FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to the 2014 school year at Mount Rogers Primary. To those of you who have enrolled your children for the first time, a very warm and special welcome, and to our ‘returning’ families it is lovely to have you back.

We have a number of new staff I would like to introduce to you.

This year we have three new kindergarten teachers. Ruth Everett comes to us from Aranda Primary. Ruth is a passionate early childhood educator with extensive experience in providing a personalised learning approach in a range of settings, including Southern Cross Early Childhood School. Ruth will be working three days a week sharing her class with Clare Talevich.

Jodi Stoneman and Casey Langler completed their four-year teaching degrees last year. Many of you will already know Jodi as she completed a practicum on one our year 1/2 classes last year, and spent the last few weeks of the school year at Melba Preschool getting to know the children. Jodi and Casey bring the added parent perspective to their teaching, both having primary school aged children.

Tracey Gallanty is teaching one of our Year 1/2 classes. Tracey comes to us from Monash Primary where she also taught Year 1/2. Tracey’s gentle caring and yet firm approach is already evident in her classroom.

Karen Jamieson has joined our preschool team as the teacher providing planning time and lunch breaks across our three preschool sites. We are delighted that Karen will be working at Spence Preschool each Wednesday. Karen has extensive preschool experience and comes to us from Maribyrnong Primary where she has been teacher in charge of the preschool for many years.

I am delighted to welcome back Nerida Knight as our School Counsellor. Nerida will be here two days a week this year, each Wednesday and Thursday. Nerida also works at Melba Copland Secondary School. If you have concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with Nerida please leave a message for her with our front office staff.

I have included a full list of school staff and classes with this newsletter for your information.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Included in this newsletter is information for those who may be interested in being a member of the Mount Rogers Primary School Board for 2014 – 2016, along with details of the nomination process. I encourage parents who are interested in joining our dynamic team to nominate.

CHANGE TO NEWSLETTER

This year our newsletter will be distributed fortnightly, on Wednesdays in odd weeks of the term. The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday, 19 February 2014. I encourage families to receive the newsletter by email to assist us in cutting paper consumption. A form was sent home on the first day of term for you to indicate whether you would like to receive the newsletter by email. To provide up to date information please return this along with the other forms sent home by Friday, 21 February.

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ASSEMBLIES
Assemblies will be held alternate Thursdays in the school hall from 2:00pm. The first assembly will be next week Thursday, 13 February. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend assemblies.

READ, READ, READ
Our Home Reading program will commence soon. Teachers are busy helping students to choose ‘best fit’ books before we send these home to share with families. In the meantime I encourage you to share a love of reading with your child each night.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
‘Getting to Know You Interviews’ are an integral part of our communication and reporting procedures. Teachers highly value the information they receive about children at these interviews. I encourage all of your to make a time to meet and share information about your child with their class teacher. These will be held in the week commencing Monday 17 February. The online booking system PTO will be used and will be available by Wednesday, 12 February.

KINDER PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE
Thank you to the amazing team of parents and families who came to the kinder playground working bees during the holidays. We are really keen to finish the playground ready for children to use. After school on Wednesday, 19 February there will be another working bee where we hope to finish spreading woodchip, dig holes for the shade-sail poles and make one more garden bed. Please come along and help if you are available. We will need spades, rakes and wheelbarrows on the day, so if you can, please bring these things with you.

STUDENT SAFETY
Parents and visitors are required to sign in when coming into our school. Adults are therefore to use the front doors when entering the school. The exception to this is for our parents of kinder students, who are coming into the room for the first few minutes of the day to settle their child. Kinder parents are asked to enter the school via their child’s classroom door but not before the bell goes at the beginning of the school day.

This year at Mount Rogers we are focussing on ‘Work Hard, Get Smart’ and each child ‘thinking about their own thinking’. As I visit classes I already see settled students working hard and forming productive learning relationships with their teachers and peer. We are looking forward to another year of exciting learning opportunities, where as a community we support each other in a happy, safe and fun environment.

Looking forward to a wonderful year at Mount Rogers.

Until next time,

Sue

MOUNT ROGERS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

We want YOU for the Mount Rogers Primary School Board!

