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The Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP)

As part of Children's Week 2016, the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People, with the involvement of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Health, is set to launch Australia's inaugural 'Biggest Recess.'

This exciting new initiative will be held during Children's Week at 'recess' on Friday 28 October and aims to encourage adults to model good behaviours for children and young people to lead to better health outcomes.

We would like to encourage your team / organisation to participate in the Biggest Recess. The campaign is an easy way to have a bit of fun and learn more about how we can be healthy role models to the children in our communities.

For more information and to register your team or organisation's participation, visit

www.biggestrecess.nsw.gov.au



World Teachers Day

Friday 28 October 2017, Australia celebrates World Teachers day.

Australian teachers have a special day, that is known as World Teachers' Day. It's celebrated on the last Friday in October.

World Teacher's Day was established by UNESCO on October 5, 1994 and since then it's annually celebrated on this day in many countries around the world. However, many countries also have their National Teachers' Days or move World Day to another day, as it is in Australia.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers and it is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.



NSW Grandparents Day

Sunday 30 October 2016

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the contributions grandparents and older people make to their families and communities.

For more information or to find out what's on click [here](#)



Student Wellbeing Hub

The Australian Government is proud to release a new website, the Student Wellbeing Hub, underpinned by the very successful National Safe Schools Framework. It aims to provide current best-practice, curriculum-aligned resources for educators, parents, and students on a range of contemporary issues that will help build and sustain the wellbeing and safety of all members of the school community.

The new website reflects the Government's ongoing commitment to being responsive to important issues affecting today's schools as they strive to build positive, respectful teaching and learning environments that sustain the wellbeing of all members of the school community. The new site is bright and engaging and its simple navigation makes information and resources easy to find studentwellbeinghub.edu.au



David Gonski supports Australian Schools Plus

David Gonski – one of the nation's most respected businessmen and the architect of school funding reforms - is heading a group of leading Australians who have partnered with charity Australian Schools Plus to benefit hundreds of schools across the country.



Called the [Pioneers in Philanthropy](#), this group will donate more than \$5 million over five years to support innovative projects in disadvantaged schools. Their gift will also establish new national [Teaching Awards](#) to recognise and reward outstanding teachers and principals.

At the launch of the Pioneers this month, Mr. Gonski met with students and teachers from schools that had raised funds for activities through Schools Plus. One of those was Curran Public School, which had raised more than \$11,000 from 80 donors through Schools Plus' online crowdfunding platform.

The platform, called [Fundraise Yourself](#), has been specially designed for schools and parent bodies to make it easier to raise funds from their communities and beyond. It can also be set up so parents can pay their voluntary contributions through the website. What's more, all donations through the platform are tax-deductible.

You can learn more about how Schools Plus can help your school raise more funds [here](#).

Also, please take a minute to [watch this video](#) of David Gonski talking about how philanthropy through Schools Plus can support schools in need.

If you would like to hear how Schools Plus can support your school, please contact Beth Gibbins or Gillian Thacker in School Relations team on 02 8880 0296 or schools@schoolsplus.org.au



Life Education

3D Body Fly-through

Children are digitally savvy. To keep the magic of their Life Education experience alive, we'll be introducing a range of new high-quality and visually rich teaching and learning resources into our program. 3D animations allow children to explore the systems of the body (digestive, nervous, respiratory, circulatory and urinary) in the most engaging way ever seen so far. All resources will be age and context appropriate and will demonstrate realistically the effects that things such as food and drink, physical activity, medicines, smoking, caffeine and alcohol have on the body.

