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## ***Public School champions recognised by parents***

Six supporters of Public Education and two exemplary schools will be recognised with awards at the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW 2008 Annual Conference.

The Federation Executive will make presentations at the Conference Dinner, in a proud partnership with Teachers Credit Union, at 6.00 pm at the Albury Commercial Club.

Federation President, Dianne Giblin, praised the achievements of all the winners, "every volunteer, teacher and principal contributes so much to the excellence we see in our Public Schools. However, out of all the nominees, these represent people and schools who have gone over and above the standard to make a difference."

"All award winners must demonstrate a commitment to improving Public Schools, developing partnerships and investing in the future. These winners should all be commended for their contribution toward building Australia's future."

"In addition to the historic "Principal's Award" this year, awards were introduced to honour the unique forms of achievement we see in Public Schools."

Prizes are valued at \$100 each and winners are decided by the 2008 Annual Conference Awards Committee.

This year's winners are:

**P&C Member of the Year (Primary) proudly supported by the Centre for Volunteering:** Trudi Smith is a dedicated member of Casula Public School P&C. She works to strengthen the relationship within the region and is an avid advocate for parents throughout the wider-community.

**P&C Member of the Year (Secondary) proudly supported by the Centre for Volunteering:** Sue Stead is valuable participant in Merrylands High School community. She has been very innovative in reconstructing the association format to increase attendance and ensure meaningful participation.

**Principal of the Year (Primary) proudly supported by Kids Money:** Tonya M Worling actively promotes partnerships through Mingoola Public School's homework program and workshops. She leads the school community in getting involved in good causes like Jump Rope for Heart and Juvenile Diabetes.

**Principal of the Year (Secondary) proudly supported by Hear and Learn:** Wayne Chaffey has presented at local, national and international education conferences. He is currently implementing a Positive Behaviour for Learning process at Tamworth High School.

**Environment Award (Primary) *proudly supported by Healthy Kids Canteen Association:*** Henty Public School has promoted environmental awareness with enthusiasm across a range of areas from a water recycling system to the establishment of two biodiversity areas.

**Environment Award (Secondary) *proudly supported by Healthy Kids Canteen Association:*** Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus has built partnerships, sustained cultural change and improved their school environment greatly through the Bushcare Project.

**Community Achievement *proudly supported by Kids Money:*** Rodney Johnson is a long-time P&C member. He started getting involved when his children were at Glenwood Public School and has gone on to become a Federation Councillor.

**Technology Award *proudly supported by Multi Media on Wheels:*** Ross Sutherland uses his role as principal of Bligh Park Public School to be an innovator and leader in promoting the use of technology across a range of platforms and using it to tailor learning to individual student's needs.

For more information on awards or attending 2008 Annual Conference, please contact Sharon-Roni Briggs on: 0402 918 799.

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