FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Thank you to all those parents who recently completed the parent request forms for classes in 2015, this process is now complete. It is with great excitement that our teachers will now be creating classes for next year, with a real focus of where to place each individual child to maximise learning.

Huge congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Melba Copland Secondary School Dance Showcase 2014 last Wednesday night. This collaborative schools project was an outstanding success and after 10 weeks of rehearsals it certainly showed in the moves and smiles on our student’s faces. Well done to Year 5 for their performance of Que Sera and to Year 6 for their performance of Like A Drum.

You would have recently received a note home regarding Christian Education in Schools (CEIS). Our school has received a number of requests from parents for their children to receive CE as part of the curriculum, based on provisions in Section 29 of the current ACT Government Education Act 2004. The CEIS project of the ACT Churches’ Council provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests through 4 one hour sessions prepared and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. Parent permission is required for children to attend CEIS. If you would like your child/ren to participate please complete the permission slip on the note sent home last week and return it via your class teacher.

Teachers are currently busy writing reports for all the students in our school, including our preschools. Our end of year summative reports provide comprehensive information on all areas of learning over the past semester. Your child’s report will:

- Be written in plain English
- Provide information about your child’s learning in each subject
- Include teacher comments that identify areas of strength and areas for further development and,
- Provide information about your child’s commitment to learning, work habits and social skills.

Along with our school based report students in years 1-6 will also receive an A to E report based on the Commonwealth Government guidelines. These grades are different from the grades you might remember from when you were at school and are not designed to rank your child, rather indicate whether your child is on track and learning what is expected, doing better than expected or needs more help. For example, a C grade indicates that your child is making ‘spot on’ progress in relation to what he or she was expected to learn over the semester. You can choose not to receive an A to E report for your child. If you do not wish your child to receive an A to E report with their written school report please let the Front Office know in writing. Reports will be sent home on Monday, 15 December.

All the best for a productive and happy rest of the year,

Felicity Levett
Deputy Principal

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CONGRATULATIONS

ARTIST AWARDS
To be presented at our Assembly on 20 November at 2pm
Hosts – Yr 3/4 Jade & Onyx

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INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS
Hi, my name is Alex Usback. I work at the Spence, Flynn and Melba preschool units as a preschool release/support assistant.
I consider myself extremely lucky to be working with such great people and to be involved in the children’s learning experiences at preschool. I love preschoolers because they are so fun! They love to learn and everything is exciting to them.
I have three children at Mount Rogers and my youngest will be at preschool next year! Life is very busy with four kids, but I love it!

IS YOUR PRESCHOOLER ATTENDING KINDER AT MOUNT ROGERS IN 2015?
Have you booked your interview?
This is your opportunity to let us know about your child and ask questions regarding the start of the year and the kindergarten program.
Interviews are available until 21 November at allocated times.

Please contact the school on 6205 8066 to book an appointment

Take a look at the back of this action bus.

Do you see anyone you recognise?

Keep an eye out for Ethan R in Year 5 Aquamarine (javelin) on ACTION buses around Canberra.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eloise C in Year 3 Jade who has recently graduated from her swim school.
Eloise has been swimming for 7 years and can now swim 1000m continuous freestyle, is competent in all 4 strokes and has completed other swimming survival skills programs.
Well done Eloise!

Something you might like to consider...

Emergency mobile phone app
This term 1/2 Topaz has been looking at writing to persuade. We have enjoyed reading books like ‘Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay up Late!’ and ‘The Pigeon Needs a Bath’ by Mo Willems as examples of how to persuade others. Here are some examples of our persuasive texts.

We have discussed how advertising is a type of persuasive writing. We are making our own ads for products we have invented ourselves.

Our geography topic this term is Weather – Here, There, Everywhere. We have been completing research projects at home and presenting them to the class. Here are some examples:
**Reminders**

**DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS**

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

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**P&C NEWS**

**MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

Can’t make P&C Meetings but would still like to know what went on, join the P&C Yahoo group. Simply send an email to mtrogerspnc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com saying you wish to join and you will then be included on all P&C emails.

Thanks, Lea Major
(Ph: 6258 4010 or 0421 708 896)

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**MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT**

This Friday, 14 November
3pm – 8pm in our School Hall

For $5 entry, you will receive a glass of sparkling wine from Barton Estate Winery and a ticket in the lucky draw prize (drawn every 15 minutes!). Additional tickets are available for $1.

**Enjoy a fun evening of shopping with:**

- Barton Estate Winery
- Kaszazz
- Intimo
- Party Lite
- Scentsy
- Lily Anne Designs
- Tupperware
- Your Inspiration at Home
- Norwex
- Close To My Heart
- Body Shop at Home
- Plexis Slim
- Avon
- And many more!

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**ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME**

Do you have children in high school?

The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme can provide ACT residents on low incomes with financial support for students in Years 7 – 10.

Eligibility: Holders of a Pensioner Concession Card or a Health Care Card with means tested ‘payment code’ – see application form for more details.

Apply Now

ACT Education and Training Directorate
Secondary Bursary Scheme
Moloney Bears Centre for Teaching and Learning
GPO Box 126 Canberra City ACT 2601

Application forms are available at all high schools, colleges, Centrelink Regional Offices and online at:

Enquiries: 6205 8262

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