



# Supporting our School Community

The President  
Parents and Citizens Association

Dear Madam/Sir

## Re: PSA Schools Recognition Week 2021: 6-10 September

Each year the Public Service Association provides the school community an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of Support Staff to the success of the school and to all students' education.

Whether they work in the office, the library, the school grounds or in the classroom, School Support Staff play an important role in your school. These staff are the heart of that community, connecting with and supporting everyone in the school.

Especially during this difficult period, they have gone above and beyond to support everyone in their school communities, from the teaching staff, to the students and families, as well as each other. They have worked tirelessly to make sure no-one is left behind throughout one of the most trying times in recent history.

The commitment and perseverance of our members to their school communities has been nothing short of remarkable. They moved swiftly to work from home during various lockdowns and restrictions, rolled out technology to students and staff who needed it, supported virtual classes or virtually provided psychological and wellbeing support. They then maintained the systems that kept students, staff and parents safe after returning to their schools as essential workers while many remained at home.

PSA Schools Recognition Week is an opportunity to show the appreciation of the school community. In past years, parents at schools across the state have said 'thank you' in many different ways such as:

- Organising an activity such as a morning tea or lunch (in person or virtually)
- Thanking all Support Staff in the P&C newsletter for their contributions
- Organising thank you letters or photos from students that can be displayed on the school website or social media
- Sending a bunch of flowers to say thank you.

The PSA urges you to support Recognition Week and to organise or participate in COVID-safe or virtual activities that celebrate Support Staff and recognise their work, professionalism, contributions and dedication to the school community.

Yours sincerely



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