

December 2017

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Sue Trethowan**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1988 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Sue Trethowan to Lutheran education for almost 20 years.

Sue commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1988 when she was appointed as Year 5 teacher at the Lutheran Primary School, Wagga Wagga NSW. After three years Sue left Wagga when she married. She taught at schools outside of the Lutheran system for a few years.

In 1994 Sue commenced working as a Year 2 teacher at St John's Lutheran Primary School, Jindera. This was to be a long rewarding association over many years. She left St John's at the end of 1995 and returned again in 1997 to cover a Year 2 class while the teacher was on long service leave for 2 terms, while doing a variety of other teaching roles in the school.

From 1998 to 2003 Sue took leave, returning in 2004 for long service leave relief for a Year 3 class and part-time throughout the school. Sue left again in 2005 returning again to St John's in 2008. From 2008 to 2014 she was one of the school's dynamic Kinder teachers who was much loved by her students and their parents.

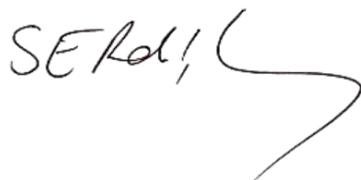
In 2015 it was decided that she would move up the ranks to upper primary and Year 5. 2016 saw her team teach Year 5/6 and in 2017 another Year 5/6 class. During her time at St John's Sue has held several leadership positions with excellence.

Sue's compassionate and caring attitude towards her students has been such an asset to every school she has taught in. Her ability to communicate her faith to others has assured parents, staff and students of the Christian nature of Lutheran education.

In the classroom, Sue purposefully developed a positive learning climate and established a strong rapport with both students and parents. Sue has a natural ability to put people at ease and treats all students fairly and with justice.

Sue will be remembered by her colleagues as a caring and supportive person. She was willing to take time to discuss any issues of concern and help wherever with staff when needed. Sue epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of our school community.

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



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