

December 2023

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Margie Whitbread*

**For service to Lutheran education  
1981 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Margie Whitbread to Lutheran education for 42 years.

Margie embarked on her Lutheran Education journey in 1981 at Lobethal Lutheran School. She continued her teaching career at St Paul's Lutheran School in Blair Athol before joining Immanuel Primary School in 1998, where she dedicated herself until her retirement.

At Immanuel Primary, Margie initially taught Year 7 and later transitioned to Year 6 in 2001. In 2006, she assumed the role of Assistant Principal Administration, efficiently overseeing various operational aspects of the school, including risk management, compliance, and timetabling.

Margie's expertise extended to developing key publications, such as the school's Yearbook, Staff and Parent Handbooks, and overseeing Newsletter production. Additionally, she played a pivotal role in organizing significant school events, managing the Parents and Friends Committee, and coordinating year-level excursions and camps. Her meticulous attention to detail, deep understanding of the school and Lutheran education, and unwavering commitment to fostering a safe and nurturing school community have been invaluable.

Throughout the ongoing cycle of improvement and change at Immanuel Primary, Margie has maintained a flexible and positive attitude, always working in the best interests of the community. As a generous and caring colleague, and a friend to many in the Immanuel community, Margie's exemplary Christian service, steadfast support to the senior leadership team and staff, and exceptional administrative skills have left a lasting impact. Margie's Christian faith, love for the students, and contributions to the school community will be dearly missed.

Margie'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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