

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Kerry Behn

**For service to Lutheran education
2001 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Kerry Behn to Lutheran education for 21 years.

Kerry commenced her service in Lutheran schools in July of 2001 when she was appointed as the Tuckshop Convenor at Good News Lutheran School. Her commitment to preparing and serving nutritious, high-quality meals to the students and staff has led to the tuckshop thriving, and her organisation and teamwork skills have enabled the establishment of a core group of volunteers that willingly assist her each week.

The Outside School Hours Care service also benefited from Kerry's kind heart and considered approach when supervising children and preparing meals for them after school and during vacation care. Her ability to connect with the children in both the school and OSHC settings made her very popular with the students, many of whom followed her example and volunteered their time in the Tuckshop at lunchtimes.

Kerry has always willingly and cheerfully supported all aspects of school life, including assisting with supervision and working with students during the lockdown periods of the Covid pandemic. She has also capably catered many school functions, such as staff dinners on Parent-Teacher Interview nights and Anniversary Celebration Dinners for the wider community, which were always greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

In addition to her work life, Kerry has continued to be a passionate and dedicated volunteer, including as a parent helper at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Para Vista, where her sons began their Lutheran schooling before commencing at Good News. She was also the Playgroup President and P&F Secretary for 5 years. Within the Good News community, Kerry has been a regular helper at book fairs and fetes, and has remained a dedicated volunteer with the local Lions Club.

During Kerry's 21 years of service, she has been supported faithfully by her husband, Ray, and her two sons, Matt and Sam. Kerry is congratulated and thanked for her service to Lutheran Education and the Good News Lutheran School community and is wished every blessing as she commences the next chapter that God has planned for her.

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

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