

MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TERM 2 WEEK 10

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mount Rogers families,

"Well, where did that term go?" I have found myself saying a bit over the last week. It has certainly flown by and despite some cold mornings, I have certainly felt sunny and warm on the inside as I read student progress reports and heard about individual learning successes for students at Mount Rogers. It has been a wonderful semester and I thank all parents for their support of and partnership in learning and teaching at this amazing school.

It has been wonderful to see some of you at the start of this week as teachers conduct interviews with parents to discuss and reflect on children's learning and achievement. I look forward to seeing many more of you as the week progresses. Don't forget that all interviews are being conducted in our Ngunnawal office, located just beyond the front office. You will find a waiting area with tea and coffee in the art corridor. Please make yourself comfortable whilst you wait. At this time we would also ask for your feedback on the online communication platforms that each year level has been trialling. Computers will be available in the corridor for you to submit your feedback. Please bear in mind that teachers have only been trialling online communication for one term and we know that improvements can be made.

It was so wonderful to see all our students and staff wearing beanies yesterday in support of the Year 5/6 fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal for the Homeless. Thank you for supporting this event. I often receive letters from students asking for permission to run a non-uniform day fundraiser. I love the empathy our students show towards great causes. As I am sure you can appreciate it is not possible to say yes to every request - if I did I don't think students would be in uniform very often.

I am very happy to report that there continues to be positive movement forward for the new carpark for the school off Grainger Circuit. I have seen the plans and expressed my need for it to be appropriately fenced and lit, which I am assured it will be. The next step is for the construction budget to be approved from within the Education Directorate and then, I will receive a building timeline. I will send further information home as it becomes available. While this is very exciting, it will not resolve all the issues I see around parking at Mount Rogers. Once again, I ask that everyone parks with the safety of our students in mind.

Some new families may not be aware that in even years the students (and staff!) of Mount Rogers put on a concert or performance. In odd years we run a student Art Show. In week 8 of Term 3 an original stage/dance performance *Dreams* will be on show for your enjoyment. This year for the first time I am excited to say we have booked the Melba Copland Secondary School College site theatre for the performances. There will be matinee and evening performances. More information including dates, times, costumes etc. will be sent home early next term, so watch this space.

Over the holidays Liz Marman, Jodi Stoneman and myself will be attending the Australian Literacy Educators Association annual conference in Perth. The conference theme is *The Art of Literacy* and during the 4 days we will have the opportunity to hear from both international and national speakers who will present their ideas and research into *English as an Art and English and the Arts - dramatic, performance, media and visual*. We look forward to sharing our new learnings with the Mount Rogers community next term and beyond.

And finally, I am delighted to announce that Elizabeth (Liz) Marman has won the Deputy Principal position at Mount Rogers Primary School. Liz has been acting in this position since the start of the year. Her passion and commitment to Early Childhood Education, student support and wellbeing, and mentoring staff members was evident during the application and interview process. Liz is such an asset to our school and I look forward to working in partnership with her in the coming years.

Have a safe, relaxing and warm holiday and I look forward to a fantastic Term 3.

Felicity

Felicity Levett
Principal

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School Banking: Tuesday

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

ENROL NOW FOR 2019

Go to www.education.act.gov.au

2-6 July	PTO Interviews - Bookings via www.mtrogers.act.edu.au
6 July	Yr 3/4 In-class PG Rating Movie - <i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i>
6 July	Last day - Term 2
23 July	First day - Term 3
24 July	School Banking - <i>new banking day</i>
27 July	National Schools Tree Day
6 Aug	P&C Meeting 7:30pm <i>All Welcome</i>
7 Aug	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Dingoes & part Goannas) 1:10pm
17 - 21 Sept	<i>Advance notice:</i> Yr 2 Aqua Safe - Water Safety & Awareness Program

2018 TERM DATES

2	30 April - 6 July
3	23 July - 28 September
4	15 October - 21 December

STEP INTO THE *limelight*

Step into the Limelight is the major arts showcase event for ACT public schools. Beginning in 2007, *Step into the Limelight* has grown to become the largest youth Arts event in the ACT. This event is unique to the ACT - no other state has an arts showcase event which covers each of the five art forms of dance, drama, media, music and visual art.

