

December 2017

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Gwen Jarick**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1984-1987 and 1994-2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Gwen Jarick to Lutheran education for 28 years.

Gwen commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1984 when she was appointed to the staff at St John's Lutheran Primary School, Jindera NSW. In 1994 she moved to Victoria to take up an appointment at Nhill Lutheran School, before joining the staff at Victory Primary School (now known as Victory Lutheran College), Wodonga Vic in 1995. She served continuously at Victory until her retirement in 2017.

Gwen taught in a variety of roles, mainly in the Prep-year 1 area. In 2001 she trained as an Early Years Numeracy Coordinator and in 2015 she reduced her teaching load, taking on various teaching roles relieving staff with positions of responsibility. During 2017, Gwen took up her 'dream job' teaching Art for the Foundation to Year 2 levels.

Gwen will be remembered for her strong faith and willingness to share this with students as well as her staff colleagues. The sound of singing coming from her classroom during devotional times was always enthusiastic and appreciated by all who heard it. Gwen showed love for all the children in her care, especially those who were more challenging and needed special assurance that they were loved and valued.

Gwen will be remembered for her 'memory books' which all children took great pride in sharing. Her colleagues, particularly the beginning teachers, greatly appreciated her support and willingness to share resources.

Gwen's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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