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Dear Principal,

Do you know someone in a wheelchair? Maybe someone within your family, within your circle of friends, someone who lives on your street or have you just seen someone in the supermarket trying hard to get the toothpaste off the shelf?

We cannot change their disability but we can make things easier. Assistance Dogs Australia is a non-profit organisation which trains and maintains dogs in community settings to assist people with their disabilities, to give them more confidence and to help them achieve a greater level of independence. We have placed over 130 dogs Australia wide, and we give away these super pups **free of charge**. Our recipients do not only get a fully trained dog but a partner and a friend for life.

***Do you want to help us to train more dogs to help even more people?
In October 2011 we need your support!***

As a School, Assistance Dogs Australia would like to invite you to host your own “DOGTOBER” event at your school. You can invite friends, family and colleagues (with or without dogs) to join you and ask them to donate for your school’s puppy-sponsoring. Here are some ideas on what your school could do for “DOGTOBER”:

- Dog Tale. Run a creative writing contest at your school, set up a doggy theme and charge an entry fee to raise funds.
- Pup-cake Bake and sale.
- Create your own puppy competition- paper-mache, play dough- make it a fun and interactive competition or activity.
- Hot Dog Day. Hold a hot dog or sausage sizzle at your school.

These are just some examples but you can come up with you own ideas if you like and just let us know about it.

“DOGTOBER” is a nationally run fundraising and awareness event. All raised funds will go directly to Assistance Dogs Australia and will be used to train our dogs to help people with a disability. A small amount of money can already make a big difference. With as little as \$100 you can support a puppy in training for a month where as \$1400 will purchase a whole new puppy. Every dollar raised makes a difference!

So help Assistance Dogs by hosting a DOGTOBER event at your school and lets work together to make “DOGTOBER” a very special time for everyone.

With best wishes,
Assistance Dogs Australia