This year Mount Rogers students completed artworks for this exhibition. Twenty exceptional artworks were selected to hang in the Australian National University Gallery, showing the pure talent, drive and hard work from our students all term in Art Club and in class.

While being displayed as a famous artist in the ANU gallery, student's artworks can also be purchased by viewers.

The artworks will be on display from 25 July to 4 August, if you would like to check it out.

Congratulations to all our entrants.

The artwork by the following students will be on display:

YEAR 1	
Hannah D	<i>Watercolour using Bee Bot</i>
YEAR 2	
Archie M	<i>Simply Butterfly Watercolour using Bee Bots</i>
Isla P	<i>Watercolour using Bee Bots</i>
Ilyan Y	<i>Watercolour using Bee Bots Boy Vs Beast</i>
YEAR 4	
Sonja J	<i>Colourful Desert</i>
YEAR 5	
Charly A	<i>Aurora Borealis</i>
Ava B	<i>Northern Lights</i>
Sophia L	<i>Jellyfish Rabbit</i>
Emily P	<i>Rising Moon</i>
Tian Lai H	<i>Dinosaur Sketch</i>
Afryna Y	<i>Fire and Fly</i>
YEAR 6	
Malachi S	<i>Shady Tree</i>
Alexandria B	<i>Line Art Island</i>
Grace H	<i>Warm Quilt</i>
Flynn S	<i>Line Art Silhouette</i>
Darcy H-F	<i>Cool Quilt Eagle</i>

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



HEALTHY HUT NEWS

CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Ph 6258 1552

www.flexischools.com.au

Going out with this newsletter is the *Healthy Hut* Winter Menu. There are only a couple of small changes.

Next term as I get more into the swing of things, I hope to add soup to the menu regularly for the winter. When soup is offered I am more than happy for you to send in your own thermos for filling.

Congratulations to the Yr 1/2 Elephants who as a class, donated 46 items to the canteen and won themselves a special morning tea.

Thank you very much to everyone who came in and volunteered their time in the canteen this term. I am very grateful, and as a P&C operated canteen, your help makes a difference to your school. I have a roster for Term 3 up and going, so please pop in and grab a spot.

The *Healthy Hut* would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Best regards

Kate – Canteen Manager

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTO) SEMESTER 1 2018



Parent/Carer Teacher interviews on **until Friday 6 July** for Kindergarten to Year 6 students.

Interviews will be of a 10 minute duration.

Have you booked a time yet?

If not, please book online using the PTO website via our school's homepage www.mtrogers.act.edu.au or telephone 6205 8066. This year the Ngunnawal office will be the venue for all interviews. Please enter the school via the front office.

Each teacher will be allocated a space within the room. **Please wait in the art corridor outside the Ngunnawal office before your interview.** You will then be invited in by the classroom teacher at your allocated time.

Parent/carer login details including detailed information about the process were sent home with your child last week.

We look forward to sharing with you this opportunity to reflect on your child's learning so far this year.

Term 3 - Upcoming event

YEAR 2 – AQUA SAFE

Water Safety & Awareness Program

Monday 17 September to Friday 21 September
More information will be sent home in Term 3.

Payable in Term 3 - \$50



Another great recipe
from the Mount Rogers
sustainability kitchen!

SPICY PUMPKIN SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
- 2kg butternut pumpkin, peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 long chilli, de-seeded and finely chopped
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- 2 L chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup coconut milk
- freshly ground pepper
- 1 handful chives, to serve

WHAT TO DO

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| Step 1 | Heat oil in pot over medium-high heat. |
| Step 2 | Add onion and garlic. Cook stirring for 3 minutes or until onion has softened. |
| Step 3 | Add pumpkin and potato. Cook stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until potato starts to brown. |
| Step 4 | Add chilli and coriander. Cook for 1 minute or until fragrant. |
| Step 5 | Add the stock, cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium low. |
| Step 6 | Simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until potato and pumpkin are tender. Set aside for 2 minutes to cool slightly. |
| Step 7 | Ladel out 2 cups of liquid and set aside. |
| Step 8 | Blend soup with a stick blender. |
| Step 9 | Add coconut milk. Cook for 1 minute or until heated through. |
| Step 10 | Add pepper to taste, serve with snipped chives as garnish. |

HEAD LICE - Please be vigilant!



