



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 1

7 FEBRUARY 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 1

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to 2018. I am proud to be the new principal of this wonderful school. As part of the process to apply for the position I had to articulate my educational philosophy to the interview panel. I would like to share it with you.

*I am an educational leader devoted to the inclusion of every child and meeting students where they are, with what they need to be successful. I am a leader of culture that focusses on ensuring students know they belong and where fostering positive relationships are central. I believe every child can learn and achieve academic success. I consider there is always opportunity for improvement and have a solutions-focussed, collaborative and optimistic approach which allows me to lead change and motivates and inspires other to do the same.*

I spoke to all staff last week about my commitment to honouring the past, the amazing legacy that Sue Harding left the school, while visioning the future for Mount Rogers. I am very excited, to say the least, about the journey ahead and look forward to working with the entire school community and continuing to build upon the strong focus of collaboration and improvement.

We have had a very settled and productive start to Week 1. The kindergarten students started 'big school' on Monday looking very smart in their school uniforms. I would especially like to thank our School Captains; Grace, Lizzy, Kaity and Flynn and School Champion Molly, for their help welcoming our Kindergarten students and their families to the school. They were also fabulous offering tissues to anyone who needed one!

Our students in years 1 to 6 are getting back into the routine of school and are busy making connections and building relationships with their teachers and new classmates. This year our teaching teams have linked their class names to animals from different biomes – see next page for our class structures.

Thank you to all families who have already paid the **\$75 per child curriculum resource payment** for 2018. Students are already making great use of the resources purchased using the money we received at the end of last year. If you have not yet paid, it's never too late – please do so before the end of next week. Payment notes are available at the Front Office.

**Getting to Know You Interviews** will be held in the week commencing Monday, 19 February and are an integral part of our start of the year processes. Teachers highly value the information they receive, from the people who know their child the best. Information about how to book a time using the PTO online booking system will be sent home next week. I encourage all of you to make a time to meet and share information about your child with their class teacher.

I will be holding a **'Meet and Greet the New Principal'** morning in the coming weeks, so please look out for the invitation. Here's to a wonderful 2018.

Warm wishes,  
Felicity

Principal

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**School Banking:** Friday

## 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, some snack bars, vege chips, tahini, as a bread topping etc


## REMINDERS

13 Feb	Swim Carnival – Dickson Aquatic Centre (Yrs 3-6 & Y2 competitive swimmers)
20-22 Mar	Yr 5/6 Camp
23 Feb	P&C Twilight Market Fete 4-8pm
19-23 Feb	<i>Getting to Know You Interviews</i> (Booking information coming soon)
19 Feb - 2 Mar	Kindergarten PIPS Assessment

## 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	5 February – 13 April
Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 28 September
Term 4	15 October – 18 December

## 2018 CLASS STRUCTURES

Kindergarten RAINFOREST	Year 1/2 SAVANNA
<b>MONKEYS</b> Jodie Penyu	<b>LIONS</b> Judy Byrnes & Kimberley Griffiths
<b>TOUCANS</b> Kiah Ducie	<b>HIPPOS</b> Jen Hearne
<b>CHAMELEONS</b> Bronte Lalor	<b>CHEETAHS</b> Samantha Roberts
<b>SLOTHS</b> Katrina Lees & Emma Miles	<b>ZEBRAS</b> Kalie Vandeburgt & Maureen Wallace
	<b>OSTRICHES</b> Veronica Briggs
	<b>GIRAFFES</b> Gaynor Parkinson & Tracey Exton
	<b>ELEPHANTS</b> Janelle Strain
Year 3/4 DESERT	Year 5/6 POLAR REGIONS
<b>MEERKATS</b> Patrick Ormerod & Penny Burrell	<b>ALBATROSSES</b> Laura Andrezza
<b>DINGOES</b> Hayley Trees	<b>ADELIE PENGUINS</b> Aimy Parkes
<b>CAMELS</b> Jenni Wittchen	<b>POLAR BEARS</b> Angela Donaldson
<b>GOANNAS</b> Daniel Bartlett	<b>SEALS</b> Paul Kelly
<b>FOXES</b> Erin Cooper	<b>2018 Biomes</b>

## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



### THE HEALTHY HUT

**OPEN Tuesday to Friday**  
Ph 6258 1552  
[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Welcome back to the *Healthy Hut* for 2018! If you are new to our school, welcome! Our canteen, *The Healthy Hut*, is open Tuesday-Friday, and we offer both lunches by lunch order, and goodies for sale for both lunch breaks. Our menu is going home today. If your child has any particular dietary needs please let me know as we are well equipped to deal with them!

We'll be launching our first lunch special in Week 2, so stay tuned to find out what the Seals and the Polar Bears have in store for us. The easiest way to know what is available each week is to use *flexischools* - our online ordering system. Pop into the canteen if you need a lesson in setting up your account or on how to order.

