



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 1

5 FEBRUARY 2020

TERM 1 WEEK 1

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to 2020, I am so pleased to be back at work and to finally have children back in the school!

The last few weeks have been incredibly difficult for many people who have been affected both directly and indirectly by the bushfire emergency. The scale of this disaster is immense, and the impact is being felt in communities around Australia. The recent hailstorm in Canberra has also had an impact on many families across Canberra. Please don't hesitate to let the school know if your child needs support regarding these events.

All staff returned last week, for both professional learning and classroom set up and team planning. This year our teaching teams have linked their names to plants and the natural world in recognition of UNESCO's International Year of Plant Health. You might like to come and have a look at the 'growing' staff board at the front office, as this year not only do we have a wondering about something to do with plants, we are letting the school community know how we intend to find out the answer.

We have had a very settled and productive start to week 1 and thankfully it has not been quite so hot as last week. The Kindergarten students started with excitement on Monday, all looking very smart in their school uniforms. I would like to thank our 2020 School Captains Jasmine, Sophie, Sarah and Joe, for their help welcoming our Kindy students and their families to the school.

Our Year 1 to 6 students arrived ready to go yesterday morning, I was so excited to see everyone at Morning Lines. Looking out at the entire school I was struck by just how much the school has grown since I started as the Deputy Principal in 2012. I will be doing some wondering about Morning Lines over the next few weeks and whether it continues to serve the right purpose now we are a bigger school. The focus across the school over the next two weeks is about building relationships with teachers and classmates, and creating routines within the classroom.

After much consideration and to better support student learning and new requirements around the daily/weekly timetable, I have made the decision to slightly adjust our break times. This has been done in consultation with the P&C and the canteen. Break 1 (B1) will now run from 10:30am until 11:10am. Eating time will begin at 12:40am and run for the usual 10 minutes, with Break 2 (B2) following from 12:50pm until 1:30pm.

**Getting to Know You Interviews will be held in the week commencing Monday, 17 February.** These interviews form an integral part of our start of year processes as they give parents the opportunity to share information about children to class teachers. Information about how to book an interview using the PTO online booking system will be sent home soon.

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**Canteen:** Kate & Steph Ph 6142 2760  
**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 etc

**EGG** as egg sandwiches or boiled

## REMINDERS

3 Feb	School Board Nominations NOW OPEN
11 Feb	Safer Internet Day
17 Feb	School Board Nominations CLOSES at 11am
17 Feb	Getting to Know You Interviews
24 Feb	P&C Annual General Meeting 7-9:30pm – All welcome
2 Mar	P&C Meeting 7:30-9:30pm All welcome
3 Mar	Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
23-25 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp

## 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1	3/4 February – 9 April
Term 2	27 April – 3 July
Term 3	20 July – 25 September
Term 4	12 October – 18 December

**TERM 1 CALENDAR**  
Coming Soon

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM - continued

Also this year all teaching teams will be running Information Sessions during the evening on Wednesday, 26 February. The sessions will provide parents with information about learning, as well as which teachers will have the class when the classroom teachers have planning and data time and other bits and pieces. We will ensure that parents can get to all the sessions they need to by only running one year level session at a time. I have asked the P&C to consider running a BBQ that evening so that you can grab a bite to eat between sessions. Please keep an eye out for further information about these sessions, and *Save the Date*– Wednesday, 26 February.

All classroom teachers will also be using the *SeeSaw* App on a weekly basis this year to communicate the learning that is happening in classrooms. The purpose of *SeeSaw* is to provide parents with an understanding of the learning we value, what learning looks like in classrooms and to provide you with updates regarding notes etc. A permission note for the parents of students in Years 1-6 will be sent home soon to fill in if you wish to be involved.

You should have received 3 emails last week and this from me on behalf of the Education Directorate regarding information on managing air quality in schools and the novel coronavirus. I will continue to ensure that the health and wellbeing of all students and the entire school community is a priority. Please ensure that you have returned a paper copy of the General Medical Consent form for your child/ren as soon as possible. If your child has asthma it is vital that we also have a GP approved Asthma Plan on file at school. I will continue to communicate relevant information regarding both these matters to parents when necessary. Thank you so much for your support.

A little bit of staffing news – I would like to warmly welcome Eve Canonigo (Year 1/2 Blue Gums), Elise Wark (Year 1/2 Wattles) and Angela Kouparitsas (Small Group Program Ferns) to Mount Rogers Primary School. Our Small Group Program caters for children with a range of diverse needs. Executive teacher, Jodi Stoneman, has taken some extended leave and will return to us later in the year. A process to backfill Jodi's position is underway.