To help prevent the spread of head lice in our school would you please check your child's hair REGULARLY – maybe once a week.

If head lice are found please treat them and notify the Front Office so action can be taken to help prevent it spreading. Once treatment has been carried out, children are able to return to school.

2019 ENROLMENTS - ENROLLING NOW

PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

Alfred Hill Drive, Melba

PRESCHOOL SITES

Flynn Preschool - Hedland Circuit
Melba Preschool - Grainger Circuit
Spence Preschool - Baddeley Crescent



ALL enrolment applications must be made ON-LINE

For enrolment information go to:

http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

Original **birth certificate**, **proof of residency** and **immunisation records** **MUST** be provided to Mount Rogers Primary School (Alfred Hill Drive, Melba) following the on-line enrolment process.

SCHOOL BANKING - Change of day

Commencing Term 3

School Banking will be every **TUESDAY**
And new parent helper Larissa,
will be coming on board!



MOUNT ROGERS P&C NEWS

From the President

Did you have fun at the disco?

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that helped me run a very successful disco. I could not have done it without you. I'm very excited to let you know we made \$654 to go towards our school.

We would like to welcome Steph to the *Healthy Hut* on Tuesdays. Steph is already cooking up a storm and doing an amazing job – thank you! Kate is still in the *Healthy Hut* on Wednesday to Friday. If you are available to help in the canteen on any of these days your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our P&C meetings are on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. Hope to see you at our next **meeting on Monday, 6 August**.

Many thanks,
Mikaela Pyne
P&C President

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Curriculum Resources	Now	See below
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contributions		See below
Selected students	Magellan Program	Now	Semester 1 \$50
5	Year 5 Band	Now	\$230 total cost
6	Year 6 Band	Now	\$230 total cost
3/4 Foxes	PG Movie viewing – <i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i>	Fri 6 July	Opt-out permission

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

SCHOOL GATE ACCESS

Until further notice, our school gates will be locked from 9:30am and opened at 2:30pm each day.

All parents, carers and visitors will need to report the front office for access during this time.

Thank you for your support.

CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Have you paid for your child's 2018 curriculum resources (ie books and stationery items)?

Payment (\$75 per student) can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit or EFTPOS (at the front office).

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Primary:

One child (full year) \$100
Two or more children in family \$150 total cost

Preschool:

One child (full year) \$200
Two or more children in family \$150 per child

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit or EFTPOS (at the front office).

MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30am

For donations or enquiries please contact Steph via the front office.



New hats can be purchased for \$10.00 each

All proceeds go to our school

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY
6:30-7:30pm

Group PT

THURSDAY
6:30-7:30pm

Zumba

Bring your water bottle and a smile 😊

Everything else is provided!

Guaranteed to get your sweat on ...

For the bargain price of \$8 per class!



All welcome

Contact Steph via the front office for more information.

SPORT'S NEWEST KIDS PROGRAM IS HERE!



Bowl Patrol is a program to teach kids aged 6-12 the basic skills of tenpin bowling.

- Learn to bowl
- Qualified instructor
- Patroller Pack included

ONLY
\$99
FOR 8 WEEKS

For more information or to register go to:
www.bowlpatrol.com.au

BOWL PATROL WILL BE HELD AT:

Zone Bowling Belconnen (02 6251 6922) Wednesday 4.30pm starting August 1

Zone Bowling Tuggeranong (02 6293 3825) Thursday 4.00pm starting August 2

THE MONARO FOLK SOCIETY

INVITES YOU AND THE KIDS TO A

KIDS BUSH DANCE



Saturday, 14 July 2018 - 2.30 - 4 PM

Where: All Saints Hall, 9-15 Cowper St, AINSLIE

Bring the kids to learn the Brown Snake, the Caterpillar, the Bunny Hop and lots more dances.

Experienced callers, great Aussie bush music by the Tin Mugs.

Cost - Gold coin donation

Info: www.monarofolk.org.au



HAPPY HOLIDAYS