

Congratulations to Trish Jackson on being presented with this well deserved award from the Diocese for her services as Pastoral Worker at St Patrick's School, Wallsend over the last eleven years. The Mass of Service at Hamilton on Tuesday evening 10th February, was a very happy occasion attended by many of the teachers throughout the Diocese. As you can see from the following citation, Trish has contributed in so many ways to the well being of the school community and is much appreciated. We are really proud of you, Trish and it was a joy to be present at the award which you received with typical self deprecation. Keep up the good work!

Sr. Patricia Jackson



Monsignor Frank Coolahan Awards School Support

The first winner of Monsignor Coolahan Awards for School Support has worked in her current school for the past eleven years in the role of Pastoral Support. She has a deep respect for all associated with the school and parish community and has contributed greatly to the quality of relationships that exist within the community.



This is evidenced on a daily basis by staff, students and parents alike. She has an excellent rapport with parents in the school and many parents have sought her counsel in difficult times.

In particular she has provided great support to newly arrived Sudanese students in recent years. She provided families with much needed information and arranged clothing and household goods for their use. She has organised Centrelink, doctor, specialist and school appointments for various members of these families and on many occasions has provided transport.

She has a fantastic relationship with students and listens to their concerns with compassion and understanding. She has trained as a companion for the Seasons for Growth program. She is always approachable and has a wisdom that is hard to find in today's society.

Our first award winner for the School Support award is Sr Patricia Jackson, Pastoral Care Worker at St Patrick's Primary School Wallsend.