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## Parent patrol

## Mums and dads go wild

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gate bullying mums and cerns to the police. dads who attack school principals and teachers.

leaders across the country should be the priority. found they were regularly threatened with violence.

Herald Sun ahead of the re- said. port's release.

should create its own inde- incidence of physical violparents and students about ity of the threats coming they want. offensive behaviour in from aggressive parents. schools. He said it should

should be set up to investi- the ability to forward con- in schools, in which parents

include more training for forming when tested. The controversial pro- principals on the emotional

"This recommendation is threatened by parents. the most urgent: the need to Key findings from the look for the causes, and restudy, by Monash University duce the levels, of adult-to- have the right to behave in an researcher Philip Riley, were adult bullying, threats and unsatisfactory manner that obtained by the Sunday actual violence," the report can turn to verbal or physical

Dr Riley said most school Dr Riley said each state principals face six times the

He blamed NAPLAN tests

A "PARENT police" team have full legal powers and and a "surveillance culture" were increasingly anxious Other recommendations when schools were not per-

Victorian Association of posal comes after a three- aspects of teaching and more Secondary Schools Princiyear study on the health and mental health support. But pals president Frank Sal has wellbeing of 2000 school Dr Riley said the taskforce called for government support for teachers who are

> "There is a small percentage of parents who feel they assaults," Mr Sal said.

"Schools and principals go out of their way to work with parents, but parents pendent taskforce with the ence than those in other can't always expect that power to interview teachers, professions, with the major- they will get exactly what