

## Celebrate Your P&C on 'P&C Day'

Today marks P&C Day, a time to celebrate the contributions of P&C Associations to school communities across the state. P&C Associations will celebrate their achievements and their partnerships with their schools in many ways, including morning teas, special assemblies and fundraisers.

P&C Federation President Susie Boyd commented "The value of the contributions P&C volunteers make is incalculable. So many school communities would struggle without parents and community members who go above and beyond in their volunteer efforts, and today we thank them all."

"On this occasion, I'd like to acknowledge Katherine Mullen from Castle Hill Public School, the winner of the 'NSW P&C Volunteer of the Year 2017 Award' for her outstanding and continued contribution to her school community."

The 'NSW P&C Volunteer of the Year 2017 Award' was presented by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs. Linda Hurley.

P&C Associations across the state donate money, time and energy on a regular basis to provide public schools with everything from playground equipment to uniforms to canteen services.

Ms Boyd added that recognising P&C Association efforts is becoming increasingly important in a time when equitable education funding is being constantly eroded.

She went on to say, "As public education faces more funding squeezes, we worry that schools will fall back more and more on their volunteers to deliver services. While the dedication of P&C members means they rarely complain, many do struggle to make time for volunteering and their regular work, and more equitable funding would lessen the strain."

"With that said, we wish each P&C Association congratulations today."

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