

December 2023

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Elaine Baldock

**For service to Lutheran education
2001 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Elaine Baldock to Lutheran education for 23 years.

Elaine's journey with the Golden Grove Lutheran School Community began when her eldest child enrolled. In the early years, Elaine showcased her strong sense of service by voluntarily participating in the parent cleaning committee. She went above and beyond by taking on extra cleaning tasks when others couldn't fulfill their duties.

In January 2001, Elaine joined Golden Groven Lutheran School as School Secretary and Receptionist, faithfully carrying out her responsibilities until her well-deserved retirement. In addition to her administrative duties, Elaine played a pivotal role in managing the school's enrolments, documenting its rich history, and contributing to the organisation of numerous significant commemorative events.

Throughout her extensive involvement with the school, Elaine consistently demonstrated a deep passion for its mission, always maintaining a calm and friendly demeanour. Her unwavering faith and sense of service propelled her to exceed the expectations of her role.

Beyond her contributions to the school, Elaine has been a cherished member of the Golden Grove Lutheran Congregation for several decades. While her presence will be missed within the school community, Elaine remains an active participant in the congregation, continuing to enrich our community through her dedicated involvement.

Elaine'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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