We're looking forward to a great year of bringing delicious, fun and healthy food to Mount Rogers, but we need your help! This year we're asking each family to volunteer once a term. Remember you can volunteer for two hours or the whole day! Grandparents are welcome to volunteer too! Pop in to the canteen, email us at [mtrogerscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:mtrogerscanteen@gmail.com), or send back the note that is coming home this week. Of course if you are available more often we would love to have you, and are looking for volunteers who can help regularly, or who could help with banking or extra shopping.

We look forward to seeing you in the Healthy Hut!

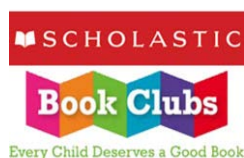
Amarylise  
Canteen Manager

### BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR 2018!

At Mount Rogers we are fortunate to be involved with Scholastic, and bring you the Scholastic Book Club each term.

Students will receive Scholastic Book Club catalogues (twice a term) and a return slip notifying you of the due date for ordering. *Please be aware that late orders may not be processed.*

**Mount Rogers is a LOOP school.**  
**We only accept online payments.**  
**NO CASH ORDERS.**



More information about LOOP is available on the link below.  
<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/loopinfo.asp>

## CURRICULUM RESOURCES REQUIREMENTS (KINDER TO YEAR 6)

Support your child with the purchase of the correct resources to ensure your child has all the items necessary for their learning for the start of the school year.

Please complete a Curriculum Resources Contribution form (available from the front office) and return with payment (\$75 per student).



## All Welcome

### MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, 12 February 2018

Starting 7.30pm

Come and find out what is happening at the school including Felicity Levett (Principal) 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.



### SWIMMING CARNIVAL DICKSON AQUATIC CENTRE Tuesday, 13 February 2018

All Year 3-6 students  
(and eligible competitive Year 2 students)

FINAL DATE for payment and permission notes  
Friday, 9 February 2018

### MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL BANKING

Starts this Friday, 9 February

Bank books will be returned on Mondays.

### YEAR 5/6 CAMP 20-22 March TOPS Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

**\$50 Non refundable deposit – DUE 9 February**

**Total cost \$305 – DUE by 9 March**

**Please note:**

- Accounts must be finalised by Friday 9 March.
- If you require assistance or would like a payment plan, please contact Mrs Levett.



## 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 LAST NAME and FIRST INITIAL
- ☉ EXCURSION TITLE or OTHER REASON for deposit

After making an online deposit, please return the signed permission note or form the next day.

### ENTERING THE SCHOOL

If you are entering the school building 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 in their classroom after 9:15am parents/ carers are required to come into the school with your child to sign them in at the front office. Your child will be given a *Late Pass* 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/carers are required to come to the front office **BEFORE** collecting your child for an *Exit Pass*. You are also required to sign children back into school at the front office upon their return. Students can only be collected by those who are listed on the blue Emergency Contact card for your child. Please ensure this 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 not 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 student who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT

## Reminders

### EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
3-6	Swim Carnival (incl eligible competitive Yr 2 students)	Fri 9 Feb	\$11 ea
5 & 6	Yr 5/6 Camp (\$305 per student)	9 Feb	\$50 Deposit
		9 Mar	Full Payment
K-6	Curriculum Resources	NOW	\$75 per student

**Notes and/or payments received after the due date will NOT be accepted.**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### KID'S TENNIS COACHING by TENNIS CANBERRA

##### Free tennis racquet & playing shirt!

Join a 2018 kid's tennis coaching program. All new Tennis Canberra juniors will receive a FREE tennis racquet plus the latest New Balance ANZ Hot Shots playing shirt. We run multiple sessions of varying playing levels at the same time. Consequently, siblings and friends can come to tennis together! After school & weekend sessions available.

##### Info & bookings:

[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

##### Trial session available (limited places):

[www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis)

##### Venues:

Barton, Braddon (Merici), Dickson, Old Parliament House, Reid, Turner & Tuggeranong (Erindale)

##### Contact:

[play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)

##### Open Day: Old Parliament House Tennis Club

Free Tennis Coaching – Summer Tennis Party  
Saturday, 17 February

RSVP [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis)



## TERM 1 CALENDAR COMING SOON

TRY GIRLS' BRIGADE

opportunities CHALLENGING  
lifechanging craft support  
discovery activities GAMES FUN  
ENCOURAGING

Girls' lives transformed

FIND ONE NEAR YOU  
WWW.GIRLSBRIGADEAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

CONTACT ELIZABETH  
T: 0457 517 524  
E: actsc@girlsbrigadeaustralia.org.au



BEATTIE BOWMAN IRISH DANCE

Do you want your child to be part of a community that is dedicated to fun, fitness, friendship and inclusivity? If so, you should try **Beattie Bowman Irish Dance!**

Visit the website [www.bbirishdance.com.au](http://www.bbirishdance.com.au) for information about Canberra's newest and most exciting Irish dance school.

Classes are in Gungahlin on Mondays, Weston Creek on Wednesdays and West Belconnen on Saturday mornings.

We look forward to welcoming your family into our dance community!

### 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, SEASAME 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 topping 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)

