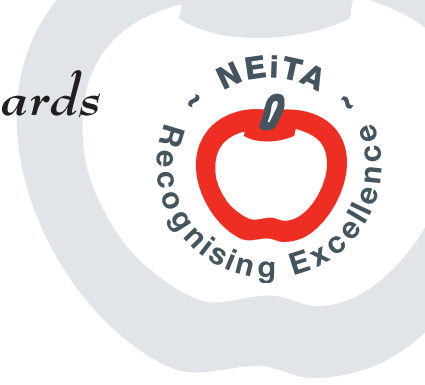


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Jocelyn Farr

Teaching Certificate

St Joseph's Primary School, Manildra, New South Wales

Nominated by: Parents' and Friends' Association

Position: Principal, Religious Education Coordinator • Category: Primary • Level taught: Years 4, 5 and 6 • Years teaching: 47 years • Years at this school/centre: 39 years • School type: Catholic • Town/Suburb: Manildra • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2865

Why teaching?

From a young age, I loved to be around children and always knew that teaching would become my chosen vocation. Though entering the principalship almost thirty years ago, I have always maintained and requested a large teaching component of my role.

My enthusiasm remains through my natural love of teaching, but also every child I have had the pleasure of teaching brings something new. The challenges of change, curriculum, technology keeps me learning - even for old folk like me!

Celebrating a lifetime of teaching dedication

St Joseph's School is a small Diocesan Catholic Primary school situated in a rural community in the central west of New South Wales. The school currently has 49 students in three composite classes. Jocelyn Farr has a lifelong association with St Joseph's, first as a student, then as a class teacher, and she has now enjoyed nearly three decades as the school's principal.

Jocelyn is a strong, innovative and democratic school leader. She is highly dedicated to her core task of delivering sound educational outcomes for her students. She supports and encourages her staff to undertake professional development and continue their own learning journeys.

Within this small school setting, Jocelyn can get to know each student personally. She recognises each student's strengths and abilities and incorporates them into personally tailored learning programs. Jocelyn creates a quality learning environment at St Joseph's with the school now boasting a modern assembly hall, individual student computers, a resource centre and a water harvesting and irrigation program. Her holistic approach to the running of the school is visionary and progressive.

Jocelyn personally takes her year 6 students to an annual leadership workshop in Sydney, and students also attend the Ridgecrest Christian Living Camp.

With nearly five decades of teaching experience, Jocelyn readily shares her knowledge with other educators. She is regularly invited to sit on regional committees and boards and share her expertise in decision-making. In 2000, Jocelyn was invited to represent all 32 Diocesan schools in her region as spokesperson during the Diocesan Millennium Celebrations.

In addition to her duties as principal, Jocelyn teaches years 5 and 6, coordinates Performing Arts programs, and accompanies the school choir on the organ. She is an inspiring teacher who is a role model for both her students and her fellow educators.

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