Celebrating teachers

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FRIDAY is the day to celebrate teachers and the role they play in nurturing and guiding students through the learning process.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated by UNESCO in 1994 to focus attention on the contributions and achievements of teachers.

The day is celebrated internationally on October 5.

In Australia, World Teachers’ Day is held on the last Friday in October.

The following teachers are the Queensland winners of the Australian Government National Awards for Quality Schooling. These awards recognise and reward teachers, principals and support staff who make an exceptional contribution to their school community and students. Winners each received their awards in Canberra from the Minster for Education Julia Gillard.

Read more: www.teachingaustralia.edu.au/ta/go/home/op/edi/pid/529

National Awards for Quality Schooling

**Excellence in teaching leadership:** Richard Nash, Seven Hills State School, re-engaging the school and its community

**Excellence in teacher leadership, highly commended:** Elana Hawkins, Kirwan State High School, vocational education.

**Excellence by teacher, highly commended:** Rebecca Lowe, Murgon Station High School, hospitality studies.

**Excellence in family, school partnerships:** Kuranda District State College, families as first teachers

**Excellence by teacher, highly commended:** Kerri Furlong, Mitchelton State High School, Japanese language education.

Noel Gibson, Bracken Ridge State High School, information and communications technology.

Graham Herlihy, Robina State High School, sport and life skills.

Sarah Long, All Saints Anglican School, English communication.

Robert Pratt, Campus kindergarten, University of Queensland, early childhood education for sustainability.
Excellence by a beginning teacher, highly commended: Jennifer Bergstrum, St Aidans Anglican Girls School, excellence in music

Excellence in teacher leadership, highly commended: Leanne Randolph, Forest Lake State High School, vocational opportunities

Excellence by a principal, highly commended: Amanda Bell, Brisbane Girls Grammar School, innovative school development.

David Morris, Northern Beaches State High School, leadership of whole school improvement.