



Mount Rogers Primary School

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TERM 3 WEEK 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students who celebrate 100 days of school last Monday. The Mount Rogers Primary School Retirement Village was in full swing during the morning with games of bingo, lawn bowls and Tai Chi all on offer. I meet a number of nannas, grandpas, grannies and poppies throughout the morning who all commented what a fantastic place the Mount Rogers Retirement Village was. Huge thanks to Nanny Langler, Grandma Vanderburg, Granny Lalor and Nan Ducie for all their work preparing our Kindy students for the celebration.

This week the annual School Satisfaction Survey will be made accessible online for parents, staff and student (in years 5/6). The survey results contribute to the school improvement process, by helping us to understand areas where we are doing a great job and areas for further development. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope that you will take the time (about 10 minutes) to participate. The more responses we receive the clearer the picture will be around how satisfied you are in some key aspects of our school. An email was sent to families yesterday regarding how to log on to the survey using a unique code. The survey will be open until Monday, 28 August, thank you in advance for your participation.

As many of you will now be aware if your child is absent from school and you did not let us know by 9:15am either by phone, note, email or the Skoolbag App you will have received a text message to alert you to your child's unexplained absence. This process is being used across many Canberra schools in order to streamline how we track absences and ensure student safety. It is vital that you respond to such a text message as soon as possible, so we can confirm your child is actually absent. On Monday 37 texts were sent and only 8 responses were received. There have been a small number of occasions where a text has been sent and in fact the child is at school, sometimes in the 15 minutes between 9 – 9:15am there can be a mismatch between the roll and the arrival of a child after morning lines. We apologise if this happens, though far better we send the message and you let us know your child *is* at school than we miss something.

In February of this year the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry, outlined her intention to consult across the ACT community to answer central questions relating to *The Future of Education* in the ACT. To this end Minister Berry is encouraging all school communities to get together to have a conversation and help answer questions such as;

- How do we best meet the long term educational and well-being needs and aspirations of all our children and young people?
- How do we make sure our education system is the best for all students? What does success look like?
- Do students have a way to succeed in a way that suits them?

Our School Board Chair, Kamini Davenport, would like to facilitate such a conversation here at Mount Rogers as part of the next P&C meeting on Monday, 4 September. More information regarding this will come to you in the next week or two, in the meantime save the date – Monday, 4 September.

Warm wishes,

Felicity

Felicity Levett - Deputy Principal

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School Banking: Friday

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

ENROL ONLINE NOW AT MOUNT ROGERS
http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

10 Aug	MCSS Dance Program 9:15am (selected Yr 5/6 students)
11 Aug	Magellan 8:45am (selected students)
15 Aug	Melba Tennis Yr 3/4 (Ecuador & part Peru)
16 Aug	Winter Walk to School Day
18 Aug	Assembly 2pm – All Welcome Hosts: Yr 3/4 (Chile, Peru & Bolivia)
18 Aug	P&C Disco
22 Aug	Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival

NOTES HOME

DATE SENT	TOPIC	RETU RN
3 Aug	Yr 1/2 New date Oz Opera	1 Sept
4 Aug	Belco Track & Field Carnival	14 Aug
7 Aug	Yr 6 Fun Day	11 Aug

TERM DATES

Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

CONGRATULATIONS

VALUES AWARDS

Respect | Excellence | Fairness | Honesty

To be presented at our Assembly on
Friday, 18 August 2017
Host: Year 3/4 (Chile, Peru, Bolivia)

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Starfish	Oscar F, Elijah R, Callie D
K Sea Turtles	Xavier F, Brody B, Sabian N
K Dolphins	Kosta C, Donald V
K Rainbow Fish	Alexander R, Sebastien A
1/2 Echidnas	Callum McC, Mehar C, Emily C
1/2 Kookaburras	Paige H, Toby U, Jai T
1/2 Tawny Frogmouth	Mikayla W, Taylor G, Evan P
1/2 Emus	Brody S, Eiley B, Eli D
1/2 Wombats	Adrian G, Candi P, Charlie B
1/2 Sugar Gliders	Youssef A, Emmett G
3/4 Brazil	Jasmine T, Jacob C
3/4 Peru	Antonella Z, Breeanna W
3/4 Bolivia	Lilliana J, Promit S, Millie-Ella L
3/4 Chile	Tamlin F, Daniel R, Aaron M, Isabelle C
5/6 India	Zachary C, Jacob H
5/6 Nepal	Maxine G, Benson B
Sustainability	Noah B, Jasmine T

If your child is absent on Assembly Day their award will be presented in class on their return.

2017 SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEYS

It is that time of year again when we will be asking you to complete the School Satisfaction and Climate Surveys. Parents, carers, school staff and students (in years 5 and 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools.

Although the survey is voluntary, we really encourage you to participate as your thoughts are important to us. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey was sent to families yesterday.

The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report which can be found on the Mount Rogers website.

