



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 2

10 FEBRUARY 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 2

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers Families

I am delighted with the way students have returned to school and settled back into the swing of things. Nothing has made me smile more over the last week and a half than students coming to see me to find out how my holiday break was and then filling me in on their time over summer. I have heard about trips to the beach, inside cubby houses made of blankets and pillows, movies watched together, baby brothers finally arriving and plenty of lost teeth!

I must congratulate our Kindergarten students for settling into the routine of Morning Lines so quickly and for the impressive way they say goodbye to mum and/or dad in the morning. Teaching them to walk into school by themselves with their bags on their backs is a great step in developing independence at school. Thank you to all our Kindy parents for supporting your child to do this.

Our teachers who provide specialist programs to students have begun their classes this week. The time they take a class, allows classroom teachers to work together to determine and plan for student learning needs across a year cohort. You will find out more about which specialist teachers take your child/ren at our upcoming Year Level Information Sessions next week.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Debbie Lees	Library	Monday to Friday
Vanessa Stephens	Sustainability	Tuesday to Friday
Erin Cooper	Digital Technologies, Gifted & Talented	Monday to Friday
Vicky Chen	Mandarin - Yrs 3-6	Tuesday to Thursday
Angela K	Science - Yrs K-2	Monday to Friday
Jose Arranz	Science - Yr 1/2	Wednesday to Friday
Aleesha Boye	The Arts - Yrs 3-6	Tuesday & Wednesday
Leeza Cottingham	Various	Tuesday to Friday

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School Banking: Wednesday

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 bread topping

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

10 Feb	Waste Free Wednesday
13 Feb	Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations
16 Feb	Year Level Information Sessions for Parents/Carers • Yr 3/4 – 5:30pm • Yr 5/6 – 6:30pm
18 Feb	Year Level Information Sessions for Parents/Carers • Kinder – 5:30pm • Yr 1/2 – 6pm
18 Feb	E-Safety (Cyber) Presentation for Parents/Carers - 6pm <i>All welcome</i>
22 Feb	School Board Nominations close at 11am
22-27 Feb	<i>Getting to Know You</i> Interviews – more info soon

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1	1 February – 1 April
Term 2	19 April – 25 June
Term 3	19 July – 17 September
Term 4	5 October – 17 December

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Coming soon

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

Getting to Know You interviews will be held in Week 4 (22-26 February). Information about how to book a time with your child's teacher using the PTO online booking system will be sent home soon.

The purpose of these 10 minute interviews, aside from meeting the teacher and beginning to build a strong home/school partnership, is for you to pass on relevant information about your child to the classroom teacher, after all it is you that know your child the best.

Students in the Kindergarten Pineapples class with Miss Ducie, will have their **Getting to Know You** interviews in Week 6 as Miss Ducie is getting married during Week 4 (hooray - finally after a COVID delay, Miss Ducie can walk down the aisle!)

As many of you may be aware, I have a plan to build a treehouse in our junior playground. The P&C continue to be very supportive of this idea and have already committed some funds to the project. At Monday's P&C meeting it became apparent to me that the word 'treehouse' creates various images in people's minds. My vision is to have a large structure designed for students that has multiple entry and exit points (stairs, slide, rope net, rock climbing wall) and platforms, bridges and lookouts, as well as underneath sections (mud kitchen, cubby, windows). The purpose of the structure will be centred around allowing multiple student places to let their imagination run free, play either collaboratively or side-by-side, and develop skills in problem solving, creativity and self-management.

Please know and try to imagine that this will not be a small backyard style structure. My plan and hope is to continue to look for creative ways to raise funds and engage a well-known local play company in design. I have many design ideas from students across the school to support this process. Watch this space!

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks as we run events to keep you informed. Please remember to continue to follow our COVID safe procedures.

Warm wishes,
Felicity Levett
Principal



2021
School banking day is
WEDNESDAY



Mt Rogers Primary School SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

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 Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- Parent member – 1 position
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- P&C Association member – 1 position
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- Staff member – 1 position
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)

You can collect a nomination form from the Mount Rogers Primary School office during normal business hours (8:30am to 3:30pm - Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed.

Nominations open at 11am on 8 February 2021 and must be submitted to the office at Mount Rogers Primary School by 11am, 22 February 2021.

Voting period opens – 1 March 2021

Voting period closes – 8 March 2021

Appointments commence – 1 April 2021

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand deliver to –
Mount Rogers Primary School
Front Office, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- Email to –
info@mtrogers.act.edu.au
- Mail to –
ARO, C/- Mount Rogers Primary School
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615

For more information contact:

Assistant Returning Officer

Jenny McNaught – Ph 6142 2750



MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT
OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY
Ph 6142 2760
www.flexischools.com.au

Welcome back to all our returning students and HELLO! to all our new students.

The *Healthy Hut* is open 5 days a week and provides healthy, homemade lunches and snacks for both breaks times every day. We are proudly operated by the MTRPS P&C so all profits are returned to the school and the students. The *Healthy Hut* is currently operating cashlessly **so all orders must be placed on Flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au)**, the order cut off time is 9.15am but remember you can always order the night before or even create a regular lunch order for the same day every week.

We are not selling anything over the counter at the moment. The cashless arrangements are in place for Term 1 and will be reviewed by the P&C on a term by term basis.

