

P&C DAY

Let's Celebrate Mr Turnbull with the Gonski Funding

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Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull should celebrate P&C Day by committing to the final two years of the Gonski funding, parents said today.

The dollar value of parents' and other volunteers' contributions to public schools are incalculable, playing a vital role in school outcomes, so today – on Parents & Citizens Day - we thank them, the NSW P&C Federation said today.

P&Cs donate time and money as well as fundraise to finance everything from additional teachers to toilet paper in public schools, Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association of NSW President Jason Vials said.

However, not all schools are lucky enough to have active parent bodies and there is a significant funding shortfall across the state, particularly for disadvantaged students, he said.

"Many thousands of parents and other volunteers across NSW fundraise tens of thousands of dollars every year to support their public schools," Mr Vials said in a statement.

"You couldn't begin to calculate the dollar value of the voluntary hours they put in as P&C members, participating in teaching programs or supporting public school students in a myriad of other ways.

"So we call on Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to acknowledge the achievements of P&Cs today and lessen their load by committing to the final two years of the Gonski agreement.

"To the P&Cs of NSW we say: Congratulations! Make sure the community knows about your achievements and enjoy your day."

P&Cs will celebrate the day – and their partnerships with their schools - in many ways - including morning teas, suppers, special assemblies and fundraisers.

The needs-based Gonski funding model ensures significant extra funds go to disadvantaged schools to ensure that every child has access to a world-class education.

The Federal Coalition government has reneged on its election promise to match Labor in funding the agreement for its full six years.

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