FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

I can hardly believe that the 2014 school year has just about come to an end.

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR
Next week students will have the opportunity to meet their 2015 teachers and spend time in the space their class will probably be in. We hope this new process helps students transition from one class to the next. I ask parents to support this transition process by trusting the judgment of our staff, who have worked collaboratively putting considerable time, thought and professional judgment into the placement of each child.

END OF YEAR STUDENT REPORTS
End of year reports will be sent home with students on Monday. Included with Kindergarten reports will be the end of year Performance Indicators in Primary School (PIPS) report.

FOND FAREWELLS
We have a few members of staff who are leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to thank teachers Leia Grunwald, Carolyn Dunphy and Susan Edwards and for their outstanding contributions to the school.

Leia will be remembered for establishing a German language program here at Mount Rogers. Leia has also worked tirelessly with our gardening club and bike club, as well as making award winning German movies with students. She has also worked supporting many students and families who have English as a second language. We are incredibly grateful to Carolyn who has worked across our three preschools for a number of years. Carolyn is a passionate teacher who has shared her love of music, dance and physical education with our preschool and kinder children. Susan will be remembered for her calm manner as classroom teacher in our junior school over the past three years.

Also leaving us is Ben Logan. Ben has been a wonderful support to many of our students over the past 11 years, working in classrooms as well as with small groups of students. Many of you will have spoken to Ben on the phone or met her in the front office where she has been working part-time for the past two years.

We wish these staff all the best for the future.

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to our graduating class. We wish our year 6 students every success with their future education. For those families who end their association with Mount Rogers Primary, I would like to thank you for your support of the school through your child’s primary school education.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Monday afternoon in the school hall.

Sue Harding
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS

to the following recipients of awards at our Assembly on 4 December.

MERIT

SPECIAL MERIT - HONESTY

LYNDELL NELMES MEMORIAL READING
Lucie B – Year 1 Topaz

STAR OF THE YEAR- JUNIOR
Jake P – Year 2 Ruby

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hello, my name is Liz Marman. I grew up in Brisbane but moved to Canberra when I began teaching. I love to spend my spare time reading, cooking and travelling.

As I undertake the task of supporting the education of your amazing children, I do so with a few underpinning beliefs and philosophies which are:

1. I believe in a ‘learner centred’ approach to teaching and learning, so in my classroom you will see a focus on the implementation of meaningful and open-ended learning tasks.

2. I believe in providing learning opportunities that acknowledge and support children’s strengths, abilities and interests so in my classroom you will see learning experiences that are designed to maximise a child’s curiosity and interest and foster their natural learning.

3. I believe that every child is an active learner so in my classroom you will see opportunities for students to take part in investigations and projects that allow them to develop their decision making and problem solving skills.

4. I believe that rich oral language experiences are important to student learning so in my classroom you will see opportunities for students to develop their language skills through activities which encourage them to sing, role play, tell and listen to stories, express opinions and communicate and interact with others.

I love being a part of the Mount Rogers Primary School community and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Congratulations

MOUNT ROGERS STUDENTS COMPETING AT RECENT NATIONAL EVENTS

Australian Primary Schools
12 Years & Under Softball Championships
Toowoomba, QLD
Samantha M
Tess C
Will C
Henry J

Australian Primary Schools Nationals Track and Field Championships
Penguin, TAS
Ethan R
During our KidsMatter lessons we have been working on how we can make people feel more connected. We came up with a list of things that we thought we should all say more often.

- **LET'S HANGOUT**
  - William

- **YOU CAN DO IT!**
  - Reilla

- **THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING**
  - Emma

- **SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO DANCE**
  - Daniel

- **G'DAY MATE**
  - Andrew

- **LET'S DO THE CONGA!**
  - Callum

- **YOU'RE THE BEST!**
  - Joanna

- **YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO ME** - Aaron

- **FABULOUS** - Joanna

- **LET'S PARTY!** - Elliot

- **THANKYOU** - Emma

- **YOU'RE AWESOME** - Tyler

- **LET'S DANCE!**
  - Alexander

- **YOU'RE COOL!**
  - Lizzie

And remember if you can't think of anything nice to say you're not thinking hard enough.
Reminders

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

Canteen News

Fresh Tastes Program

It has been a busy term for the Fresh Tastes team at school. Fruit and Fitness has been a big success, getting our kids off to a great start on Monday mornings. This will continue into the New Year, so please, every Monday, pack a piece of fruit for your child to add to the fruit basket to share. If you’d like to join us to cut up fruit for 10 minutes, we’d love to have you - a big thank you to those who have been involved so far.

We’re currently in the process of working with Nutrition Australia to review our Canteen Menu. Our purpose here is to move towards having mostly green, some amber and no red foods on the menu by mid year. The great news is that our very popular Slushie machine, along with most of our favourite flavours, can stay! Our next tasks are to put together a terrific menu of tasty and healthy foods, and try out some new foods for over the counter sales. Please bear with us as we run through our stocks of red foods - we won’t be restocking these. Some red foods, including hot dogs, will be available during this transition time, but only on limited days - keep an eye out for the new menu next year for details.

