

MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TERM 4 WEEK 8

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mount Rogers families,

With only 20 sleeps until Christmas, the days seem to be rushing by in a bit of a blur at the moment. Planning for all things 2019 is almost complete with classes, spaces and staffing nearly finalised. As I have always maintained and projected to the community, I take the forming of classes incredibly seriously and work with my executive and teaching teams to ensure the best possible placement for all students. As I am sure you can appreciate, a lot of consideration has gone into forming classes, based on comprehensive information regarding all students and their learning needs. As a result of this thorough process there will be no further changes. Children will meet next year's class teacher at Moving-Up Morning on Wednesday, 19 December. They will receive a postcard introducing their teacher - pop it on the fridge as a reminder over the holidays.

I am delighted to be able to announce our 2019 School Captains and School House Captains to the Mount Rogers community. We had the largest number of nominations ever for these leadership roles. This speaks volumes about the potential of our senior students.

	SCHOOL CAPTAINS Amelia C-C, Emerson P, Luke U, Afryna Y		
	ALFRED HILL Millie-Ella L & Daniel R		BADDELEY Cassandra B & Gus M
	HEDLAND Ava B & Elliot W		GRAINGER Jessica N & Jake S

Congratulations to all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Captains and House Captains for their contribution to the school this year. It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside you in my first year as Principal.

A reminder that our Learn to Swim program for students in Years K, 1, 3, 4 & 5 begins next Monday at the Dickson Aquatic Centre. This program would not run without the amazing organisation behind the scenes from Emma Burriss, who has put in countless hours to negotiate with the pool, work out buses, times and swimming groups. If you see her next week, please thank her for all she does. If your child is attending, please read carefully the note sent home today advising what to pack for the week of swimming and don't forget to label ALL items.

The planning for our 2019 Twilight Fete is well underway. It will be held on Saturday, 30 March from 3-7pm. Earlier this week members of the Fete Committee met with the 'rides man' to discuss what rides we might have – how exciting. I know that there will be lots of food stalls, fairy floss and chocolate toss, as well as a Lego creations competition and the classic White Elephant Stall. Why not pop the Fete date in your new 2019 calendar!

Keep smiling as you make your way through the festive season,

Warm wishes,
Felicity Levett

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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

7 Dec	Yr 3/4 Desert Educational Research Project (ERP) Expo 2-3pm
10-14 Dec	Learn to Swim Program (for participating K, 1, 3-5 students)
11 Dec	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Meerkats & part Goannas) 1:10pm
14 Dec	Reports home
18 Dec	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Meerkats & part Goannas) 1:10pm
19 Dec	Moving Up Morning – <i>students only</i>
20 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Assembly 9:15-10:30am in the Hall
20 Dec	Yr 6 Fun Day including Bowling, Dinner and Disco
20 Dec	Giving Tree – last day for donations
20-21 Dec	CANTEEN CLOSED
21 Dec	Last day Term 4
2019	
4 Feb	First day – Kindergarten & new students (partial attendance)
5 Feb	First day – Continuing students

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1	4/5 February – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July – 27 September
Term 4	14 October – 18 December

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN

HEALTHY HUT NEWS

CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Ph 6142 2760 *New phone no.*

www.flexischools.com.au



As the year draws to a close please be advised that the Healthy Hut will be **CLOSED** for cleaning on the last two days of school (Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December).

In the last week of school we will operate a little differently to normal;

- *Tuesday, 18 December* - open for orders via paper bag or Flexischools and we will have all available items ready for sale.
- *Wednesday, 19 December* - counter sales only (**no lunch orders**) but we will be selling lunch items over the counter at special bargain prices.
- *Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December* - **CLOSED**

In preparation for next year, please remember we have reusable insulated lunch sacks available for \$8 from the *Healthy Hut* or via Flexischools.

Thank you
Kate & Steph

Spend your money at the fete not on parking fines!

Don't park:



on the verge

\$120
fine



in no parking zones

\$120
fine



on footpaths or across driveways

\$120
fine



in bus zones

\$162
fine



in no stopping zones

\$270
fine



in mobility (disabled) spaces

\$600
fine



By parking legally at school fetes you are keeping our kids safe!

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Thank You!

Thank you parents and friends of Mount Rogers who supported this years 'Coles Sporting Schools' voucher program.

All our many thousands of vouchers were spent on the following equipment to enhance our students physical education.

A huge thank you to Steph Hinds who co-ordinated this program at our school. All her many hours counting and sorting vouchers has allowed us to get some fantastic new gear.

- ☺ foam beam for junior gymnastics and gross motor rotations
- ☺ 50cm hurdles
- ☺ squishy balls
- ☺ cones and storage holder
- ☺ bag for transporting our shot puts and discus
- ☺ directional arrow set for station style rotations
- ☺ exercise dice set, indicating an activity and the required number of repetitions
- ☺ squishles - squeezable whistles for students to use when umpiring and organising games

Thank you to all of you who contributed to this great result.

