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## LEA SERVICE AWARD

## Bronwyn Holliday

## For services to Lutheran schooling 1981 – 2020

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Bronwyn Holliday to Lutheran education spanning a period of 37 years.

Bronwyn commenced her service in Lutheran Schools in 1981 where she served as a teacher at Hermannsburg, central Australia. Perhaps this is when she began her journey as a lover of natural beauty that has connected her to the favour of God over her life. This gift has blessed the communities in which Bronwyn has served and strengthened personal relationships.

Bronwyn moved to Lobethal Lutheran Primary School in 1984 and then on to Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler in 1986. With a heart for people she served these communities as a passionate educator. She began her journey at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in 1990 as the Librarian. As school enrolments increased, Bronwyn wore many hats as she served faithfully: developer of curriculum, Deputy Principal, Director of Wellbeing, and most recently, Director Junior Primary. Bronwyn's honesty and empathy, coupled with the ability to think analytically and strategically, has seen Good Shepherd develop into an innovative and future focused educational institution.

Through growth and change, Bronwyn has been flexible and positive in her attitude and always worked in the best interests of the Good Shepherd community. As a humble follower of Jesus, she has walked alongside many staff, families and students. Bronwyn's resolute faith anchors her through every storm. She speaks wise words of gratitude and her words are worth listening to as there is always a 'gem of truth' to hold on to.

Bronwyn's ability to communicate ensured parents, staff and students all clearly understood the purpose and ethos of Lutheran education. Her unassuming leadership has seen her advocate for staff, mentoring many along their journey. It has been said 'I can't imagine Bronwyn not teaching. She has been a mentor to me for many years.'

Bronwyn has always desired the best for all children. She has embraced a strengths-based approach towards children and walked alongside staff and parents to support their growth and learning. Her precision in spelling and grammar and her absolute passion for literature and the teaching of literacy will be a legacy long remembered.

Bronwyn has actively involved herself in the work of the wider education system, being involved in teams and working parties at both local and district levels. Bronwyn worshiped regularly at Good Shepherd, contributing to both the school and church community through music, prayer, mentoring and volunteering.

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

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