



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

And we're back! I can't believe we are over halfway through Term 2.

It is fabulous to have everyone back at school, it has been 10 weeks since I saw the year 5/6 students - that is the longest stretch without students in my 25-year career. Everyone has settled straight back into the routine of school and are following a range of new hygiene processes easily.

Our **Healthy Hut Canteen** will be back up and running next Tuesday 9 June, under some new COVID related regulations and processes. **The canteen will be CASHLESS for the remainder of Term 2** and there will be **NO COUNTER ITEMS** available for purchase at B1 and B2. All orders for both snacks and/or lunches must be placed via www.flexischools.com.au. Unfortunately, we are not able to welcome volunteers (student or adult) to support in the Canteen at this stage. As soon as we can, we will shout it from the rooftops I'm sure! I would like to thank Steph and Kate for all their hard work navigating getting the *Healthy Hut Canteen* back up and running under the 'normal' we find ourselves in currently.

I am very excited to let the community know that the work on the new office is progressing extremely well. After 2-1/2 years it is wonderful to see the space taking shape and the project become a reality! The space was painted over the long weekend and carpet will be laid this weekend. It is looking welcoming, light, open and professional. The inclusion of a meeting room with small kitchenette is a great outcome for the school and will allow P&C meetings, Board meetings and parent meetings to happen in a welcoming and private space. The office and executive staff, and I can't wait to move in - though this is still about 3 weeks away.



I have decided to take the opportunity to find out what you have noticed about your child as a learner during the remote learning period. Please look out for an email with a **survey** attached from your child's teacher on Friday regarding this. This will capture some useful data that can be considered by teachers for Semester 2.

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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

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

5 June	World Environment Day
5 June	2021 Online Enrolments Round 1 CLOSING at 5pm Offers will be sent via email from 27 July
8 June	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
9 June	Health Hut Canteen OPEN from 9 June (Tues to Fri) Online orders only
11 June	Christian Education in Schools CANCELLED
15-17 June	Kindergarten Health Checks CANCELLED
3 July	Last day – Term 3
School Assemblies will recommence in Term 3. We will notify families as events can be resumed.	

2020 TERM DATES

Term 2	27 April – 3 July
Term 3	20 July – 25 September
Term 4	12 October – 18 December

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

The information below regarding **Semester 1 reports** has been provided to all Principals by the Education Directorate for inclusion in a newsletter.

All classroom teachers have spent this week and last looking carefully at the data they have available to them in order to provide you with relevant, meaningful and purposeful information about student progress.

Changes to semester 1 reporting

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from kindergarten to year 10.

We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced.

Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included.

Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative A-E grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1.

For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the Education Directorate Contact Form or call 6205 5429.

One final reminder from me, please make sure that all jumpers, jackets, coats and beanies are clearly labelled. As Winter has begun there are many warm clothing items appearing in corridors and not in bags. We can't get them back to students if they are not named.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Stay warm,

Felicity Levett
Principal



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



2021 school enrolments now open

- 1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



FOR ENROLMENT INFORMATION:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

My child is attending preschool this year at Flynn, Spence or Melba Preschool. Do I have to submit an online enrolment application for them to attend Kindergarten next year?

In most cases, pre-schoolers will be automatically enrolled into kindergarten for the following year at their current school.

Students attending preschool outside their Priority Enrolment Area will have to apply for kindergarten as an out of area student if they wish to continue at that school and there is no guarantee that a place will be available. They are guaranteed a kindergarten place at their PEA school. These families were notified by letter or email, that due to limited capacity, the school may be unable to offer a kindergarten place in the following year.

If you received a letter or email like this from your current school for your preschool 2020 enrolment offer, then you will need to complete a new online enrolment form for your child for kindergarten in 2021.

All applications are assessed and prioritised against the criteria on our website at:

www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school

Return to School Information for Parents / Carers

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT SCHOOL

Adults will need to ensure that they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and follow capacity signage.

ADULTS IN SCHOOL BUILDING

Please do not enter the classrooms or corridors – please contact the office if you require assistance. In limiting the number of adults on site, we ask you to:

- contact your child's classroom teacher via SeeSaw or email
- contact the office staff via email or telephone
- telephone before visiting
- if a face-to-face meeting is required, we ask you to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned.

OUR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

- ACT Education requires that all school playgrounds must be cleaned throughout the day and are not available for use before or after school.
- Please do not gather around before or after school but make your way to and from school quickly.