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Mount Rogers Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Mount Rogers School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:
1. 1 Staff member position
   (period of appointment 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2016)
2. 1 Parent and Citizen member position
   (period of appointment 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2016)

You can collect a nomination form from the Mount Rogers Primary School front office during normal business hours (8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed or faxed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School between 11am, Monday 3 February 2014 and 11am, Monday 17 February 2014.

You can submit your nomination by:
- hand delivery to the Mount Rogers Primary School front office, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- email to info@mtrogers.act.edu.au
- fax to 02 62058064
- mail to ARO, C/- Mount Rogers Primary School, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615.

For more information contact the Assistant Returning Officer
Bronwyn Stone Ph 62058066

Allergy Awareness

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening type of allergic reaction commonly caused by food allergies or insect bites/stings.

At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide nor wish children to bring any nut, nut based products and eggs such as:
- Peanut Butter
- Health bars
- Dried fruit mixes (snack packs)
- Some biscuit varieties
- Some chocolates
- Pesto Nutella
- Boiled eggs
- Egg sandwiches

ACT Government and Training

Education Authority
EXECUTIVE TEAM
Principal
Deputy Principal
School Leader C
School Leader C
School Leader C

CLASS TEACHERS
Kinder
Kinder
Kinder
Year 1/2
Year 1/2
Year 1/2
Year 1/2
Year 1/2
Year 1/2
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Year 3/4
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SPECIALIST TEACHERS
German & ESL
Library
Music
Reading Recovery
Science
Kindergarten Support

SUPPORT STAFF:
Business Manager
Building Services Officer
School Counsellor
School Assistants
Learning Support Assistant

EARLY INTERVENTION UNIT
Teacher
Assistant

MELBA PRESCHOOL
Teacher
Teacher (Release)
Assistant
Assistant (Release)

FLYNN PRESCHOOL
Teacher
Teacher (Release)
Assistant
Assistant (Release)

SPENCE PRESCHOOL
Teacher
Teacher (Release)
Assistant
Assistant (Release)

CANTEEN
Manager

P&C NEWS

MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING
Wednesday, 13 February 2013
Starting 7.30pm

Reminder
If YOU are entering the school at ANY time of the day you are required to sign in at the front office as either a registered or unregistered volunteer or visitor.

TERM 1 CALENDAR
Coming soon!

DOES YOUR CHILD CATCH A BUS TO OR FROM MOUNT ROGERS?
Please complete a form, available from the front office, so that staff at Mount Rogers School can facilitate the smooth arrival and departure of students on buses each day.
**Important Reminders**

**PERMISSION NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

Please return **ALL** permission notes, money or other notes to the school in an envelope or similar **via your child’s classroom teacher**. Please do not take notes directly to the Front Office.

- Child’s name
- Class name
- Excursion/Event

**PAYMENTS FOR THE CANTEEN AND P&C** (eg special lunches) **MUST** be in a SEPARATE envelope – please do not combine payments with any other school event. These payments can be given to your child’s teacher also.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT**

If you are using Direct Debit for payments to the School’s bank account, it is **most important** that you include the following in the reference field:

- child’s LAST NAME and FIRST INITIAL
- EXCURSION TITLE or OTHER REASON for deposit

Also, please let us know either on the permission note or by email that you have made a direct deposit **AND** promptly return your signed permission note or form.

**PLEASE NOTE** that school receipts will NOT be issued for Direct Deposits or EFTPOS transactions.

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**STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE & AMBULANCE TRANSPORT**

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if you child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion, you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school activity **within the ACT**.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is available at Mount Rogers and banking day is on each **Friday** during term. All primary and preschool students can be involved; all you need is a Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank.

If you are not already an account holder you can join by visiting any Commonwealth Bank branch. Once you have an account, bring along your deposit book and wallet with the deposit slip filled out and money securely enclosed in the wallet (any amount from 5c is processed) on a Friday and hand it to your classroom teacher in the morning, your friendly school banking coordinators (Sue and Steph) will process your deposits and return your books in the afternoon.

Any queries, please contact Sue at sue.jagla@me.com or 0401 030 939.

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**Stay Cool At School This Summer**

Win a CommBank marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the ACT area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account.

Competition opens 28 January 2014 and closes 11 April 2014.

For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.