FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Welcome to Term 3!

What a busy and exciting term we have ahead. Please make sure you check out the term calendar to ensure your child does not miss out on any of the planned events.

On Friday morning this week we will be holding a special NAIDOC Assembly straight after morning lines. This is a changed time from the previously advertised regular assembly time. Parents are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to our walkathon next Tuesday. The weather forecast looks positive at this stage! We hope the extra time has allowed students to find plenty of sponsors. We also hope that many parents and family members will be able to join us walking up Mt Rogers on the day.

On Monday next week we will be launching the ‘Fresh Tastes’ program with each student in the school participating in a run or fitness session straight after morning lines. We encourage all students to bring a piece of fruit for after the run, and hope that some parents can stay for a few minutes to cut up and serve the fruit. Our plan is continue the whole school run and fruit each Monday morning for the next 5 weeks.

Other events this term include our traditional Father’s Day Breakfast and stall, the Family Fun Festival, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week and our school concert. P&C Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Ngunnawal Room this term. If you have not been before I encourage you to come along to hear about what is going on in the school and have your say.

ACT CONCERT BAND
Congratulations to Grace, Will and Lilly on your selection to the ACT Primary School Concert band. Gaining a place in the ACT Concert Band is highly competitive and sought after. Grace, Will and Lilly attend weekly rehearsals with other highly accomplished primary school musicians at the Instrumental Musical Program headquarters based at Kaleen High. They are currently preparing for a concert tour of schools across the ACT.

BEFORE SCHOOL AND WET WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS
We have had a number of children arriving at school well before 8:30am recently. This is too early, especially on these cold mornings. Teachers are busy preparing for classes or in meetings before school. We encourage children to arrive at school between 8:45 and 8:55am, ready for morning lines at 8:57am. When students arrive at school they are to go straight to the morning lines area of the playground behind the senior wing of the school. On wet mornings, students wait for their teacher in the undercover area at the back of the school. Students dropped off at the front of the school on wet days may use the front door and walk through the school hall to the undercover area.

Sue Harding
The following recipients of awards at our Assembly on 3 July

STARS OF THE MONTH - JUNIOR

This student is a delightful, honest and respectful member of the 1/2 Unit. She is always eager to learn and produces quality work through persistence and quiet determination. She takes personal responsibility for her actions and recognises situations where she needs to follow school rules for her safety and that of others. She consistently thinks about how her actions will affect others and treats fellow students as equals. She is a cooperative student who listbines carefully, shares, takes turns, includes everyone and compromises to solve problems in the class and on the playground.

She is a sensitive and considerate student and is always courteous and respectful. Her polite and friendly manner is appreciated by her peers and teachers.

Elizabeth J displays the wonderful qualities of a star of the month. She is polite, kind and friendly and upholds our school values of Honesty, Respect, Excellence and Fairness. Elizabeth is a very worthy recipient of Star of the Month. Congratulations!

STARS OF THE MONTH - SENIOR

Owen J is an outstanding student who shows a high level of interest and enthusiasm for learning. In every area of school life he works hard to give his best.

Owen listens carefully during instruction time and sets about to complete quality work with a quiet determination. He glows with a sense of satisfaction when he produces work of which he is proud.

Owen is a wonderful role model for his peers. He is a responsible student who is dependable and makes good choices. Owen is honest, truthful and sincere and is always courteous and respectful. He is sensitive and considerate to the feelings of others.

Owen loves sport and is a great team player he always demonstrates good sportsmanship by following rules and being cooperative, fair, respectful and humble. Owen has saved his teachers many early morning wake up by reporting back match highlights of the World Cup!

Owen is a true star! He is a wonderful member of the Year ¾ Sapphires and a deserving recipient of the senior Star of the Month award.

STARS OF THE MONTH - MAY

This person is a truly deserving recipient of the junior star of the month award. This student displays an enthusiastic attitude to all learning tasks and a mature and responsible approach to everything he does.

