



Mount Rogers Primary School

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TERM 1 WEEK 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

At Mount Rogers we encourage parents to be as involved as possible with their children's learning. We believe in the African proverb, 'It takes a community to raise a child'. We are looking forward to seeing lots of families at the Welcome BBQ being organised by our P&C. I hope you can come along at 5:30pm on Monday, 6 March to meet parents of other children in your child's class and enjoy a relaxed evening getting to know members of our community. Thank you to our P&C, canteen manager Amarylise, and canteen committee for coordinating this family get together.

I hope many of you will stay on after the BBQ to find out more about how you can be involved in your child's school through the P&C. A note has been sent to all families detailing P&C events and how you can be involved.

I am delighted to say we have nominations for each of the parent and staff representative positions on our School Board. We look forward to announcing our new School Board representatives once they are confirmed by our Directorate. I would like to thank Susan Pullar and Andrew Newman outgoing School Board parent representatives, and our teacher representatives Paul Kelly and Tracey Hart for their significant contribution to the governance of our school through the School Board. At our meeting on Monday the Board approved our new excursions procedures and discussed a draft Communications Strategy. I thank Susan for all the work she has put into developing the draft strategy. I look forward to sharing this document and getting input from the community around improving our communications.

Thank you to the families who are supporting our new drop-off/pick-up arrangements. I remind those who use this area that you must remain in your car and to move forward if there is a gap to keep the traffic flowing through this area. I also remind families that the front carpark is not a drop-off/pick up zone. We need to keep this area clear for the buses in the morning and afternoon.

What a delight it has been to spend a day at Camp Cooba, near Cooma, this week with our year 5/6 students. We are so proud of the team work, collaboration, perseverance and supportive caring behaviour our senior students have demonstrated as they participated in the challenges presented at camp.

Have you paid for your child's stationery requirements? We have purchased these resources and they are being used by all students across the school. I would like to thank parents of the 279 children who have paid for resources. If you have not yet paid for your child's stationery equipment we would really appreciate you doing so. At this we have spent \$5774 more than we have received from families. This outstanding money means that we are unable to purchase other resources such as art and PE supplies, materials for maths, quality books for students to read, resources for our sustainability program and IT equipment. If you are unable to pay the full amount please consider making a small contribution towards these resources.

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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

20-22 Feb	Camp Cooba Yr 5/6 Bus returns at 3:30pm
1 Mar	Swim Carnival at Dickson Aquatic Centre for Yrs 3-6 (& competitive Yr 2 students)
3 Mar	Assembly 2pm – <i>All Welcome</i> Hosts: Year 5/6 (Nepal & India)
3 Mar	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
6 Mar	P&C Welcome BBQ followed by P&C AGM 5:30pm
13 Mar	Canberra Day Holiday
16 Mar	Christian Education in Schools (for participating students)

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

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hi, I'm Sue Harding. I have been principal of Mount Rogers Primary since July 2009. I grew up in a family where the importance of high quality education was recognised and valued. Both my parents were teachers and passionate supporters of public education. Dad also spent many years working in the Australian Government Department of Education. My years as a student at Red Hill Primary and Narrabundah High, and as the first group in the new college system at Narrabundah were wonderful. I think I always wanted to be a teacher. I have been teaching and leading education in ACT public schools for over 30 years where my passion for making a difference for every child drives what I do.



Because I believe all children can learn, in our school you will see:

- teachers provided with additional time to work collaboratively to share and use proven successful teaching strategies,
- students who need more time to learn, provided with additional support and structured programs
- a focus on students taking responsibility for 'working hard to get smarter'

Because I believe we need to get it right in the early years, in our school you will see:

- early intervention programs to cater for students with identified needs, particularly in speech, fine motor, phonics, number and social skills
- extra support in preschool and kindergarten classrooms
- a structured phonics program in our early childhood classes

Because I believe children learn best in a safe orderly environment, in our school you will see:

- the *Kids Matter* framework used as a whole school approach to support social emotional wellbeing
- a focused social skills program led by our deputy principal Felicity Levett
- strategies and processes designed to eliminate disruptive behaviour

Because I believe literacy is vital to learning, in our school you will see:

- structured teaching of reading, writing, phonics, spelling, listening and speaking
- literacy linked to all areas of learning

CONGRATULATIONS

VALUES AWARDS

Respect | Excellence | Fairness | Honesty

To be presented at our Assembly on
Friday, 3 March 2017 Host: Year 5/6 (Nepal & India)

