

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Happy Public Education Day!**

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) celebrated Public Education Day today, by thanking and recognising the hard work of Public School communities around the Territory.

Mr Gerard Reid, President NT COGSO said today "We know that Public Education is the best. Over 17,000 children are educated through our Northern Territory Government Schools and we consistently see our Public School children achieving the best results each year".

"Today on Public Education Day, we celebrate and recognise the commitment and hard work of our school leadership teams, teachers, school staff, our school councils and school communities.

"Time after time, report after report, research shows that sending children to Independent or Catholic Schools has no significant effect of student outcomes – the most important factor in student success is active and involved parents. That's why COGSO is proud to represent our Public School families on Public Education Day.

"Research shows that strong partnerships between parents and schools result in strong outcomes for students. That's why in 2014 we saw 15 out of the top 20 students educated at Territory Public Schools.

"COGSO will proudly continue to advocate for the best outcomes for our students" Mr Reid said.

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