG NEiTA) Award recipients are:

Auckland			
Teacher	School	Suburb	Category
Daisy Docherty	Kristin Junior School	Albany	Early Childhood
Primrose Tuineau-Lafaele	Matua mo e Tama Aoga Vagahau Niue Preschool	Mangere	Early Childhood
Judith Hannan	Meadowbank School	Meadowbank	Primary
Mehar Nabi	Royal Oak Intermediate School	Royal Oak	Primary
Tarewa Williams	One Tree Hill College	Onehunga	Secondary
Hannah Reeves	Baradene College of the Sacred Heart	Remuera	Secondary
Emma Gillies	Mount Roskill Grammar School	Mt Roskill	Secondary

ASG NEiTA will announce the national award recipients in February 2018. The six national recipients will receive professional development grants.

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The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) started in 1994 in Australia and 1996 in New Zealand. Since inception, more than 34,000 teachers have been nominated by the community in the two countries.

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