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Australian Government Primary Principals Campaign For Public Education

The Australian Government Primary Principals Association (AGPPA) is promoting the research paper titled *Building Our Nation Through Public Education* in every Australian capital city.

This paper is highly significant – especially in the light of the federal government's budget.

The research paper, written by Emeritus Professor Alan Reid from the University of South Australia, describes:

- Australia's inequitable schooling system and explains how this has happened
- The consequences of having inadequate resources for children in need, the majority of whom are in public schools
- The need for Australia to support, nurture and strengthen our public schools and to celebrate the contribution they make for the common good.

5,300 public primary school leaders, across all states and territories, strongly support the research paper. They believe a thriving public education system is essential to the strengthening of the fabric of Australian society and the promotion of economic prosperity.

AGPPA President, Gabrielle Leigh, said this view is reflected amongst the wider Australian community who understand that a needs-based funding approach is a smart way to strengthen our nation.

At the AGPPA National Council meeting held in February in Canberra, it was decided to promote this important research across Australia. The Tasmanian event will be held at the Professional Learning Institute, Timsbury Road, Glenorchy, on May 4th from noon to 1pm.

For more information about AGPPA, visit the AGPPA website: <http://www.agppa.asn.au>

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