

2009 World Teachers' Day Celebration & Awards Dinner
The Hills/Parramatta Region of the Australian College of Educators
Monday 26 October 2009



(l to r) **Prof John Richards** (CEO, ACE), **Ms Dannielle Miller** (CEO, Enlighten Education),
Dr Timothy Hawkes (Headmaster, The Kings School) & **Dr Philip Brown** (President,
The Hills/Parramatta Region, ACE)

Over 130 educators from The Hills and Parramatta regions of Sydney attended the 2009 World Teachers' Day Celebration & Awards Dinner. This annual event is sponsored by The Hills/Parramatta Region of the Australian College of Educators and was held at Pennant Hills Golf Club (Beecroft). The theme of the evening was ***Making Learning Relevant to Generation Z***.

The theme was introduced by **Dr Philip Brown** (President, The Hills/Parramatta region of the Australian College of Educators) with a brief profile of Generation Z. Gen Zers are typically the children of Gen Xers and born since 1995. Terminology such as *terrorism* and *climate change* has always been a part of their lives. Gen Z is the youngest generation being parented by older parents – having been born in a smaller family where the average age of their mother when they were born was 33. Their lives are shaped by technology and social networks such as mobile phones, computer games, MySpace and Facebook. They have never known life without the Internet. They are being equipped with leadership skills at an earlier age. They are developing social skills at an earlier age. One social researcher describes Gen Z as the up-ageing generation – a generation expected to be more educated, more socially aware, more technology savvy and generally more adult in many ways.

An entertaining presentation then followed from **Dr Timothy Hawkes** (Headmaster, The Kings School) who provided a 'boy land' perspective to the theme. Tim was then followed by **Ms Dannielle Miller** (CEO, Enlighten Education) who provided a passionate and informative 'girl land' perspective to the theme.



(l to r) **Dr Paul March** thanking **Dr Timothy Hawkes** for his presentation



(l to r) **Ms Dannielle Miller** being thanked for her presentation by **Dr Alan Rice**

Eleven educators from The Hills/Parramatta region were also recognised for their contribution to education within their school and more broadly within The Hills/Parramatta region. Each recipient was presented with their certificate of Recognition by **Professor John Richards** (CEO, The Australian College of Educators). Each recipient's citation was read by **Dr John DeCourcy** (NSW Branch President, The Australian College of Educators). Those recognised included: **Ms Mary Anne Allen**, Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood; **Ms Niryupa Badve**, Holroyd High School; **Ms Kelly Carrick**, The Hills Grammar School, Dural; **Mr Scott Drennan**, St Andrews College, Marayong; **Ms Vera Figurka**, Holroyd High School; **Mr Stuart Garth**, Redeemer Baptist School, North Parramatta; **Mr Geoff Gates**, The Hills Grammar School, Dural; **Ms Sharon Jarvis**, The Hills Grammar School, Dural; **Ms Heather MacMillan**, Redeemer Baptist School, North Parramatta; **Ms Lindy Nutt**, Redeemer Baptist School, North Parramatta; and **Ms Toni Tomlin**, Rouse Hill Anglican College, Rouse Hill

Recipients of 2009 World Teachers' Day Certificates of Recognition with Professor John Richards



Mary Anne Allen
Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood



Nirupa Badve
Holroyd High School



Scott Drennan (In absentia)
St Andrews College, Marayong



Vera Figurka
Holroyd High School



Stuart Garth (In absentia)
Redeemer Baptist School



Geoff Gates
The Hills Grammar School



Sharon Jarvis
The Hills Grammar School



Heather MacMillan
Redeemer Baptist School



Lindy Nutt
Redeemer Baptist School



Toni Tomlin
Rouse Hill Anglican College



Kelly Carrick
The Hills Grammar School



Attendees from Holroyd High School



Attendees from The Hills Grammar School



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Attendees from The Hills Grammar School



Attendees from Redeemer Baptist School



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(l to r) **Ms Dannielle Miller** with **Dr Paul Brock** (ACE Life Member) and **Dr Timothy Hawkes**