

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

What a positive and productive start we have had to the 2017 school year. Students have enjoyed making connections with their peers and teachers, setting goals, establishing protocols based on our school values and discussing how they will make the most of their learning.

This year our teaching teams have linked their class names with countries or animals based around the relevant Australian Curriculum HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) for their year levels.

Kinder	Animals from the Great Barrier Reef
Year 1/2	Australian animals and birds
Year 3/4	South American countries
Year 5/6	Asian Countries

KINDER	YEAR 1/2		YEAR 3/4		YEAR 5/6
STARFISH Bronte Lalor	ECHIDNAS Janelle Strain	EMUS Paul Kelly	ECUADOR Hayley Trees	BOLIVIA Daniel Bartlett	JAPAN Aimy Parkes
SEA TURTLES Casey Langler	KOOKABURRAS Erin Cooper	WOMBATS Katrina Lees Liz Marman	BRAZIL Jodi Stoneman	CHILE Kimi Hall	CHINA Laura Andrezza
DOLPHINS Kalie Vandeburgt Maureen Wallace	TAWNY FROGMOUTHS Gaynor Parkinson Tracey Exton	SUGAR GLIDERS Judy Byrnes Kimberley Griffiths	PERU Jenni Wittchen		INDIA Mike McGinness
RAINBOW FISH Kiah Ducie					NEPAL Patrick Ormerod

All ACT public Schools have a five year Strategic Plan with explicit improvement goals linked to system priorities. Last year our school participated in the review process to determine success of our previous plan and to set priorities for the next five years. Our Strategic Plan 2017-2021 priorities are:

- 1 Academic success for all students with particular focus on writing, reading and the application of number
- 2 Students grow as independent inquirers
- 3 Strengthen emotional and physical wellbeing for all students

Our journey around 'Academic success in writing' commenced with 41 of our staff attending a fabulous professional learning day during the summer break led by Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey on 'supporting teachers and students to make writing enjoyable and successful'. We look forward to sharing more specific details of our plan in the weeks ahead.

Each year we ask families to make a voluntary contribution to our school. The money from these contributions goes towards resources to support our strategic priorities. Look out for a note coming home in the next fortnight with details about this.

Thank you to all families who have already paid the **\$60 per child curriculum resource payment** for 2017. Students are already making good use of curriculum and stationery resources purchased using money we received at the end of last year. If you have not yet paid could you please do so before the end of next week.

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 you 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, 13 February. The online booking system PTO will be used. Notes with information about booking a time to meet your child's teacher will be sent home next week.

Looking forward to a wonderful year at Mount Rogers



Sue Harding, Principal

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IMPORTANT

Mount Rogers Primary is an ANAPHYLACTIC FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Please do not bring into our school:

NUTS and nut products (please be aware that *Nutella* spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts)

FISH (including prawns and tuna)

SESAME (including hummus, snack bars, vege chips, tahini, as a bread topping etc)

REMINDERS

30 Jan	School Board Nominations Open 11am
6 Feb	P&C Meeting 7:30pm – <i>All Welcome</i>
10 Feb	Assembly 2pm – <i>All Welcome</i> Host: Captains
13 Feb	School Board Nominations Close 11am
13-24 Feb	Kindergarten PIPs Assessment
13-17 Feb	<i>Getting To Know You</i> Interviews (Information coming soon)
20-22 Feb	Camp Cooba Yr 5/6
21 Feb	Harmony Day

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1	30 January to 7 April
Term 2	26 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615

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:

- *Parent and Citizen Member – 2 positions*
(period of appointment 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019)
- *Staff Member – 1 position*
(period of appointment 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019)

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 by 11am, Monday 13 February 2017.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to -
Mount Rogers Primary School
Front Office, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- email to info@mtrogers.act.edu.au
- fax to 02 6205 8064
- mail to ARO, C/- Mount Rogers Primary School,
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615.

For more information contact:
Assistant Returning Officer
Jenny McNaught - Ph 6205 8066

All Welcome

**MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING
Monday, 6 February 2017
Starting 7.30pm**

Come and find out what is happening at the school including Principal Harding's informative update. Get involved with a fundraising activity.

Supper is provided in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Please come along and stay for as long or as short as your wish.

Any questions to the P&C's President, Peter Hesp.

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**TERM 1 CALENDAR
COMING SOON**

OUR 2017 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hi, I'm **Heli** and I am the School Captain for this new, exciting year. As Captain I plan to make everyone believe they are important and have their own voice. I am a very bubbly, energetic, chatty person that loves to help other people. I have been at this school since preschool. One of my favourite things about this school is the opportunities we get. A leader lives by the school values. This is just how I do things - whether I'm in the school grounds or not. For me being school captain is an honour.

