



**The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP**  
Minister for Education

Ms Alison Tiplady  
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Dear Ms Tiplady

It gives me great pleasure to recognise the tremendous achievement of Awaba Public School operating continuously for 125 years.

Awaba Public School is held in high esteem by its community and this is reflected in its active Parents and Citizens' Association. The outstanding achievements of the school's environmental education programs have been recognised by awards from Lake Macquarie City Council in 2014 and 2015.

I congratulate the school on initiating the Big Day Out, an innovative program, which includes visiting cultural and community locations to enable students to transfer experiences into rich writing activities. Awaba Public School also has broad involvement in the Premier's Spelling Bee and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

While I am unable to attend the anniversary celebrations on Sunday 1 May 2016, I am delighted that Mr Greg Piper MP, Member for Lake Macquarie, will be representing me at this celebration.

Best wishes to you all for a great day.

Yours sincerely

**Adrian Piccoli MP**  
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