

March-June 2023

#### LEA SERVICE AWARD

*Eureka Coetzee*

For service to Lutheran education  
2003 – 2023

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Eureka Coetzee to Lutheran education for 20 years.

Eureka commenced her service in Lutheran Education on 31 March 2003 when she arrived in Bileola ~~to be the as the~~ Year 3 teacher at Redeemer Lutheran Primary School. ~~under the then Principal, Mr Kerry Hutton. It wasn't long before her.~~ Eureka's organisational skills were recognised, and she ~~was given the~~ moved into the role of Sports Co-ordinator in July 2003.

During 2003, Redeemer Lutheran Primary School built the Preparatory classroom in preparation for 2004 for the first intake of Prep Students. Eureka was asked to assist in decision making with the design of this classroom and in 2004 Eureka was given the role of inaugural Preparatory Teacher and remained there until 2007. ~~Eureka's colourful dress code and vibrant personality made her a much-loved teacher with the students and their parents.~~

~~When Jenni Krenske was named Principal in 2005 she moved Eureka from a teaching role to a support role beginning in 2006 when she was made an assistant to the Principal. As the school grew, Eureka worked her way through a number of different support roles including Senior Administrator, ICT Support, Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator.~~

~~In 2006, Eureka took on the role of assistant to the Principal. Eureka's other roles at Bileola included Senior Administrator, ICT Support, Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing Coordinator.~~

~~Eureka, originally from Namibia, was a firm believer in community and was an active participant in many different clubs and groups. She was often asked to be the Master of Ceremony or host to many social events and fundraisers where Eureka would often arrive dressed as her alter ego, not unlike the late Dame Edna Everage.~~

~~In 2014 Redeemer introduced the Middle school with Years 7 and 8 being its inaugural classes, with the intention to grow to year 10. As Eureka had a High School background in the Arts, she was asked to teach Art for one semester in 2014 during the Colleges first year of High School. During this time, she also took on the responsibility of Magazine Editor.~~

~~At the end of 2018, Eureka and Nols moved to Kingaroy to take up a teaching position at where Eureka taught at St John's Lutheran School. Her role was in Kingaroy for two years as the as full-time secondary teacher of Christian Studies and The Arts.~~

~~During this time, Redeemer Lutheran College Bileola continued to grow from a 1-7 primary school into a P-12 College with more than 280 students. When Nols decided to buy a property in Warwick and move there at the end of 2020, Eureka was successful in her application as Principal at Redeemer Lutheran College Bileola. She remained there until the distance between her and Nols in Warwick became too far to travel on a regular basis so Eureka tendered her resignation effective 30 June 2023. Eureka returned to Bileola in 2018 to take on the position of~~

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Principal of Redeemer Lutheran College which had grown into a P-12 College with over 280 students. Eureka will be remembered by staff, students, and the community as a 'larger than life' personality whose goal in life was her faith, and the care and nurturing of the children and students in her care

**Commented [SM1]:** More info about her role as Principal needed?

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

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