Hello, my name is **Josh** and I am a School Captain for 2017. I started at Mount Rogers in preschool. I have always been proud of our great school and the improvements in the years I have been here. In year 5 I already loved helping other students, such as when I helped a younger student with their reading and literacy activities. I am always open to help teachers as a leader of the school in anything they would like me to do. I also try my very best at school sport, music and educational events. Overall I just love doing the best I can for the school.



OUR 2017 VICE CAPTAINS

Hello, I'm **Piper** and I am your Vice Captain. I am looking forward to helping show you all the ways to respect our school values of *excellence, fairness, honesty* and *respect*. I am an honest and caring person who tries to make sure everyone feels accepted and appreciated for being themselves. I think it's important that people are encouraged to be the best that they can be. In the role of Vice Captain I will encourage all other students to follow the school rules and help everyone to understand why they are important.

Hi, my name is **Eloise** and I am Vice Captain for 2017. The things I like to do are swimming, tennis and archery but most of all I love coming to school to learn and see my friends. I have been part of the Mount Rogers family since preschool and have loved it. I will show all the school values every day. In this role I will be reminding people that everyone is special and we all can learn something new. I hope as a Vice Captain I can help everyone learn and have fun.



MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTH HUT

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www.flexischools.com.au

Welcome back to 2017! We're very excited to launch our new menu! We've simplified things to make things easier for our canteen team, while still bringing lots of yummy choices. Please make sure you print out your menu and refer to it when ordering, so you can be sure of daily specials.

We really encourage everyone to use Flexischools - it saves us all so much time and effort, and leaves us time to get on with creating lovely goodies for your children.

Our canteen is looking really beautiful as our mural is coming to life! We can't wait to officially launch it, and celebrate our artists, soon!

To keep our canteen going we need you! We ask each family to volunteer in the canteen once a term. If you can't make a whole day, even a couple of hours will help. Please pop in and put your name on the roster or send an email to canteen@mtrogerspandc.org.au

We will also send home our food drive note soon - your donations to the canteen really help us to keep prices low.

Please pop in and say hello, ask any questions you have and join the canteen team now!

Amarylise

Parents, grandfriends and carers are an important part of our school canteen!

Volunteer from 9am to 11am or 11am to 1:30pm or all day

When can you help?

WANT TO HELP?

Contact:
Amarylise Bessey

abessey@bigpond.net.au

6258 1552
or
0402 776 511

SCHOOL BANKING

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver's licence or another form of photographic identification to our upcoming account opening session. The time and date will be advised soon.



Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

Our 2017 theme will get your child excited about the future, as we follow the new-look Dollarmites towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 in the Future Savers range:

- Cyber Handball
- 3D Chalk Set
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Colour Change Markers
- Tablet Case
- Volt Handball
- Epic Earphones

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win an unforgettable family trip for up to two adults and three children to Japan. This includes Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically receive an entry into the competition for your chance to win. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Pauline
School Banking Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS FRIDAY Beginning on 10 February 2017

Each week you need to:

- Complete a deposit slip
- Place your money in your dollarmites deposit wallet
- Hand deliver to your classroom teacher

COMING SOON
ACCOUNT OPENING SESSION AT OUR SCHOOL
Date and time to be advised

YEAR 5/6 CAMP COOBA

20 - 22 February

Final payment due Friday, 18 February



Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

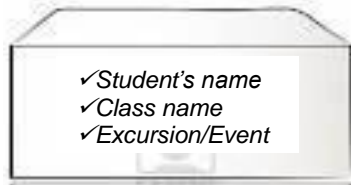
YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
5 & 6	Yr 5/6 Camp – Cooba outdoor Pursuits	Fri 18 Feb FINAL PAYMENT	\$95.00 Last instalment OR Outstanding balance
K-6	2017 Curriculum Resource Requirements	Now	\$60 ea

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

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.



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:

- Student'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.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL

If you are entering the school buildings 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



LATE TO SCHOOL...

If your child arrives at school after 9.15am, **parents and carers are required to come to the front office WITH your child to sign them in**. Your child will then be given a late slip to hand to their teacher.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD EARLY....

If you need to take your child out of school before 3pm or for an appointment during the day, **parents and carers are required to come to the front office BEFORE collecting your child** to complete an exit slip that is to be handed to the class teacher. Parents and carers are also required to **sign children back into school at the front office on their return**.

PLEASE NOTE....

Students can only be collected by those people who are listed on the green Emergency Contact card for your child. Please ensure this contact card is kept up to date.

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE & AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education 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 your 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 organised activity **within the ACT**.

Allergy Awareness ANAPHYLAXIS

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

We have students with NUT, SESAME and FISH allergies in this school.

At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide, nor wish children to bring to school any:-

- SESAME** (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini bread toppings etc)
- FISH** including tuna, prawns etc
- NUTS** all nuts and nut based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)