



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 18

17 DECEMBER 2020

TERM 4 WEEK 10

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Well that was 2020!

It started with fire, and then hail, and then COVID 19, and then remote learning, and then a new front office, and then a transportable, and then a new place for the library, and then a color run, and then it was Week 10 Term 4!

I believe that this year we have used the word unprecedented an unprecedented number of times. One thing I know for sure is that as a school community we are steadfast - together we have supported each other though the changes and challenges. The staff and I are incredibly grateful.

Yesterday we said goodbye to 54 Year 6 students at two graduation assemblies. At the assemblies I spoke to the students about the values; *Respect, Excellence, Honesty and Fairness*, and our RISE behaviour expectations they have learnt during their time as a Mount Rogers student, and how these things will help students navigate their way through high school and beyond. I also asked them to remember and follow one more value – kindness. The act of displaying kindness - the quality of being generous, friendly and considerate towards others. Kindness is something that has always been important to me, this year has highlighted this more than most. In my graduation speech I said the following:

It is a very easy and simple thing to do, being kind.

Smile at someone, say please and thank you every day, apologise when you need to, help make the dinner, donate no longer needed clothes to charity, write a thank you note to someone, compliment a friend, empty the dishwasher or hang out the washing without being asked, invite someone new to hang out with you at break time, thank your teacher...

Like I said, it doesn't take much time or effort to be kind!

As part of this group we are also saying goodbye to 27 families whose journey with Mount Rogers ends with their year 6 student graduating. From everyone at Mount Rogers we wish you every success and happiness in the future.

With kindness in mind, thank you to our school community for their generous contributions to the Giving Tree on McMount Rogers Day last Friday. All donations were delivered to the Helping Hand Food Pantry (operated by St Paul's Church, Ginninderra) for distribution to families in need in our local community.

So, thank you for everything during 2020. I could not do my job without your love and support. Special thanks to the members of the School Board and P&C who have been behind me every step of the way as I navigated 2020. I wish you all a wonderful holiday break. Be kind to yourselves and take time to relax, reflect and rejuvenate. I look forward to seeing everyone back at Morning Lines on Tuesday, 2 February 2021 (Kindergarten students the day before).

Here's to an amazing 2021!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm wishes,

Felicity Levett - Principal

Happy Holidays

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School Banking: Wednesday

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

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

15-18 Dec	Photography Competition Viewing 2:30pm to 3:30pm
17 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner & Yr 5/6 Disco
18 Dec	Last day – Term 4

2021

1 Feb	School Board Nominations Open 11am
1 Feb	First day – Kindergarten (individual start times and partial attendance)
2 Feb	First day – Yrs 1-6

TERM DATES

Term 4	12 October – 18 December
2021	
Term 1	1/2 February – 1 April
Term 2	19 April – 25 June
Term 3	12 July – 17 September
Term 4	5 October – 16 December

BREAK TIMES

Break 1	10:30am to 11:10am
Break 2	Eating time: 12:40pm-12:50pm Playground: 12:50pm-1:30pm

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

The end of the school year is almost here, and the library staff need to complete our stock take.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL OUTSTANDING
LIBRARY BOOKS TOMORROW**

We appreciate your help.

Thank you for your support during this year.



Thank you
Debbie Lees (Teacher-Librarian)
Wendy (Library Assistant)



AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Loose Parts Play is prevalent in schools all around the world and is a valuable learning tool. Loose parts are items that can be used and played with that are not prescriptive and have no specific purpose. They are used as the child desires without needing adult direction or instruction, rather relying on childrens' imagination and choice.

If you have a contact who could help us grow our resources or a question about something you want to donate please email:

Lianne Gyles - lianne.gyles@ed.act.edu.au or

Liz Marman - elizabeth.marman@ed.act.edu.au

We look forward to working with you to implement this fantastic learning opportunity for our students.

Lianne and Liz

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

NOW CLOSED

The canteen will reopen on
Tuesday, 2 February 2021

MOUNT ROGERS GIVING TREE

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

Christmas is a time for giving

A big thank you to our school community for your support of the Mount Rogers Primary Giving Tree that has provided donations to **The Helping Hand Food Pantry** located at St Paul's Ginninderra, Spence.

St Paul's usually provided the school with volunteers each Wednesday morning to run our breakfast program, however due to COVID this much appreciated service had to stop. It is hoped that it will begin again during Term 1 2021.

This is a simple way that we as a community can support others.

Thank you for your generosity



IS YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY IN 2021?

Please remember...

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

Drop them into the Mount Rogers Primary School office or via your preschool teacher by **Friday, 18 December 2020.**

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



Congratulations!

to our wonderful Year 6 students
who graduated yesterday



Class OF 2020



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday, 17 December 2020

Yr 6 Fun Day Zone Bowling - 10:15am to 2:00pm
Zone Bowling, Belconnen

Yr 6 Dinner 6pm - Hollywood theme
Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Yr 5/6 Disco - 7:15pm to 8:30pm

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Please follow entry & exit instructions by staff



Mount Rogers Primary School

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

***We want YOU for the
Mount Rogers Primary School Board!***

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Mount Rogers Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Mount Rogers Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- Parent and Citizen member – 2 positions
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- Staff member – 1 position
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)

You can collect a nomination form from the Mount Rogers Primary School office during normal business hours (8:30am to 3:30pm - Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed.

