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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Margot Shaw

**For service to Lutheran education
1998 – 2023**

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

Margot has left an indelible mark on the hearts of countless children during her tenure as a kindergarten teacher at St Paul's Luther Kindergarten, Grovedale, three-year-old programs since 2001. Infused with Christian values, her everyday practice has not only educated but also nurtured young minds. By prioritising the voices of both children and their families, Margot has cultivated profound and meaningful relationships throughout our community.

Adapting meaningfully to the extensive changes in the sector since the inception of her career, Margot stands as a dedicated staff member who has significantly contributed to the kindergarten's success. Her regular reports to the Committee of Management serve as an inspiration and exemplify the pinnacle of achievement in pre-school education.

Margot has played a pivotal role in shaping the reputation of St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, notably through her warm and welcoming teaching style. Her grandmotherly approach provides comfort to children experiencing community life away from their parents or caregivers for the first time.

The blessing of Margot's service is evident in the profound appreciation held by the St Paul's community. Her genuine collegiality, thoughtful teaching, and deep love for the young minds she has guided to school readiness are commendable.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Margot for nurturing both the hearts and minds of the children and for inspiring her colleagues with wisdom and gentleness. As Margot embarks on a well-deserved retirement, she leaves behind a wonderful legacy at St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, a testament to her enduring impact on the institution and the lives she has touched.

Margot'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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