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Dear Colleague

SchoolAid's Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal

The Australian Primary Principals Association joins with the rest of the world in expressing our horror at the recent Haiti Earthquake Disaster.

Upon your return to school in the next couple of weeks, I am sure you and your colleagues will be fielding questions from students who have been exposed to tragic images and stories of loss. With the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince being destroyed, it is estimated that 3.5 million people are affected, with the death toll already estimated to exceed 100,000. Many Australian students will feel helpless at the scale of this disaster and will be motivated to act.

APPA is urging you to get behind the SchoolAid Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal. Your students will want to take action and help other children who have been affected by this catastrophe.

There are two ways your school can support the appeal.

Firstly, you could hold a variety of fundraising events (ie no uniform day, etc) and / or your students could write Messages of Hope to the children in Haiti impacted by this catastrophic earthquake. Their thoughts and wishes will mean so much to them in this time of incredible loss and suffering.

Please visit the SchoolAid website www.schoolaid.org.au and register to find out more about how you can take action and get involved in this appeal.

Wouldn't it say something if every Australian primary school registered?
Come on, we can do this.

Kind regards



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President