



MEET OUR TEAM - WITH MRS JANEEN MATTHEWS

At Whitsunday Anglican School we are proud of our exemplary teaching staff, and the innovative teaching skills and passionate energy they bring to their classrooms each and every day.

To recognise and promote our quality teaching team, we are introducing monthly 'meet our team' profiles on our social media accounts.

Mrs Janeen Matthews – Year 1



Mrs Matthews epitomises the word 'teacher'. Her gentle and calm presence is an asset in our Year 1 (1M) classroom and her vibrant and fun lessons makes learning a delight for her students. Mrs Matthews loves many aspects about teaching but one of them is the feeling of making a difference – getting to know each child, caring about them, seeing and responding to their learning goals and building a safe and respectful place for each of them in the classroom. The 'A-Ha' lightbulb moment is a highlight for Mrs Matthews, when the students in her class learn a new skill or concept for the first time and then watching them take off with excitement.



Her first year at Whitsunday Anglican School has been a brilliant one. Global Learning Day was a standout with the many cultures and countries celebrated through performance. Mrs Matthews said the atmosphere in the room was electric and she believed it is a testament to the community around Whitsunday Anglican School to see the families of the students get involved and help with practices, costumes and performances.

Mrs Matthews is proud to be a part of the WAS teaching team. 'Supportive', 'safe' and 'passionate' are the words Mrs Matthews uses to describe the School and one of her favourite features about the atmosphere at WAS is the House spirit between students and staff members. This will be on show at the upcoming swimming carnival, an exciting event in the School calendar and one she is looking forward to.

Mrs Matthews consistently goes the extra mile for our students; from fun activities such as glow in the dark painting on Outdoor Education Week to her recent maths lesson 'Smartie Graphs'; she brings joy and light to her classroom day in and day out.

Outside school, Mrs Matthews is a busy mum to three children, two dogs and a cat. Sharing love and positivity with others through baking and music are favourite pastimes. A bit of a thrill seeker – Janeen recently went skydiving with her husband and brother in Airlie Beach! In her words, she "absolutely loved it".

Thank you for being a part of our teaching team Mrs Matthews – we are honoured to have you at Whitsunday Anglican School.

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