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Starfish	Layla B
K Sea Turtles	Indiana O, Patrick H
K Dolphins	Ayden G, Olivia M, Stella B
K Rainbow Fish	Quinn L, Dane M
1/2 Echidnas	Abigail P
1/2 Kookaburras	Annika D
1/2 Emus	Zoe B, Owen B, Bridie W
1/2 Wombats	Kelsie P, Skye P, Lucas O
1/2 Sugar Gliders	Satu L, Mitchell O
1/2 Tawny Frogmouth	Jamie B, Isabella N
3/4 Ecuador	Ronald S, Kobi N, Ava B
3/4 Brazil	Nicola B, Lucie B, Jacob C
3/4 Peru	Ivan C, Jake B
3/4 Bolivia	Tia M, Amber S
3/4 Chile	Keisha V, Max G
5/6 Japan	Stella S, Elizabeth J, Ethan H
5/6 China	Harry M, Lani H, Matilda C

If your child is absent on Assembly Day their award will be presented in class on their return.

Presentation of our awards in 2017:

Our teachers focus on recognising and celebrating student effort and achievement in a timely manner. This year teachers will be sending Merit Awards home to families from class to allow you to celebrate your child's achievements as they occur.

We will continue to give out awards during our whole school Assemblies. These assembly awards will be presented for displaying our school values of Respect, Excellence, Honesty and Fairness. Recipients of awards presented in assemblies will continue to be listed in the school newsletter prior to the assembly. By publishing awardees names prior to the assembly we hope parents and other family members are able to attend the assembly to celebrate and recognise their child's contribution towards our school values.

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

6258 1552

www.flexischools.com.au

Volunteering at the canteen is a great way to get to know staff and students at the school, and your child will love seeing you in the canteen!

Volunteering can be as simple as staying for a couple of hours after school drop off, or coming in at 11 for a bit - whatever works for you. We have a play room for toddlers, a high chair for babies - we really try to make things as easy for you as possible! We rely on parent helpers to keep the canteen running, and ask that each family volunteer once a term. At this stage, only 14 families have volunteered for Term 1. Please pop in or call 6258 1552 to volunteer.

Here is the calendar for the next few weeks so you can see what we need.

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	20 FEB Carolyn	21 FEB Skye	22 FEB Meeta Carol	23 FEB Nat	24 FEB WE NEED YOU
5	27 FEB WE NEED YOU	28 FEB Skye Nicola	1 MAR Meeta	2 MAR Nat	3 MAR Angela Carol

Hopefully you have received your Term 1 Menu by now. It is also available on the *Skoolbag* App and on the school website. The full menu is also available on *Flexischools*. We really encourage families to use *Flexischools* - it make life easier for everyone. It is also the best way to makes sure you are up to date with the current daily specials.

Our 2017 food drive note has gone home - we look forward to filling up the pantry with your generous donations.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

NEXT WEEK - Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Dickson Aquatic Centre

Years 3-6 (including Year 2 competitive swimmers)



**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR
Payment (\$14), Permission note,
Event Entry and Medical forms?
DUE NOW**

P&C Welcome BBQ

**Monday, 6 March 5:30pm
followed by AGM at 6:30pm**

The P&C would like to invite you to join our school community at a Welcome BBQ. This is a free event, and everyone is invited! Bring a picnic rug and join us for a sausage sizzle and games!

We would also like to invite you to stay on after the BBQ for our Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about how the P&C works and hear about all our great plans for 2017! All members of the community are a part of the P&C so we encourage you to come along and join the fun.

***This is a free event.
Please RSVP for catering purposes.***

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions.

**Term 1 - Easter Extravaganza
Thursday, 16 March**

In small groups students will explore what this world-wide festival really means.

Only students with permission will attend.

If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list contact the front office.

For more info go to www.ceis.org.au/yes



Important

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP COOBA
REMINDER**

Bus returns 3:30pm today

Please ensure someone is
at the school to collect your child.

Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
K-6	2017 Curriculum Resource Requirements	Now	\$60 per child
3-6	Swim Carnival (including eligible Yr 2)	Now	\$14
PRE	Preschool Voluntary Contributions		\$200 per child
K-6	Primary Voluntary Contributions		\$100 per child or \$150 for 2+ children in family

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

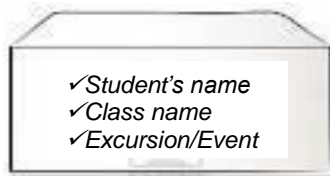
HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR CHILD'S CURRICULUM RESOURCES?

Contact the front office for the payment form.
Payment of \$60 can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit or EFTPOS.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking is every Friday at Mount Rogers

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

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)

Have you returned your child's

- 1) Emergency Contact Card
- 2) Medical Information and Consent form
- 3) Excursion Medical Information and Consent form

This information is **IMPORTANT**. Without up to date information we are unable to contact parents/carers promptly concerning your child at school, and ensure that your child can participate fully in school activities.