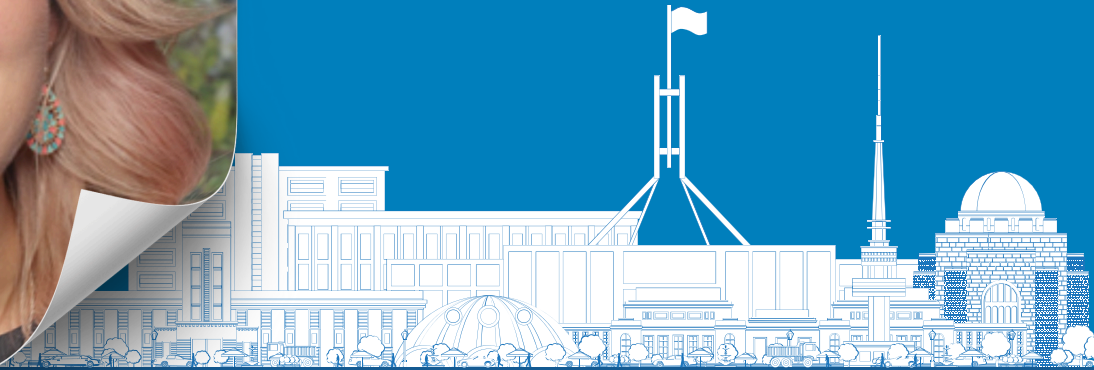




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Sim is an innovative and dynamic teacher who is student centred. She has led a wellbeing initiative this year, *The Resilience Project*. Within this program we identify and talk about GEM moments (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) which has been highly successful. However, the powerful secret is that Sim is 'our GEM'! Sim has been the driving force behind weekly gratitude journals, staff wellbeing initiatives and supporting new educators. She wraps around others and supports them to achieve personal success.

A memorable teaching moment this year has been watching her share her face painting talents with students, as a part of our feel-good Wednesday enrichment afternoons.

Sim has included students from our disability program who have learnt to manage sensory needs, learn gentle hands, and demonstrate resilience. These crafted sessions led to the class teacher from one of our disability education small group programs having her face painted by one of her students. The joy was palpable, and a student/teacher bond was cemented.

Sim uses her caring and kind disposition to support students to do things that they thought were impossible. She fosters a culture of community and ensures that all students and staff are supported to achieve.

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