



Dear Parents and Citizens,

This Friday is an incredibly special day on our school calendars as we celebrate YOU on 19 May in recognition of Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Day here in Western Australia.

It is very fitting that P&C Day falls within National Volunteer Week (15 – 21 May 2023) as everything you take on, manage, and deliver as members of your school's P&C is on a voluntary basis, making your efforts even more appreciated. We all have such busy personal and professional lives, with so many things to juggle. As a working parent myself, I know this very well. Yet you still find time to take on such a vital role in our schools.

I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to each P&C member. You are the backbone of our schools and our communities. Your commitment, hard work and time is very much appreciated. I encourage you to take a minute to truly reflect on and celebrate the extent of your contribution.

From 2020 to 2022, our P&Cs:

- provided a collective total of 500,000 voluntary hours each year.
- made huge monetary contributions to our schools by fundraising and donating an impressive total of close to \$12million each year.

In addition, your contributions have seen students and schools reap the benefit from resources such as books, posters, art, technology, play equipment, and all those additional fun activities such as end-of-year celebrations, camps, sports, excursions, leavers - the list goes on.

You are truly making a difference in all you do helping and supporting principals, teachers, students, parents, and the local community – thank you.

If you are organising or participating in any celebrations, tag us '@PublicEducationWA' on Facebook and '@publiceducation_wa' on Instagram, use the hashtag #NVW2023 or #PANDCDAYWA.

Wishing you all the absolute best for the remainder of the year.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Rodgers
Director General

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