

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

22 October 2020

LEANNE PRIOR

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

Leanne Prior has been a School Learning Support Officer, commonly referred to in schools as an SLSO, for many years.

The role of an SLSO is to work with students with disability and additional learning and support needs.

When Leanne commenced work at Glendale East Public School four and a half years ago, so did Kindergarten student Sarah. Leanne and Sarah have been working together ever since.

To Sarah and her family, Leanne is more than a SLSO. She greets Sarah at the gate of a morning and does a hand over to get their day started. She has a great understanding of Sarah's needs and is very proactive in her role.

Recently, former Glendale East Public School Principal, Nathan Forbes, presented Leanne with a NSW Department of Education Regional North Excellence Award on behalf of Executive Director, Tim McCallum.

Nathan nominated Leanne for her dedication in supporting students with disabilities and for always going above and beyond in all that she does.

Congratulations Leanne for the recognition of the great work that you have done and continue to do.