He is a respectful and considerate class member who always thinks of the needs of others before his own. He is a peacemaker when issues arise on the playground and is always willing to assist younger students who are in need. He is a responsible member of the class and is always willing to assist in the daily classroom needs.

He completes all tasks to a high standard and displays a genuine interest in all areas of the curriculum. He contributes his ideas with confidence and clarity and listens and values the opinions of those around him.

He is a talented and fair sportsman who displays strong skills in all physical education lessons. He always works as a team and is encouraging and supportive to other class members.

The Rubies is incredibly thankful to have this student in our class and we thank him for the warmth, kindness and respect he shows to each and in every person in our classroom.

Jake P is a friendly, reliable and kind hearted student and a worthy recipient of the star of the month award.

Constable Kenny’s High-Visibility Vest Pilot Program - Survey

Throughout term two our school has been participating in Constable Kenny’s high-visibility vest pilot program. ACT Policing and Constable Kenny would like to seek your feedback about the program and what impact you feel it has had on your child’s road safety. A quick online survey has been developed that will take around 5-10 minutes to complete.

The information provided is anonymous and will go towards helping ACT Policing evaluate how successful the pilot was, and the most effective program implementation in other schools. You can access the online survey here: Constable Koala’s High-Visibility Vest Pilot Program – Parents survey

While the pilot program has ended we are still encouraging all children to wear their vests to and from school to help increase their visibility and keep students safe on our roads.
This term we have been learning about democracy and how it has affected Australia. Recently we went on an excursion to the AEC and the Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House.

While we were there we had the chance to sit in the House of Representatives and the Senate. A select few got to put on outfits that former politicians would have worn. Thomas wore the speakers outfit and read aloud a speech once given by the first speaker of the Australian Parliament. Some of us even got to see inside the Prime Minister's office. We also visited the library and enjoyed an interactive activity that helped us learn about democracy.

At the AEC (Australian Electoral Commission) we participated in various activities such as learning about when and how to vote in elections as well as referendums. We all had a fabulous time and learnt many things about Australia's political past.

Riley F, Thomas, Joe and Blake
Reminders

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

Australian of the Year Awards

Do you know or admire an outstanding Australian? Nominate them before August 1 for the 2015 Australian of the Year Awards.

Throughout June and July, all Canberrans are being encouraged to consider nominating someone they know or admire for the 2015 Australian of the Year Awards. Every year the Awards recognise 128 remarkable Australians across eight states and territories in four categories. If you know someone who inspires you through their achievements or challenges those around them to make their own contribution to creating a better Australia visit www.onenomination.aoty.org.au to nominate.

You can nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (aged 60 and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30) or an Australian Local Hero. It only takes one nomination to put someone you’re proud of in the running. Winners of the ACT Awards will be announced on November 3 and will represent Canberra at the national awards held each year on the eve of Australia Day.

ACT Council of P&C Associations

$190 million extra for our schools?

Last year the ACT and Australian Governments signed a $190 million joint agreement for six years of extra funding for ACT schools following the recommendations of the Gonski review. This extra funding is now making a difference in our schools. It means more teachers and more resources.

However, the Federal Government has now announced that it will not fund the final two years of this agreement, the crucial years where two-thirds of the funds are to be delivered.

Not having this funding will make it harder for ACT schools to implement their plans for improving our schools. Those plans include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Expanding literacy and numeracy programs
- Increasing the individual attention and support for students at risk
- Providing greater assistance to students with disabilities or special needs.

Please help us tell the Australian Government that we want our children to have all the resources they need for a high quality education. Visit www.igiveagonski.com.au to find out more about the issue and to add your voice to the call for needs-based funding across Australia.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Flynn – Melba – Spence


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.

MISSING BIKE

Southern Star 50cm (20’’) Boys’ Trixter BMX Bike in blue.

If anyone has any information in regards to the missing bike please see the front office.

Adventures + Life Skills = SCOUTS!

Scouting is for boys and girls aged 6-25. Scouts participate in programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Come and try Scouts today, and take advantage of our 3 week FREE trial.

Visit scoutsact.com.au to find your closest Scout Group or call 1800 SCOUTS