

December 2023

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Katherine Stock*

**For service to Lutheran education  
1982 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Katherine Stock to Lutheran education for 29 years.

Kathy embarked on her journey in Lutheran education in 1982 as a teacher at Bethany Preschool and Kindergarten, Woongoolba. After four years, she transitioned to Good News Lutheran Primary School, Middle Park. Taking a break to start her family, Kathy later resumed her career at Faith Lutheran College, Redlands, St Mark's Lutheran School, Mt Barker, and Redeemer Lutheran School, Rochedale, where she assumed the role of Head of Middle Years. Relocating to the Redcliffe Peninsula in 2014, Kathy served diligently for 10 years as the Deputy Principal at Grace Lutheran Primary School.

Kathy's genuine heart for people has made her beloved in all her schools by staff, parents, and students. Her effective communication ensured that the Christian nature of Lutheran education was clearly understood by parents, staff, and students alike. Kathy's personal commitment to her Christian faith, reflected in her decision-making and daily interactions, has served as a shining example to many.

Throughout her service, Kathy actively contributed to Lutheran education by serving on Grace Lutheran Primary school council, both as a consultant and as a member, and on Grace Lutheran College school council. Her willingness to serve her church and schools in Christian witness has been a consistent feature of her work.

In the classroom, Kathy purposefully cultivated a positive learning environment and established a strong rapport with her students. Her interpersonal skills with students, parents, and the wider community were evident daily. Kathy's natural ability to treat students fairly and justly is admirable, and her honest, responsible, and empathetic approach when working with students and communicating with parents has left a lasting impact.

Colleagues will fondly remember Kathy for her caring support and willingness to address any concerns whenever needed. She exemplifies true servant leadership, demonstrating genuine interest and concern for the welfare of her staff.

Kathy's outstanding and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her extensive contributions to Lutheran education, is humbly recognised through this well-deserved award.

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