FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION

What a wonderful week of community events we have had. Our Mother’s Day Breakfast in the hall followed by Mother’s Day stall is a highlight for many of our students and families. Without the support and hard work by so many people these events could not go ahead. I would like to thank Donna and her team for organising the breakfast and all the fabulous fathers who helped on the day. Congratulations and thanks to Lea Major for coordinating the highly successful Mother’s Day stall which raised over $1900. Thanks also to all the families who made donations and the volunteers who ran the stall on the day. Thanks also to Richard Helliwell for coordinating the Bunnings BBQ and to all the volunteers who gave up precious family time on Mother’s Day, Sunday. Again this was a huge financial success raising $1830 for the school.

We have a number of exciting community events coming up. On Wednesday 21 May next week, we will be holding a family games night at the school to celebrate National Families Week. Thank you to Amarylise Bessey for initiating and organising this on behalf of the P&C. Look out for further information about this event over the next few days.

Walk/Ride to School Day is also next week on Friday 23 May. We encourage families to either walk or ride to school that day. When you arrive at school please join us from 8:30am onwards where we line up, for fruit and other healthy food provided by the P&C. We are hoping to get over 100 children riding to school that day! Thanks to Adam Jagla for coordinating this event again for our community.

Also on Friday morning next week 23 May, I will be hosting ‘coffee and a chat’ from 9-10 for any parents who would like to hear about school events and programs that are happening in classrooms. Please come along and chat in a relaxed setting.

We are working hard to communicate with you and share the wonderful things that are happening here at Mount Rogers. It is good to see that many of you ‘Like’ our school Facebook page. Having had to block one of our students from accessing our Facebook page this week I remind parents that children under the age of 13 should not have a Facebook account.

Often we take fabulous photos we would love to share with the community either through our Facebook page or in the newsletter, only to find that one of the children does not have permission for their photo or name to be published. If you would like to your child to be recognised when they receive an award we do need you to sign and send in the ‘Authority to use Photographs to promote Public Education’ note. We only ever publish children’s first name, but cannot do this without the above permission note from you.

Many thanks for your continued support of our school.

Sue Harding, Principal
MERIT AWARDS

To be presented at our Assembly on Thursday, 22 May at 2pm
Hosts – Year 3/4 (Jade/Onyx)

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INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hello everyone!

My name is Casey Langler. I grew up on the Yorke Peninsula, South Australia. I have had the privilege of living in four different states or territories within Australia with my husband and two daughters and we have recently moved to lovely Canberra. I enjoy spending time with my family, travelling, listening to music and painting.

This year I have the pleasure of teaching the super talented Kindergarten Opal class. Like every teacher I have my own personal beliefs and philosophies in my classroom which are:

1. Because I believe students play a key role in their own learning every day in my classroom you’ll see students actively engaging in lesson instructions through decision making and student led teaching. Students work collaboratively in small groups or independently discussing ideas or simply discovering through hands on investigations.

2. Because I believe all students can learn and it takes hard work to get smarter every day in my classroom you’ll see students reminding each other of our class motto “it is okay to not know but it is not okay to not try”. Students are encouraged to have a go and keep trying because they can all make smarter choices for successful learning.

3. Because I believe students need a happy and safe environment to learn in everyday, in my classroom you’ll see colour, hard work and lots of smiling faces.

I love being a part of the Mount Rogers Primary School community and I look forward to getting to know you all.

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Parent/Carer Fact Sheets

On Friday 2 May 2014 Ms Joy Burch MLA Minister for Education and Training released a set of Gifted and Talented Parent Fact Sheets to assist parents and carers of gifted and talented students in ACT public schools.

The fourteen fact sheets support the ACT Gifted and Talented Students Policy 2014 and cover a range of topics including an Overview, Frequently Asked Questions, Giftedness & Talent, Identification, Social-Emotional Needs and Programs and Provisions. The ACT Gifted and Talented Students Policy 2014 aims to ensure gifted and talented students are supported and have education programs tailored to meet their needs.

Under the ACT Gifted and Talented Students Policy 2014, schools are required to nominate a school contact for parents for all enquiries regarding gifted and talented education. The front office staff at the school can provide details of the nominated school contact.

The Fact Sheets are also available for schools, parents and the community on the ACT Education and Training website at http://www.det.act.gov.au.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chief Ministers Reading challenge is on!

All classes are involved in reading a specific number of books by 5 September. (www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/chief_ministers_reading_challenge)

This library display revealed that many of our suburbs were named after a Prime Minister!

The children like looking at childhood photos of the teachers here at Mount Rogers! They also liked to find out what their teachers favourite childhood books were.

Year 3/4 Diamonds researched the library encyclopedias to find interesting facts about frogs!

Anna Comerford, Teacher Librarian
In our class we read every day in many different ways.

Reading to others helps us to practise our fluency when reading aloud.

When we listen to reading by the teacher, from a tape or on the iPad, we hear good models of reading. We can also follow along with the words of texts that may be difficult for us to read ourselves.

When we read to ourselves we are trying to choose ‘Good Fit’ books that are just right for us.

Guided Reading introduces us to reading strategies that can help with our understanding of the story. We are learning to think about our reading by creating images and to question who is in the story and what is happening.

Reader’s Theatre is sharing the reading of a story or poem using interesting voices.

We visit the library every week to keep our book boxes full of interesting and exciting books.
**Reminders**

**DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS**

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Excursion notes and payments received after the due date will not be accepted.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2015**

Flynn – Melba – Spence

On-line enrolments – 1st round closes 30 May

Please note: Original birth certificate, proof of residency and immunisation records must be provided to Mount Rogers Primary School (Alfred Hill Drive, Melba) following the on-line enrolment process.

**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 PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

Wednesday, 28 May 2014

Order forms were sent home this week.

Do you require a photo envelope for a second parent? Please contact the front office. Please mark the envelope clearly with your name.

Do you require a FAMILY/SIBLING photograph? Please collect an envelope from the front office asap. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a Siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free. Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on photo day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken.

Photo envelopes MUST be returned to the school BEFORE or ON PHOTO DAY!

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Thanks to everyone who has started school banking this year and to all of the regular school bankers also. With newly activated accounts and commission from the money deposited throughout the last 10 weeks of Term 1, our school will receive over $200 - a great effort from an activity which is normally about individual gain!

Many of you will be able to claim a reward item soon (you will need 10 tokens - you would have started at zero tokens at the beginning of the year because of the new school banking reward system that has started).

These items are available to claim in Term 2 with a total of 10 deposits. If you don’t have any redemption cards, just write a little note and put it in your deposit wallet.

The winners of the Term 1 School Banking Competition will be announced soon if they haven’t already. If you weren’t a winner, there IS another chance....

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The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with your students in the form of some amazing prizes.

**Major student prize:** One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and a $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

**Runner-up student prizes:**

- 130 Toys“R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

**Sunken treasure for schools and you:**

- There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

**Here’s how to win:**

- All you need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and you’re automatically entered into the competition.

Thanks, Sue Jagla