

December 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Dynice Ellendon
**For services to Lutheran schooling
1996 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Dynice Ellendon to Lutheran education for 26 years.

Dynice commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1996 when she was appointed as year 2/3 teacher at St John's Lutheran Primary School, Gilgandra New South Wales. During her service as a teacher at St Johns she also used her musical giftings to oversee and direct the school's annual musical production. After two years Dynice moved to Loxton Lutheran School as year 1 teacher and musical specialist. Dynice faithfully served Loxton Lutheran school for the next 7 years alongside her husband Rory who was the principal. While at Loxton Dynice once again volunteered her musical talents to be the musical director for the school's annual production.

In 2006 Dynice moved to Lyndoch in the beautiful Barossa Valley as a year 3 teacher at Lyndoch Lutheran School. In 2007 Dynice took up a position at Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa as a year 1 teacher and went on to serve as a junior and middle primary teacher at Redeemer for the next 15 years.

In the classroom, Dynice purposefully developed a positive learning climate and established a strong rapport with her students. Her interpersonal skills with students, colleagues, parents and the wider community was apparent every day. Her natural ability to treat students fairly and with justice is to be admired. When working with students and communicating with parents, Dynice is honest, responsible and empathetic. She has built an outstanding reputation over her career for being an incredibly kind and caring teacher, who has a heart for that student in the school who needs that little bit of extra love and support.

Dynice will be remembered by her colleagues for her caring support of others, and for her fun loving and gentle nature. Dynice has always been a much-loved staff member who willingly went above and beyond to support, and help her colleagues where necessary. Dynice epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of all of those within her school communities.

Dynice'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 recognised through this Award.

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