Can I please remind all parents that the new carpark off Grainger Circuit in Melba is for staff only.

I look forward to seeing you around the school over the coming days and weeks - here's to a wonderful 2020!

Warm wishes,  
Felicity Levett  
Principal



## Mt 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 – 1 position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022)
- Staff member – 1 position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022)

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

**Nominations open at 11am on 3 February 2020 and must be submitted to the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School by 11am Monday, 17 February 2020.**

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand deliver to –  
Mount Rogers Primary School  
Front Office, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- Email to –  
[info@mtrogers.act.ed.au](mailto: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 2751

*Please note ...*

### OUR BREAK TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

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



### POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS LEARNING (PBL) PROGRAM

R espectful  
I nclusive  
S afe  
E ngaged

## 2020 CLASS STRUCTURES

### UNESCO INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH

Kindergarten	Year 1/2
<b>LILACS</b> Katrina Lees & Leeza Cottingham	<b>BLUEBELLS</b> Samantha Roberts
<b>LOTUS</b> Bronte Lalor	<b>FEATHER FLOWERS</b> Gay Parkinson & Tracey Exton
<b>HYDRANGEAS</b> Sarah Harding	<b>BANKSIA</b> Kate Gilles & Jodie Peny
<b>BLOSSOMS</b> Amarylise Bessey	<b>BLUE GUMS</b> Eve Canonigo
<b>DAISIES</b> Kiah Ducie	<b>BILLY BUTTONS</b> Judy Byrnes & Tracey Exton
<b>Small Group Program</b>	<b>PINK ROCK LILIES</b> Kalie Vandeburgt
<b>FERNS</b> Angela Kouparitsas	<b>WATTLES</b> Elise Wark
<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>SPIDER ORCHIDS</b> Janelle Strain
<b>AMAZON</b> Daniel Bartlett	<b>Year 5/6</b>
<b>REDWOOD</b> Hayley Trees	<b>MAPLES</b> Paul Kelly
<b>TARKINE</b> Patrick Ormerod	<b>JACARANDAS</b> Angela Donaldson
<b>CONGO</b> Emma Burriss & Kimberley Griffiths	<b>EUCALPYTUS</b> Veronica Briggs
<b>DAINTREE</b> Jenni Wittchen	<b>OAKS</b> Kris Archibald
<b>SHERWOOD</b> Laura Andreazza	



## STUDENT ABSENCES

### UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGES

What is the best way to reply to a text message from our school?

If your child is absent from school and you receive an **Unexplained Absence text message**, would you please reply with the following information:

*(Insert CHILD'S FIRST and LAST NAME) from (insert child's YEAR and CLASS) is away (TODAY or OTHER DATES and TIMES if partial absence) due to (insert REASON)*

Some examples for absence reasons are:

Sick with the flu  
Vomiting - tummy bug  
Appointment with doctor/pediatrician/dentist  
Family holiday

This will ensure that your child's absence is recorded with accurate information.

The same information is helpful if you advise the school by telephone of an absence before the start of the school day.

## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



### THE HEALTHY HUT

**CLOSED ON MONDAYS**

Ph 6142 2760

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Welcome back to the *Healthy Hut* for 2020! If you are new to our school, welcome! Our canteen, *The Healthy Hut*, is open Tuesday-Friday.

If your child has particular dietary requirements, please let me know as we are well equipped to deal with them!

Canteen ManagerS - Kate & Steph

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

*All proceeds go to our school*

**Open TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**

**9:15-9:45am**

New bucket hats with our logo are available for \$12 cash and can also be ordered online via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

Please consider donating uniform items to the Recycled Uniform Shop.



## BREAKFAST CLUB @ MT ROGERS

Operated by the St Paul's Anglican Church community members:



- When:** Wednesday mornings (commencing 12 February)  
**Time:** 8:30 – 8:55am  
**Where:** School hall  
**What:** Fruit, hot chocolate, cereal, toast

*All students are welcome to attend*

## Reminder

### DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

#### Dog Prohibited Areas

Dogs, except for assistance dogs with permits, are not to be taken onto the grounds of a child-care centre, preschool or primary school.

On-the spot fines can be issued for the above offences.

For more please information go to ACT Government website:  
<http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets/dogs/recreation-with-my-doG>



No dogs allowed except hearing assistance dogs and guide dogs

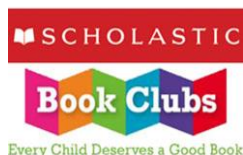


### BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR 2020!

At Mount Rogers we are fortunate to be involved with Scholastic and bring you the Scholastic Book Club each term.