The most exciting news is that the Canteen will move to 5 days per week in 2015! This gives us time to try out new recipes and bed down all the changes that are happening. That means we need more volunteers - either on a regular or occasional basis - please see Donna in the Canteen if you are interested in getting involved, even if it is only one day per term!

Keep an eye out too for our new water refill stations, where kids can fill up their water bottles with chilled water throughout the day - emphasizing our message that water is the only drink students should be bringing from home.

We’re looking forward to a big launch in first term 2015 - we hope you will join in the fun!

Amarylise Bessey
Ph 0402 776 511 abessey@bigpond.net.au

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

When: Monday, 15 December
Where: Mount Rogers Primary School Hall
Time: 1:30pm

All welcome!

School Banking

Thank you to everyone who was involved with school banking this year. With your deposits and those that opened accounts this year, we earned a commission from the Commonwealth Bank of approximately $700 in 2014 which is used for new resources at school.

For those who have recently ordered rewards, there is a bit of a backlog and some rewards that are out of stock. Due to this, you may not receive your reward until early next year in Term 1. If you are not going to be at school next year and you have ordered a reward that is out of stock (swimming bag, money box or projector cup) then please give me a call and I will try and get an alternative before the year is out. If I don’t hear from you, I will just order your item as per normal.

Thanks and happy holidays.
Sue Jagla - mum and school banking coordinator
(Ph 0401 030 939)

Reminder

Stationary Requirements for 2015

Forms for next year’s stationery requirements are due in by Friday, 12 December.
All stationery items will be delivered to the school in the week before classes begin and distributed to class teachers.
This is a great way to ensure your child has all their stationery items on day 1 next year.

Library News

Have you returned your library books?

All library books are due in NOW.
If you still have books at home please return them as soon as possible.
Thanks for your support,
Anna Comerford
A big thank you to Melba IGA. Melba IGA has donated fruit each Tuesday morning for the Early Links to Playgroup.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

It is not too late!

If you haven’t already done so, please consider making a voluntary contribution now to further the educational outcomes for our students. Forms are available from the front office, preschool or ECIU.

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| ECIU | Per child | $80 |

Payment may be made in cash or cheque (payable to Mount Rogers Primary School) via the front office. Electronic payment may be made by direct deposit to the account (BSB: 032-777 Account: 001682.) EFTPOS is also available at the front office (between 8:30-3:15pm).

**LOST PROPERTY**

Has your child lost any clothing at school this term?

Named clothing will be returned to children and un-named clothing will be on display on tables near Mrs Levett’s office until Wednesday, 17 December. Come and have a look.

All unclaimed items will be given to the School Clothing Shop or disposed of after 3pm Wednesday, 17 December.

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**KIDS ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

**WHEN:** Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th December from 3:15-5pm

**WHERE:** Nth Belconnen Uniting Church, Conley Drive, Melba (opposite Melba/Copland High School)

**WHY:** To enjoy the Christmas story and crafts.

**COST:** $5 per child per session-max $10 per family Covers afternoon tea on arrival

**WHO:** All children from 4-12 years approx Under school age must have an accompanying adult

**PERMISSION FORMS TO BE SIGNED ON ARRIVAL**

**RSVP:** By Friday 28/11 to Mary Ph 0422 818 861

Mary Ewers
Program Convenor
Nth Belconnen Uniting Church

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**ST PAULS CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

- St Pauls Community Choir will sing Christmas carols from 8pm on Sunday 21 December. Light supper for gold coin donation – proceeds to Anglicare.
- Christmas lights every Friday, Saturday and Sunday after 8pm during December at 59 Burns Crt, McKellar.

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**ENROL NOW FOR 2015 PRESCHOOL EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FLYNN CAMPUS**

Looking for support for your 2 to 4 year old? We provide early childhood intervention services for babies, toddlers and children with a range of diagnoses including intellectual disability, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, brain and spinal injury and other physical disabilities. Our friendly and experienced staff will provide you with all the information you need to enrol your child with us. We also offer free no obligation NDIS preparatory sessions to assist you with starting your NDIS journey. We are your local team, backed by the expertise and research of one of Australia’s most trusted disability organisations.

Give us a call today on 6199 0600. Cerebral Palsy Alliance – supports and services for people with disability.

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Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!
In term 2, 6 girls in the Jade class, Eloise Churchill, Caitlin Tudford, Ingrid Hanskoed, Riko Jannur, Filip Laajoki, and Stella Sherwin started to make a garden. So far, the have been gardening for two terms and $S$ = succulents, and the garden has made a big difference! Before, $Ca$ = cabbages it used to be a big weed patch. $P$ = peach tree and this is what it looks like!

We have been spending $J$ = Johnson's every recess, every lunch, every day, every $Ch$ = chord lights car = carrots week gardening. Battled with very sunny days, very cold days, and occasionally $Pr$ = pulling and destroying plants. You can come look at the plants, but remember how hard we've tried so we would appreciate you not to pick.