



A message from the

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Dear volunteers,

You are usually busy putting other people's needs first, but this week it's your turn. Today marks the start of National Volunteer Week when we recognise and celebrate your contribution to our community - especially to South Australian kids.

South Australians can be proud of our record of volunteering. Despite our busy lives, almost 37 per cent of us still find the time to volunteer in our communities - the second highest rate across the country.

This figure includes thousands of parents, grandparents and others who give their time in our children's centres, preschools, schools and care and protection services. Thank you for all the roles you take on, including coaching kids' sport, serving on governing councils, listening to reading, helping out in tuck shops or on camps or excursions, teaching languages in our ethnic schools and helping kids in care with their homework, providing transport so they can visit family members or supporting older kids to learn vital life skills.

You make kids' lives better in so many ways. You support them to develop a love of reading and to know their heritage and culture, you introduce them to the fun of sports and the value of teamwork and you help to establish safe and settled environments for kids in care. And just by being there and sharing your valuable time with kids, you show them they - and their future - are important.

To all of you, I want to say thank you for giving so much to our communities. This week, the spotlight is on you - enjoy your well-deserved celebration.

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