

Mrs Simpson's Sizzling Spotlight



Teacher Aides

This week's Sizzling Spotlight is all about our wonderful **Teacher Aides**. Teacher Aides are employed to support students, of all ages, with their learning. On any given day, a teacher aide may be timetabled to provide additional support for individual students, work with small groups or assist the teacher with students in the classroom.

Our teacher aides have skills and knowledge to work across many different curriculum areas such as English, Mathematics, Science and HASS. Many also have the special skill sets including behaviour management, ICT and library skills as well as the skills needed to support students with a disability such as using assistive technology.

One of the strengths of our teacher aides is their ability to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Many students see teacher aides as someone they can trust, who will listen to them, who they can go to with a problem, and who will advocate for their needs.

At Mareeba SS, teacher aides support teachers and students across the range of services provided in our school such as:

- Supporting learners in the classroom to understand the curriculum
- Providing small group and 1-1 reading intervention and extension
- Coordinating welfare programs such as breaky club and emergency lunches
- Playground supervision and activities
- Speech support
- Intensive support for our students with complex needs
- Managing the library and reading resource room

