

Celebrating 60 years of Faith, service and sisterhood

# Congratulations

SIX decades ago, four young women answered the call to religious life, embarking on journeys into classrooms, parishes, hospitals and rural towns throughout the archdiocese. At St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, we feel very privileged to have a special connection to one of these four women. Sister Colleen Howe has been an integral part of the development of our school, parish and community from the beginning. She continues to provide and assist our community as a whole. You will quite often see her selling raffle tickets for the School Fete, servicing our community during times of hardship and supporting families in times of sadness and joy. Her involvement in the St Thomas Aquinas Parish is truly a blessing — a constant source of faith, strength, and compassion. Sister Colleen's dedication, kindness, and service have touched the lives of generations, and we are deeply grateful for the love and commitment she continues to share with our school and wider community.

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(L-R) Sisters Colleen Howe, Ann Steenbergen, Bernadette Mary Walsh, and Marie Carson

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Marie said her years teaching

When asked, all women speak of one constant: their bond.

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*Community is of the essence. Each of us has a part to play, and like a mosaic, the whole is no complete without the pieces.*

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Check out the article in the current issue of the Catholic Voice

*“There might be sad things, but there is so much good. Be the best person you can be, enjoy life, and don't forget your sense of humour. And don't worry. God is at His best in chaos”*

Sr Colleen Howe

*Thank you Sr Colleen for your dedication to our school and wider community*