All Mount Rogers Primary and Preschool outdoor play equipment is **CLOSED** before 9am and after 3pm every day.



Mount Rogers
Primary School

WHERE DO I DROP OFF & PICK UP MY CHILD?

- ➡ Please drop your child to school as close to 9am as possible and pick them up promptly at 3pm.
- ➡ Please remember to park safely and legally.

Preschool:

Outside the preschool building – please follow the directions of staff and look to signage

Kindergarten:

Drop off and pick up is outside on the Kindergarten playground, near their classrooms. Extra staff are available to transition them into the classroom.

Years 1-6:

Drop off is on the basketball court at 9am. Your child's teacher will transition students into their classrooms.

Pickup is at an agreed meeting point at 3pm. The basketball court is the preferred place for the pick up of students.

Please note that following are not available as meeting points:

- drive through in the front carpark,
- the temporary front office or
- on the playground equipment

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL?

If your child arrives after 9am, would you please come to the temporary front office for sign in.

Your child will then make their own way to their classroom or a staff member will escort them to their class.

WHAT IF I NEED TO COLLECT MY CHILD EARLY?

If you need to collect your child early, please advise the office staff prior to pick up.

We will ensure your child is ready and waiting to be collected by you from the temporary front office.

Please do not collect your child from the front office between 2:30pm and 3pm for convenience only reasons.

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

All proceeds go to our school

Due to construction work the Recycled Uniform Shop is **CLOSED** until further notice.

New uniform items may be ordered online at Workin' Gear Superstore, Fyshwick (Ph 6255 1029 or www.workingearschools.com.au)

Please consider donating uniform items to the Recycled Uniform Shop.

IMPORTANT

Have you returned your child's ...

- 1) Emergency Contact Card (green)
- 2) Medical Information & Consent form
- 3) Excursion Medical Information & Consent form
- 4) Known Medical Condition Response Plan
- 5) Food Allergy/Intolerance form

THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT

Without up to date information we are unable to contact parents/carers promptly concerning your child at school, and ensure your child can participate fully in school activities and events.

For more information please contact front office

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Have you changed your email address since your last child's last report?

If so, please contact office staff with your up to date information. The report is sent to the parent/carer when nominated when you enrolled your child.

Please also let us know if you now require a second copy to be sent to a parent/carer.

Sarah Schipilow
Executive Teacher

IT IS HATS OFF DAY IN CANBERRA

Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.

In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under 3, all day, around the June and July period and so it is now Hats Off Day!

SunSmart Services - Cancer Council ACT

ACT GOVERNMENT STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Change to Primary Schools Central Placement Panel date for small group programs (LSU, LSU-A, LSC) and specialist school placement

The 2020 school year has started unlike any other, and this has caused significant disruption to usual routines for students, families, and schools. As we welcome students back into our schools, planning is underway to minimise long term impacts of these unprecedented times on our students and their ongoing schooling. In line with this, the date for Primary Schools Central Placement Panel (where small group program placements for LSU, LSU-A, LSC and Specialist Schools are determined) has been changed, with applications now due in Week 6, Term 3 and letters of offer sent to parents in time for schools and parents to develop a transition plan together in Term 4.

The Secondary Central Placement Panel will proceed as anticipated with outcome letters for Year 6 student applications for high school placements in 2021, sent to parents early in Term 3.

If you would like to access more information regarding the Disability Education Central Placement Panel and process, please see the Students with Disability webpage on the Education Directorate website or speak to school staff. If you need further information, you can email your query to DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au.

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

Our canteen will REOPEN on

Tuesday 9 June

(after the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday)

NO CASH SALES

Please use www.flexischool.com.au

Celebrating student birthdays at Primary School & Preschool



Unfortunately, shared food is NOT permitted at school due to the current COVID19 restrictions.

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

This includes cupcakes, lolly bags, ice blocks etc.

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE PAYMENT
K - 6	2020 Classroom Resources	\$90/student
Pre - 6	2020 Voluntary Contribution (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)	See below
Yr 5 & 6 Bands	2020 IMP Band Fees Bank details: BSB: 032777 Acct 001682 Ref: BAND Child's Name	\$230 or balance owing

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

2020 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 2020.

Payment 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

2020 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 & VolCons20*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

SCHOOL BANKING

Message from the Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.



In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat

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parentline@parentlineact.org.au



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