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Canning Vale teacher receives online thank you for World Teachers' Day

A Canning Vale Primary School student was one of the first in WA to post an online 'thank you' message to her teacher as part of World Teachers' Day celebrations on 30 October 2009.

"I think you are really nice," Year 5 student Rhianna wrote to her teacher Felicity Meadwell.

"I like doing technology with you because you make it fun. I enjoyed making gameboards and playing with them to learn about mining."

This is one of many messages being left by students, parents and community members who want to celebrate the work of teachers who have made a difference to their lives.

The Department of Education has set up an online blog so people can post messages for public school teachers.

Deputy Director General Schools, Margery Evans, said World Teachers' Day was the perfect occasion to say thank you to an outstanding teacher.

"Many students and parents want to show their appreciation to teachers, and the blog is a convenient, simple way to do this," Ms Evans said.

"Teachers play a central role in nurturing and guiding children and young people through the lifelong learning process.

"Not only do they educate our children, they support them in their everyday lives."

Former students and members of the community can also post messages to their teachers.

"Many of us can look back and recognise how a favourite teacher helped shape who we are today," said Ms Evans.

"Some people do not realise until several years later how much support they received from their teachers and how they made a positive contribution in their lives.

"I would also encourage those people to post an online message."

To post a message visit det.wa.edu.au/teachingwa or Google Teaching WA.

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Note: A photo opportunity is available at Canning Vale Primary School with Mrs Meadwell and her student Rhianna.

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