Many thanks
Emma Burriss – Sports Coordinator



Mount Rogers
Primary School

From the Mount Rogers Sustainability Kitchen



PERSIAN RICE

Ingredients:

2 tbsp oil

1 large onions (chopped)

2 cloves of crushed garlic

½ tsp salt

¼ cup sultanas

2 cups rice cooked and cold

1/3 cup of pomegranate seeds

½ bunch of coriander leaves

½ bunch of mint leaves (chopped)

½ bunch of chives (chopped)

½ bunch of parsley (chopped)

¼ cup of lemon juice

2 tbsp of pomegranate molasses

Salt and pepper

Additional ingredients you could include:

Slivered almonds, shelled pistachios, cardamom, pinch of saffron strands, Persian feta to serve

Method:

Step 1	Heat the oil in a large fry pan over high heat. Sauté the onions and garlic until golden brown. (Optional) Reduce heat and add additional ingredients until just beginning to colour.
Step 2	Toss the onion mixture through the cooked rice. Add herbs, sultanas and pomegranate seeds. Dress the salad with the lemon juice and pomegranate molasses and season well.

IS YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT MT ROGERS PRIMARY IN 2019?

Please remember...

to complete and return the forms included in your Information Pack.

Drop them into the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School or via your preschool teacher **by Friday, 14 December.**

This will facilitate your child's smooth transition to Kindergarten.

The Mount Rogers Giving Tree

As the year approaches it's timely for us to share a simple yet important message with students:

Christmas is a time for giving

Therefore Mount Rogers Primary has a giving tree in the front foyer of the school to collect donations for *The Helping Hand Food Pantry*, run out of St Paul's Ginninderra, Spence.

St Paul's provides the school with volunteers each Wednesday morning to run our Breakfast program. We are asking students to donate **non-perishable food items** to place under the Giving Tree. Think of things that you would like in your pantry at Christmas.

Examples of non-perishable food pantry items; tinned fruit, pasta, savoury biscuits, tea, jelly, sauces, fruitcake, coffee, biscuits, shortbread, pretzels.

Items can be donated until Thursday, 20 December.

The goods will then be delivered to St Paul's ready for Christmas hampers to be made and distributed to families in need in our local community.



Special Events

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday, 20 December

Graduation Assembly 9:15am
Mount Rogers Primary School Hall



Zone Bowling 11:30am
followed by pizza lunch - John Knight Park



80s Themed Dinner & Disco 6:00-8:30pm
(Dinner - Yr 6 only & Disco - Yr 5 & 6 only)



REMINDER

**Learn to Swim Program
(for participating students)**

Commences this Monday, 10 December

What to bring: A note has been sent home today – please read it carefully and pack your child's swim bag accordingly.



Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Curriculum Resources 2019	7 Dec	\$90/child
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution 2018 (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)		See office
5	Year 5 Band	Now	\$230
6	Year 6 Band	Now	\$230
5	2019 Yr 6 Polo Shirt & Rugby Top	7 Dec	\$30 Shirt \$38 Top
6	Zone Bowling Fun Day & Graduation Disco	7 Dec	\$33 or \$55 See note

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

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the library staff has commenced the END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE.

This is a time-consuming task for our library staff, so please help by returning all school library books NOW.

We have over 200 books outstanding!

A returns box is located outside the library door to make it easier for you.

We appreciate your help with this process



Thank you
Debbie Lees
Teacher-Librarian

2019 CLASSROOM RESOURCES Supporting your child's learning

Please ensure that your child has all the items necessary for their learning in 2019.

\$90 per child

Includes exercise books, stationery, classroom resources & specific literacy resources

Payment by 7 December can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources19*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 6:30-7:30pm	THURSDAY 6:30-7:30pm
Group PT	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!

Contact Steph via the front office.



AFTER SCHOOL KIDS ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP

WHO: For kids aged 3-11 (under school age kids need a carer to stay)

WHAT: Share afternoon tea; hear the Christmas story; make craft items

WHEN: Tuesday, 11 December - 3.15 -5.00pm

WHERE: North Belconnen Uniting Church, Conley Drive Melba (opposite Melba Copland High School)

RSVP & ENQUIRIES: by December 7 to Margaret on 0412 783 038.

OTHER:

Parents need to sign a permission/contact form when dropping children off.



October 2019 Coding & Robotics Holiday Program

North and South Locations



Option 1

Scratch for Beginners
(Age 6-8)

Option 2

Design your VR World and
Games Making (Age 9-11)

Option 3

Digital learning - micro bit,
python+robotics (Age 11+)

Option 4

2 Days Arduino Beginner
Workshop (Age 13+)

Weekend Classes Feb 2019

North- Harrison Primary
South - Woden Library

NORTH SIDE 14-16 Jan 9am-4pm
Franklin Early Childhood School, Franklin

SOUTH SIDE 17-18 & 21 Jan
10am-5pm Woden Library, Phillip

- * Enrol before 31 Dec for early bird price
- * Sibling, repeat student and friend discount of \$10 per family

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