



Mount Rogers Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

3 MAY 2017

TERM 2 WEEK 2

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

What a wonderful start to the term we have had. At our preschool sites the children arrived happy and ready for another term of fun and learning. Our primary students were so settled and ready to learn when they arrived at school after the break. The new learning spaces set up in our kinder and Yr 1/2 classrooms have created much interest and engagement.

I am delighted to welcome two new teachers this term. Veronica Briggs is teaching in our Yr 3/4 team sharing the Brazil class with Mrs Stoneman. Miss Briggs comes to us highly recommended by those she has worked with in ACT and NSW schools. Miss Briggs has settled into our school quickly, creating a calm productive learning environment. We look forward to Miss Briggs sharing her passion for visual arts as the term progresses.

Also new to our teaching team is Mrs Mary Holmes. Mrs Holmes is a very experienced teacher who has worked in primary and high schools across Canberra. She is teaching literacy and research skills in our library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We also welcome back Catherine Weston who is working alongside teachers supporting students in our junior classes.

Last Friday we held our ANZAC commemorative service. Our captains are to be congratulated for coordinating and leading such a meaningful, informative service. Special thanks to Mrs Schipilow for working with these students to organise the service. I also thank our year 6 leaders for the respectful way they read the ode and the students who carried their class wreath to place under our flags. There have been many comments from members of our community about how settled and respectful all our students were throughout the service, along with how beautifully Josh played 'The Last Post' and 'The Rouse' on his trumpet. For those who were not able to attend you can view part of this on our Facebook page.

Congratulations also to our students who were selected to represent Belconnen at the ACT Swimming Carnival on Monday. Josh competed in 50m and 100m freestyle, Ingrid in 50m freestyle, 100m breast stroke and 100m backstroke, and Harry in 50m breast stroke. We are proud to see you represent our school at this high level.

We have a busy month of community events following the P&C meeting on Monday night. I thank those who came along to the meeting and encourage all of you to be involved in events designed to strength community spirit at your child's school. Our annual Mother's Day Breakfast is in the hall on Friday, 12 May followed by Mother's Day stall. Donations for the Mother's Day stall can be placed in the bag located in each classroom. The P&C is providing a free morning tea to the class that brings in the most donations. On Wednesday, 17 May from 6-7pm we are holding a Kindergarten Information Sessions for our preschool parents. On Friday, 26 May we hope to see lots of families at the P&C disco.

Sue Harding
Principal

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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, snack bars, vege chips, tahini, as a bread topping etc)

REMINDERS

ENROLLING ONLINE NOW - 2018 PRESCHOOL

Go to www.det.act.gov.au

1 May	P&C Meeting 7:30pm – All Welcome
2 May	Yr 6 Combined Band to Weetangera Primary
5 May	Magellan at MCSS 8:45am (for participating students)
5 May	2017 Ministers Student Conference (School Captains)
8-10 May	Kindergarten Health Check
8-11 May	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
12 May	P&C Mothers' Day Breakfast 7:30-8:45am and, P&C Mothers' Day Stall
12 May	Assembly 2pm – All Welcome Host: Yr 3/4 Ecuador & Brazil

NOTES HOME

DATE SENT	TOPIC	RETURN
28 April	Kinder Excursion – Aust War Memorial & Ntl Museum Aust	19 May or 26 May
1 May	Clubs @ Mt Rogers	
3 May	PIPS Kinder Reports	

TERM DATES

Term 2	26 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS



Hello, my name is **Casey Langler**. I grew up on the Yorke Peninsula, South Australia. I have had the privilege of moving around Australia for the past sixteen years with my husband and two daughters. I enjoy spending time with my family, travelling, sport, listening to music and reading.

This is my fourth year teaching Kindergarten at Mount Rogers supporting students through investigative play based learning. This year I have the pleasure of teaching the Sea Turtles in our new Kindy space. I am passionate about education and work hard to build relationships and trust with my students.

Because I believe all students can be successful learners in a personalised and inclusive environment with positive relationships in my classroom you will see students;

- working hard to get smarter
- taking ownership of their learning
- actively engaging in learning through authentic and relevant interests
- working at their own level
- experiencing open-ended challenges
- extending their thinking
- problem solving, taking risks and being creative
- communicating with peers and teachers
- working both independently and collaboratively in small groups through authentic hands on learning and investigations

I love being a part of the Mount Rogers Primary School community and I look forward to getting to know you all.

2017 NAPLAN

Dear parents and carers

Our school had been planning to move to online testing for NAPLAN this year.

Unfortunately we have been advised that there are technical issues with the testing system that cannot be adequately resolved before the May NAPLAN test dates. Therefore no schools in the ACT will use online testing this year.

For 2017, this means that NAPLAN tests will be done with pencil and paper as our school has done in previous years.

The ACT is committed to moving to online testing by 2019, however there needs to be complete confidence in the testing system for this to happen. The preparation that we have done so far will stand us in good stead for moving online in the future.

NAPLAN testing provides a snapshot of your child's progress at a point in time and is one of many tools that our teachers used to assess and further our students' learning.

If you have any further questions, please contact me on 6205 8066.

Sue Harding, Principal

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

6258 1552

www.flexischools.com.au

Welcome back to Term 2! It's lovely and warm in the Healthy Hut, so as the weather cools down, consider coming and spending a day with us! We need volunteers, particularly for Mondays and Tuesdays, so please pop in and volunteer, or email us at moutrogerscanteen@gmail.com.

We're trialling being open four days this term, closed on Wednesdays. This is in line with schools around us, which are open three or four days. This means we can make the most of the volunteers we have on other days.