**Nominations open at 11am on 1 February 2021
and must be submitted to the office at Mount
Rogers Primary School by 11am, 15 February 2021.**

Voting period opens - 22 February 2021

Voting period closes - 1 March 2021

Appointments commence - 1 April 2021

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand deliver to –
Mount Rogers Primary School (Office)
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- Email to –
info@mtrogers.act.ed.au
- Mail to –
ARO, C/- Mount Rogers Primary School
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615

For more information contact:
Assistant Returning Officer
Jenny McNaught – Ph 6142 2750

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please remember our COVID guidelines

- Adults need to ensure that they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and follow capacity signage.
- Please do not enter the classrooms or corridors – please contact the office if you require assistance.
- 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.
- Please do not gather around before or after school but make your way to and from school quickly.
- Please drop your child to school as close to 9am as possible and pick them up promptly at 3pm, at the basketball court or arranged collection place.
- Please remember to park safely and legally.



@ MT ROGERS

School banking will resume on:

Term 1 Week 2
Wednesday, 10 February 2021

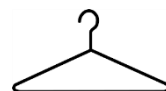
MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

All proceeds go to our school

Has your child outgrown some of their school uniform items?

Please consider donating them to the Recycled Uniform Shop.

From time to time we need a change of clothes for students.



Thank you for your help!

Important Reminder 2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL Wednesday 3 February 2021

Years 3-6 (incl Year 2 competitive swimmers)

**PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES
NOW CLOSED**

More information for participating students
will be sent home on

Tuesday, 2 February 2021 (Term 1 Day 1)



**POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS
LEARNING (PBL) PROGRAM**
Respectful
Inclusive
Safe
Engaged learner

We are so proud of all the students who have received certificates, ribbons and gold medallions this year. We have some very respectful, inclusive, safe and engaged learners at our school and look forward to a wonderful new year.

KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE.

Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance. Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings. Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart and practise good hand hygiene, especially after being in public places.

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

Advice regarding **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
will change regularly. Keep up to date.
Visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

HELP
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SPREAD**
AND STAY HEALTHY

1.5M



Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE PAYMENT
K - 6	2021 Classroom Resources	\$90/student
Pre - 6	2020 Vol Contribution (Pre \$200; Primary \$100)	See below
3 - 6	Swimming Carnival (incl Yr2 competitive swimmers)	CLOSED
5	Yr 6 Polo Shirt & Rugby Top via workingearschools.com.au	Online only

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

2021 CLASSROOM RESOURCES Supporting your child's learning

\$90 per child - please ensure that your child has all the stationery items necessary for their learning.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources21*)
- 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 <u>per child</u>

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



FUN & LEARN CRICKET TECHNIQUE

AN AWARD WINNING
CANBERRA CRICKET ACADEMY
FOR ITS CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE COACHING

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Date: 11-12 Jan 2021
Mon-Tue, 10 am-4 pm

Place: Harrison Cricket nets
Katoomba St., Harrison

Cost: \$100 per player

PLEASE REGISTER AT
<http://canberracricketacademy.com.au>
/school-holiday-registration

Accredited by 

CONTACT: Masud Rahman, CA Accredited High Performance Coach, Mobile: 0438 400 066
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AWARDS AND MEDIA
Community Champion
Winner of 2019 Local Legends
Canberra Weekly
The Canberra Times



DISCOVER DRAMA AT BELCO ARTS

Canberra Youth Theatre is coming to Belconnen in 2021!

We bring young people together with professional artists to think imaginatively, act creatively, and make work that challenges us to see the world from a new perspective.

Some young people come to Canberra Youth Theatre because they love performance and want to pursue a professional career in the arts. Others want to have fun, build their confidence and make new friends. Whatever the reason, we create a safe, inclusive space for all young people to be creative, share their voice, and explore their passion.

Holiday Program
Discover the joy of performance and creative play in this three day workshop that introduces young artists to a variety of theatre skills. For young artists in years 1-6.
13 - 15 JANUARY 2021

Weekly Workshops
Years 7-9, Wednesday afternoons 4:30 - 6:30pm
Years 4-6, Friday afternoons, 4:30 - 6:30pm
SEMESTER ONE 2021

FIND YOUR VOICE.
EXPLORE YOUR CRAFT.
SHARE YOUR STORY.

BELCO ARTS

CANBERRAYOUTHTHEATRE.COM.AU/WORKSHOPS



TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

We Get Kids Active!

Only \$78 for 6 classes in Term 1 2021

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 9 Years
- Skills based intro to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

Location: Melba
Melba Copland College Enter from Verbrugghen St, Melba

Starts
Saturday 13th February

\$78
3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

ENROL + PAY ONLINE AT
WWW.GETACTIVESPORTS.COM.AU

To receive the Earlybird price of \$78 you need to Enrol+Pay before 1st February.

After 1st February cost will be \$90 FOR 6 SESSIONS INCLUDING A TENNIS RACQUET FOR YOU TO KEEP!

Programs Focus on Improving Co-ordination and Motor Skills

For more info call us on 1300 772 106 or email us at info@getactivesports.com.au
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