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President's Report

G'day Small School Leaders,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are continuing to deliver high quality learning at your sites. We acknowledge your commitment and willingness to go above and beyond to ensure children's learning is optimum. Keep up the great work.

This financial year has been a busy one for the Smalls Schools Association. We want to continue to promote public education and the high achievements that are consistently coming from small schools. We are endeavouring to make sure our communication to members and non-members is frequent and consistent. We have a newsletter, communication tree and partnership forums to keep our communication levels high. We are here for you and we want to hear what your needs are. Thank you to those who have completed our short survey that was aimed at hearing your needs and helping us set our priorities for 2018/19. If you have a spare 5 minutes, we would really appreciate your feedback. We are also looking for small schools to share good news stories from your sites. Photos and explanations of what was achieved, would be great to promote your excellent work and student achievement. We will put these in our newsletter and on our website for all to see. Don't hesitate to send stuff through to myself or any other executive member.

This year SSASA has represented at the SAPPA conference and HR with People and Culture. We have met with Rick Persse and discussed the future of small schools. He was very supportive of the work we do and wants us to stay open. Thanks for your support Rick. We are continuing to ensure we are part of forums around change and new directions set by the Department for Education. We will make sure our voices are heard and we are part of new strategic directions set by the department.

This year's conference was again very successful. We had 24 attendees who found David Copley's presentation insightful into creativity and innovation. The visit to Upper Sturt Bush School was also a real treat as they are running a very different school to most. But what a cool school! It is also awesome to hear that they are continuing to have people inquire about enrolments. Shame they are at capacity. It was great to meet with other leaders and have a beautiful meal at the Lake Resort. It is a fantastic location, which I thoroughly recommend for conferences or a place to stay. We know next year will be another great conference and we hope and look forward to seeing you there next year.

I would like to thank all the members for their ongoing support. I would also like to thank the executive for all the great work and commitment to small schools. Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Regards,

Wade Branford
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