Please note, if you haven't already RSVP'd for the **Mother's Day Breakfast**, you can do so now on Flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au. Please RSVP early as this helps our planning. Flexischools will close on Tuesday next week to allow us to collate orders and purchase supplies and **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

We also need lots of volunteers to make this event a success. Can you come in on Thursday to prepare food, or Friday to serve? Pop in and volunteer now.

Our roster for the weeks ahead:

HEALTHY HUT - VOLUNTEER ROSTER		
WEEK 2		
Thursday	4 May	Elli
Friday	5 May	Nat & <i>We need you!</i>
WEEK 3		
Monday	8 May	Mel
Tuesday	9 May	<i>We need you!</i>
Thursday	11 May	Elli
Friday	12 May	Nat & Katherine
WEEK 4		
Monday	15 May	Carolyn
Tuesday	16 May	<i>We need you!</i>



Amarylise
Canteen Manager

G.A.T.E.WAYS

G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting gifted and talented children from kindergarten to year 7 to:

The Canberra Festival of Workshops

Hosted by Canberra Grammar School, Red Hill

Thursday 29 June and Friday 30 June 2017

from 9.30am - 3.15pm (registration at 8.45am)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festivals offer a large range of workshops running concurrently over two days with the emphasis on challenge and fun. Parents may enrol directly at

www.gateways.edu.au

NOW OPEN

2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS



FLYNN PRESCHOOL - Hedland Circuit

MELBA PRESCHOOL - Grainger Circuit

SPENCE PRESCHOOL - Baddeley Crescent

ALL enrolment applications must be made ONLINE

For enrolment information go to:

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

Please note:

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

ACT SOFTBALL WINNERS!

Congratulations to **Ben, Zac** and **Harry** - members of the Belconnen Boys Softball team that won the ACT Schoolsport Softball final at the end of last term. It was a fantastic achievement to top all of the ACT teams!

As part of the winning team, the boys have all been asked to try out for the ACT team going to the National playoffs in December in Adelaide.

Belconnen obviously has a lot of softball talent because they also won the girls softball event.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

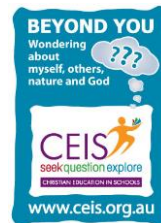
Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions.

Term 2 – Beyond You - Thursday, 8 June

This term students are encouraged to wonder about some of the more puzzling parts of the Christian faith and creatively present some of their thoughts and ideas.

Only students with permission will attend.

If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list contact the front office.

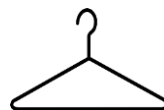


For more info go to www.ceis.org.au/yes

MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP All proceeds go to our school

Open Mondays 8:30-9:30am or by appointment in the stage room near the front office.

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



Do you have any long sleeved polo tops that your child doesn't need anymore?
The Uniform Shop would love some more - please drop them into the front office.

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE & AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT.**

Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
K-6	2017 Curriculum Resource Requirements	Now	\$60 per child
PRE	Preschool Voluntary Contributions		\$200 per child
K-6	Primary Voluntary Contributions		\$100 per child or \$150 for 2+ children in family
5	Yr 5 Band Fees	NOW	\$115 1st Instalment
6	Yr 6 Band Fees	NOW	\$115 1st Instalment
Selected students	Magellan Program MCSS	ASAP	\$50 per semester
Kinder	Excursion – Australian War Memorial & National Museum of Australia	Fri 19 May Sea Turtles & Starfish	\$21
Kinder	Excursion – Australian War Memorial & National Museum of Australia	Fri 26 May Rainbow Fish & Dolphins	\$21
3 & 4	Excursion – National Museum of Australia	Fri 19 May	\$15

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

Important LIBRARY UPDATE



The Library will no longer be open before school. Your child will continue to borrow books during their normal class time.

TERM 2 CLUBS @ MTRPS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
B1	ShowKidz Choir	STEM Gardening		
B2	Bike	Bike	Ukulele Board Games	Green Team

These clubs are on offer to students this term during Break 1 (recess) and Break 2 (lunch).
No bookings required – however, attendance expectations and age suitability may determine participation for some clubs.
Come along and join in the fun!

COMMUNITY NEWS

DO NOT PICK OR EAT ANY WILD MUSHROOMS!

ACT Chief Health Officer Dr Paul Kelly is reminding the community not to pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT.

Death Cap mushrooms are a deadly, poisonous fungus. In Canberra, the Death Cap mushroom often grow near established oak trees in warm, wet weather typically observed in late summer and autumn. With the recent cool and wet weather, Death Cap mushrooms have been found around Canberra.

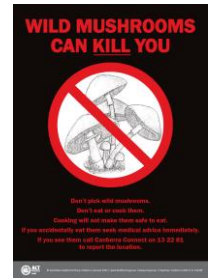
All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe. It can be extremely difficult for even experienced collectors to distinguish Death Cap mushrooms from edible mushrooms. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

A factsheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/publications/factsheets>

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Semester 1 Reports are sent home at the end of this term, so it is a good time to update your family details, if necessary.

- Do you require a second copy of your child's report **due to family circumstances**, and have not already notified the school?
- Do you wish to **not** receive an A-E report for your child and have not already notified the school?
- Do you require an additional PTO (Parent Teacher Online) login password **due to family circumstances**?

If so, please contact the front office soon for a form.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 INFORMATION SESSION

As part of our transition program you are invited to attend an information session for parents of students moving from preschool to kindergarten in 2018.

This session will include an address by the Principal, an opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers and an outline of the Kindergarten program.

When: Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Mount Rogers Primary School
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba



Allergy Awareness ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening type of allergic reaction commonly caused by food allergies or insect bites/stings.

We have students with NUT, SESAME and FISH allergies in this school. At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide, nor wish children to bring to school any:-

SESAME (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini bread toppings etc)

FISH including tuna, prawns etc

NUTS all nuts and nut based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)