Students will receive Scholastic Book Club catalogues (twice a term) and a return slip notifying you of the due date for ordering. *Please be aware that late orders may not be processed.*

**Mount Rogers is a LOOP school.  
We only accept online payments.  
NO CASH ORDERS.**



More information about LOOP is available on the link below.  
<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/loopinfo.asp>



**2020**  
School banking day is  
**WEDNESDAY**

## COFFEE CART @ MT ROGERS PRIMARY



*The Mount Rogers Primary School is trialing a coffee cart!*

- ☺ Monday mornings from 10 Feb
- ☺ 7:45am-9am
- ☺ Located at front of school
- ☺ For school community & staff
- ☺ Support a local business

*A great way to start your week*

## Important Reminders

#### PERMISSION NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

Please return **ALL** permission notes, money or other notes to the school in an envelope or similar **VIA YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER**. Please do not take notes directly to the Front Office.

#### PAYMENTS FOR THE CANTEEN AND P&C (eg special lunches)

**MUST be in a SEPARATE envelope** – please do not combine payments with any other school event. These payments should be given to your child's teacher also.

#### DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you are using Direct Debit for payments to the School's bank account, it is **most important** that you include the following in the reference field.

- ☺ Student LAST NAME and FIRST INITIAL
- ☺ EXCURSION TITLE or OTHER REASON for deposit

After making an online deposit, please return the signed permission note or form the next day.

#### ENTERING THE SCHOOL

If you are entering the school building **ANY WHERE** at **ANY TIME** of the day you are **required to sign in/out at the front office** as either a registered or unregistered volunteer or visitor.

#### LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child arrives in their classroom after 9am parents/carers are required to come into the school with your child to sign them in at the front office. Your child will be given a *Late Pass* to hand to their teacher.

#### COLLECTING YOUR CHILD EARLY

If you need to take your child out of school before 3pm or for an appointment during the day, parents/carers are required to come to the front office **BEFORE** collecting your child for an *Exit Pass*. You are also required to sign children back into school at the front office upon their return. Students can only be collected by those who are listed on the Emergency Contact card for your child. Please ensure this card is kept up to date.





## DO YOU HAVE A KINDERGARTEN OR NEW STUDENT AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY THIS YEAR?

*Please remember...*

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

Drop them into the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School ASAP.

*This will ensure that the school has update contact and medical information for your child.*

## P&C ASSOCIATION

*All Welcome*

### MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 24 February 2020

Starting 7.30pm

Prior to the AGM, self-nominations are sought for positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) as well as a range of other representative roles. Voting for these positions will be conducted at the AGM.

For information on any of the roles, or to obtain a nomination form, please don't hesitate to email [secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com)

#### P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday 2 MARCH 2020

Starting 7.30pm

Come and find out what is happening at the school including Felicity Levett (Principal) informative update. Get involved with a fundraising activity.

Supper is provided in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Please come along and stay for as long or as short as your wish.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**COLOUR RUN  
IS COMING TO  
MOUNT ROGERS!**

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020  
(Term 1, Week 8)**

**More information coming soon**

## Important

### 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, FISH and EGG allergies in this school.

At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide, nor wish children to bring to school any:

**NO NUTS** all nuts and nut-based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)

**NO EGGS** as boiled eggs or egg sandwiches

**NO FISH** including tuna, prawns etc

**NO SESAME** (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini, bread topping etc)



#Enforcement

## 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 1 hour sessions.

**Only students with permission will attend.** Please see the front office if you would like to add or remove your child's name on the current attendance list.

For more information go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)

# 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
6	IMP Band Fees <u>Bank details:</u> BSB: 032777 Acct 001682 Ref: BAND Child's Name	NOW	\$230

**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*

## ACT Education Directorate 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 not 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 student who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Mount Rogers  
Primary School

Mount Rogers Primary School  
Parents and Citizens Association presents:  
*All welcome*

- **Monday 6:30pm** Madness with **Aimee**, who offers her body weight workouts that are guaranteed to get your heart racing and your body sweating!
- **Thursday 6:30pm** Zumba with **Ilse** dancing you into a fit and healthy body, and you won't even realise it.

**1 class per week- \$8**

**2 classes per week- \$14**

Thank you for continuing to support Mount Rogers Primary School! Like and follow us on facebook **Mount Rogers Primary School P & C** to stay up to date with classes.

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