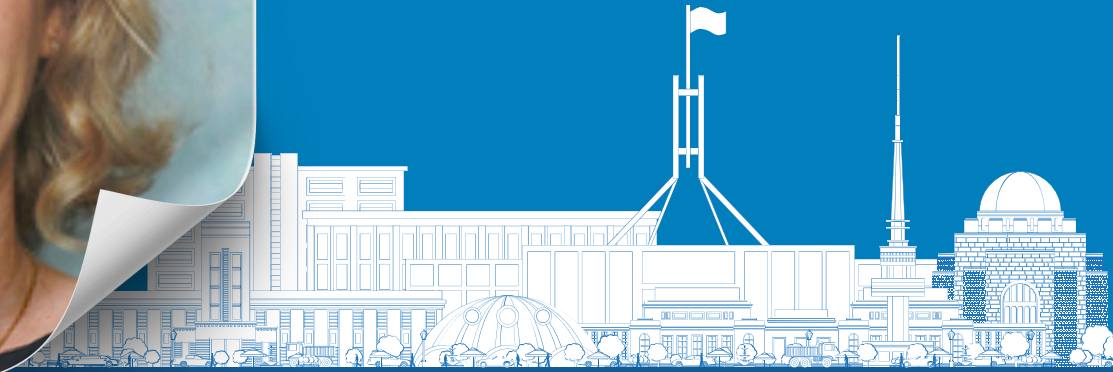




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Jen Kerrigan is a true teaching giant at Torrens Primary School, embodying dedication, expertise, and a passion for lifelong learning. As a highly skilled New Educator, Jen has quickly emerged as a leader in innovative teaching practices, particularly in the area of Word Inquiry.

Through close collaboration with Fiona Hamilton, a recognised expert in the field, Jen has honed her expertise and transformed her classroom into a model of excellence. Her deep knowledge and commitment have also made her a sought-after presenter, recently leading a presentation for Kindergarten teachers and sharing her insights at conferences.

Jen's ability to translate complex concepts into accessible teaching strategies is exceptional. In her Kindergarten classroom, she empowers students to apply their Word Inquiry skills to their writing, equipping them with robust strategies to decode and construct language.

Her students use tap spelling, co-constructed anchor charts, and gain an understanding of base words, prefixes, suffixes, morphology, and orthography.

As a result, even her youngest learners write whole narratives with confidence and skill. Jen's impact extends far beyond literacy. She fosters a deep love of learning in her students, ensuring they are well-prepared for future academic challenges. Her innovative approach lays a strong foundation for their educational journeys.

Jen Kerrigan's passion, expertise, and commitment to excellence make her an invaluable member of our school community, and her leadership in Word Inquiry is shaping the future of literacy education. She is undoubtedly a deserving recipient of a World Teachers' Day Award.

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