

December 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Inta Gertners

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1980 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Inta Gertners to Lutheran schools for 40 years.

Inta commenced her journey with Lutheran Education Australia in 1980 as a teacher at Grace Lutheran Primary School, Clontarf. Establishing herself quickly as a strong educator, she also held positions at Good News Lutheran School, Trinity Lutheran School and St Andrews Lutheran School. Whilst at Grace Primary, Inta was seconded for a year to AISQ to work as a Literacy Support Officer, where she was able to further share her passion for children's literacy development.

Since 1994, Inta has been a highly respected and valued member of the Good News Lutheran School staff, where she held the position of Extension and Gifted Education Coordinator and Educator for most of those years. Her wise counsel and professional opinion have been widely sought after by her colleagues and parents, particularly in the area of extending and growing students with high intellectual capabilities and giftedness.

Inta's sense of humour, her drive to challenge students, and her high levels of student advocacy and pastoral care are significant hallmarks of her teaching approach. Inta is much-loved and many students maintain connections with her as they journey through high school, university and their early careers.

Inta was instrumental in establishing the small group literacy and numeracy program at Good News, which continues today to be an important component of the academic results achieved by the school. She has also made notable contributions to wider school activities, such as musicals, thinking skills programs and special subject days.

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

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