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Dear Raghuram

Welcome to the first edition of Gaining Ground for 2023. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the IEU.

Support staff have been at the forefront of industrial action in the Catholic sector, and it looks like the fight is nearly over. Find out the latest news about your pay and conditions. It's important all support staff, no matter where they work, continue to make their voice heard by joining their union, the IEU.

Meet your Vice President Support Staff Kylie Booth-Martinez, who represents you at IEU Executive and Council meetings. As an Aboriginal Education Worker, Kylie will benefit from the new classification negotiated by the union, which will see better rates of pay and conditions for this group.

Why not connect with your colleagues in other schools through the IEU's dedicated [support staff Facebook group](#)?

We encourage you to share this update with your colleagues and, if they're not members, invite them to [join the IEU](#).

Carol Matthews  
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## Latest news from your union



### Long wait nearly over

Negotiations reaching a conclusion in Catholic Systemic schools dispute.

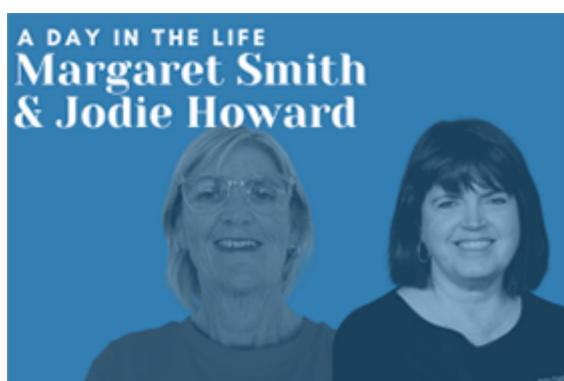
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### New classification for AEWs

Aboriginal Education Workers (AEWs) support learning, but also provide connection for students and families.

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### A day in the life

Snapshot on administrative staff in IE magazine.

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### Your voice at the IEU

Kylie Booth-Martinez is your new IEU Vice President Support Staff.

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