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## Early years teacher recognised for inspiration in learning

GEEVESTON kindergarten teacher Anna Jones has been recognised for her ongoing commitment to early childhood learning.

She was presented with a highly commended award for her achievements at the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Achievement Awards held in Launceston recently.

The biannual awards highlight Tasmanian teaching professionals who are making an exceptional contribution to children during the crucial years of learning and personal development.

Ms Jones, a kindergarten teacher at Geeveston, was congratulated by Minister for Children Lin Thorp MLC for her role as an “inspirational early childhood educator and mentor.”

“Too often quiet achievers go largely unrecognised but the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation is making sure that doesn’t happen in the early years sector,” Ms Thorp said.

“The awards provide an opportunity to encourage and inspire our community to help build a healthy, happy and positive future for Tasmanian children and their families.”

In 2008 Ms Thorp was named a delegate on a Tasmania Early Years Foundation sponsored study tour to Adelaide, which focused on different models of children’s centres.

Her work has culminated in the creation of the Swiftsure Regatta with the support of Franklin’s Living Boat Trust.

The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Achievement Awards continue to celebrate and promote the dedication and achievement of early years professionals across Tasmania.

Ms Thorp also congratulated the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation for the launch of its recent campaign, Tasmania’s Biggest Job – raising our children needs a helping hand.

“The award recipients receive prize money for investment in professional development or projects to benefit their own communities and this will ensure we can build on the fantastic work already being undertaken across the State,” she said.



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