We are an allergy friendly canteen and use no NUTS, SESAME or SEAFOOD and serve no whole eggs (eggs are used in baking). We also offer a large range of gluten free options.

Please don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any other allergy or menu queries and we welcome volunteers. If are on Facebook please like the Mount Rogers P&C page for regular canteen updates and photos of our menu items.

Regards
Kate, Steph & Corinne

MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP (OPERATED BY THE P&C ASSOCIATION)

All proceeds go to our school

Open MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30-10:30am

Please note:

ALL payments are to be made at the canteen

New bucket hats with our logo are available for sale at the Canteen (\$12 cash) or can be ordered online via www.flexischools.com.au.



Please consider donating uniform items to the Recycled Uniform Shop. Donations can be left at the office.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS LEARNING (PBL) PROGRAM

Welcome to 2021!

The PBL Team has lots of exciting activities planned for the year including our first whole school celebration of 'Break 3' once all classes have revised the RISE expectations for all playground settings. The teachers and students have been busy exploring different places around the school discussing and modelling the RISE expectations, then recording their progress on the PBL Wall.



The PBL Wall is located in the corridor just near the office. Over the year it will contain information about PBL at Mt Rogers, names of students who have received bronze, silver and gold ribbons and data about our Positive Behaviours.



Each class has been collaboratively developing their classroom expectations and are beginning to create a central location in their classroom to share their RISE expectations. Keep your eye out for your child's classroom RISE expectations when you next visit their classroom.



P&C ASSOCIATION

All Welcome

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 1 March 2021 Starting 7.00pm

Prior to the AGM, self-nominations are sought for positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) as well as a range of other representative roles. Voting for these positions will be conducted at the AGM.

For information on any of the roles, or to obtain a nomination form, please don't hesitate to email secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com

Celebrating student birthdays at Primary School & Preschool



Unfortunately, shared food is NOT permitted at school due to the current COVID restrictions.

Please do not bring in birthday treats for your child to share with their classmates.

This includes cupcakes, lolly bags, ice blocks.

The Canteen is available to provide birthday treats.
For more information Ph 6142 2760.

Important

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, FISH and EGG allergies in this school.

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

NO NUTS all nuts and nut-based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)

NO EGGS as boiled eggs or egg sandwiches

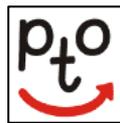
NO FISH including tuna, prawns etc

NO SESAME (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini, bread topping etc)



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTO) SEMESTER 1 2021

Getting to Know You Interviews



Parent/Carer Teacher interviews will be held during Week 4 (22 – 26 February)

Interviews will be of a 10 minute duration.

Bookings will be online using the PTO website via our school's homepage www.mtrovers.act.edu.au.

A note will be sent home soon to advise the start date/time for online bookings. This note will also include parent/carers login details and instructions about the process.

Interviews will be held in your child's classroom.

COVID Easing of Restrictions Roadmap for Schools.

Parents/carers can attend scheduled meetings with teachers. Please ensure that you maintain:

- physical distancing
- hygiene measure (hand sanitizing)
- sign the COVID register located in each classroom

We look forward to sharing this opportunity with you.

2021 YEAR LEVEL (K TO YR 6) INFORMATION SESSIONS

Our Year Level Information Sessions are designed to inform parents/carers about the teaching and learning happening in your child's class, as well as daily routines and other operations information.

All sessions will take place in our school hall and will run for 20 minutes (approx)

Year 3/4	Tuesday, 16 February Starting at 5:30pm
Year 5/6	Tuesday, 16 February Starting at 6:30pm
Kindergarten	Thursday, 18 February Starting at 5:30pm
Year 1/2	Thursday, 18 February Starting at 6pm

Special presentation:

E-SAFETY (CYBER) INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday, 16 February – 6pm to 6:30pm

ALL parents/carers (K-Yr 6) are welcome to attend!

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	2021 Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Pre - 6	2021 Voluntary Contribution (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)		See below

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

2021 CLASSROOM RESOURCES Supporting your child's learning

\$90 per child - please ensure that your child has all the stationery items necessary for their learning in 2021.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources21*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

2021 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Supporting your child's learning

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources for students.

Primary:

- 1 child \$100
- 2 or more children in family \$150 total cost

Preschool:

- 1 child \$200
- 2 or more children in family \$150 per child

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 (enter *child's name & VolCons21*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

Is your child feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms?

Keep them home.

Get them tested.



covid19.act.gov.au

Keep CBR safe & strong

TESTING IS NOT JUST FOR END OF TERM

No one should have to do a test on their first week back at school! But there is one test that can't be ignored. With increased travel over the summer holidays, it is important that all Canberrans – even children - get tested for COVID-19, even with the mildest of symptoms.

While evidence suggests that young children are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19, their symptoms should not be ignored, with testing our best surveillance tool against the virus.

The COVID-19 test is free, quick and easy and most people receive their test result within 24 hours.

Parents and carers who are required to take their children for testing can also be issued with a carers' certificate for the time when they take their child for a test and while they await results.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, or shortness of breath. There are seven free COVID-19 testing locations across the ACT, with four of them open seven days a week. Some testing clinics don't have facilities to test children under the age of eight. Please check the website to make sure you're going to the right clinic:

www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing



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