Sarah Schipilow (Administrator)

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

My name is Jenni Wittchen and this is my 5th year teaching at Mount Rogers. I have two daughters who attend at Mount Rogers so I enjoy being part of the wider school community.



I grew up in Lithgow and was always inspired by my mum who was the Deputy Principal of my primary school. I saw the joy she had from inspiring students and I never wanted to do anything except teach.

I have always been an advocate for Public Education and believe every child has the right to a quality education. I believe students should be provided with authentic learning experiences to provide them with the skills necessary for life. Students should have the opportunity to inquire and investigate as well as reflect on their own learning. School should empower students academically, socially and emotionally to help them become the best person they can be. Learning should also cater for individual needs so students are learning from their specific point of need.

My passions as a teacher are to evoke a love of reading in students through the use of quality literature and to promote creativity in everything I teach.

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

OPEN Mon | Tues | Thurs | Fri

Ph 6258 1552

www.flexischools.com.au

Blokes and Books Breakfast – Friday 1 September

Join us in celebrating all the dads, grand-dads, uncles and other important blokes in our children's lives. For more information, see the note sent home today.

The Healthy Hut Café

On Tuesdays, order and have your lunch at the Healthy Hut Café in the hall.

Rosters

Our Term 3 roster is now available – please pop in to secure your spot. Remember we would love each family to volunteer once a term.

Hats for sale

On sale in the Canteen for \$8 each.

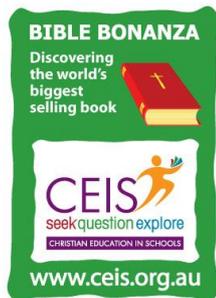
- Bucket hat (black or red)
- Broad brimmed hat (red only)

Steph – Acting Canteen Manager



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 3 – Bible Bonanza - Thursday, 31 August

This term will go on a thinking journey to discover more about some different characters who are part of the 'one big story' told in the Bible.

Only students with permission will attend.

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

Session 1	10am – 11am	Kinder & Yr 1/2
Session 2	11.40am -12.40pm	Yr 1/2 & Yr 3
Session 3	1.50pm -2.50pm	Yr 4-6



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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY Wednesday, 6 September



Order forms were sent home yesterday.

Do you require a photo envelope for a second PARENT? Please contact the front office. Please mark the envelope clearly with your name.

Do you require a FAMILY/SIBLING photograph?

Please collect an envelope from the front office asap.

A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a *Siblings Presentation* pack of your choice will be free.

Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on photo day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken.

Photo envelopes MUST be returned to the school BEFORE or ON PHOTO DAY!

Scholastic Book Orders

A friendly reminder ...

All Scholastic Book orders and payments are to be made on-line.



**Well done, Kindergarten.
100 days smarter!**

Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
K-6	2017 Curriculum Resource Requirements	It's never too late!	\$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	Final Payment
6	Yr 6 Band Fees	NOW	Final Payment
Selected students	Magellan Program MCSS	ASAP	\$50 per semester
Selected students	Belconnen Track & Field Carnival	14 Aug	\$8
1/2	Opera Australia (<i>new date</i>)	1 Sept	\$8

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

TERM 3 CLUBS @ MTRPS

	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
B1	ShowKidz Choir	STEM Gardening	Crochet Chain Gang	Stretch & Think Olympiad Maths	
B2	Bike Club	Healthy Hut Café Bike Club	Ukulele Board Games	ShowKidz Choir Maths Playgroup	Green Team

These clubs are on offer to students this term during Break 1 (11:00 – 11:40am) and Break 2 (1:10 – 1:45pm).
No bookings required – however, attendance expectations and age suitability may determine participation for some clubs.
Come along and join in the fun!

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.



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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lose yourself at Canberra's biggest Bookfair!

Join Lifeline Canberra for the September Bookfair and check out the huge range of books, movies, music, games, comics and more, at the usual low prices.



Held over three huge days from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September 2017 at Exhibition Park.

Special guests, Ray Martin AM and Allan Sparkes CV OAM, will be at the Bookfair on Saturday doing book readings throughout the day.

Entry is by gold coin donation. For more information, including opening hours, please visit Lifeline Canberra's website - www.act.lifeline.org.au/item/bookfair

YES, AUGUST IS HATS ON AGAIN FOR ACT SCHOOLS!

The beginning of August is Hats ON Again for all of us! In Canberra average daily UV levels reach 3 and above for part or most of every day between August and May. When UV levels reach 3 and above, Cancer Council recommends sun protection to reduce the potential risk of skin damage which lays the ground work for skin cancer later in life, including deadly melanoma.

Did you know that skin thickness shows a gradual increase from birth to adulthood. Plus children (compared to adults) tend to spend more time being active outdoors (a good thing) but are most likely not thinking about their skin being damaged by something that is basically invisible and impossible to gauge by human-beings..... solar UV radiation! Canberra schools are therefore ideally positioned to make a real difference when it comes to combating skin cancer.

