



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 5

27 MAY 2020

TERM 2 WEEK 5

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

It has been so wonderful welcoming students back this week and last; the school just doesn't feel right without children in it. Next week our Year 5 and 6 students return, and then it will feel almost back to normal.

Over the last 9 weeks we have all learnt a lot about ourselves and each other as we have navigated our way through a pandemic. We have had to be more flexible, resilient and understanding than ever before, and embrace new digital pedagogies at the same time. It has been an inspiring journey to be a part of.

The journey continues. School looks and feels a little different and will do so for a while yet.

It is very important we all continue to follow new processes and procedures at the school. The students already back at school have done an amazing job at this. To those parents who have been at the school thank you for not entering the building and for dropping off and collecting children quickly. Please remember that playground equipment is not to be accessed before and after school.

I want to take a moment to thank our fabulous front office ladies for their flexibility and good humour as the building works continue. Things are moving very well in this regard and the new front office is going to be wonderful – spacious, accessible and welcoming. I can't wait to show it off. In case you were not aware, the entrance to the school has been relocated to the door approx 20 meters to the right of the usual front door (near Mr Bartlett's Year 3/4 classroom). The front office is temporarily situated inside this corridor.

Please remember the front office cannot be a collection point for children, nor outside the front of the school, as this is part of the construction zone - please make other arrangements for your children. Please do not use the front drive through or carpark until further notice; rubbish skips and construction vehicles will be coming and going throughout the day.

Thank you also to Ms Stephens who was successful in applying for Floriade bulbs for the school. As you are probably aware, Floriade will not be happening in Commonwealth Park this Spring, however 800 mixed tulip bulbs and 750 pansies, poppies and paper daisies have begun to be planted in beds across the school. Our kindergarten students enjoyed planting tulip bulbs with Ms Stephens last week in the new garden bed under our flag poles. I can't wait to see them in full bloom come September.

I look forward to welcoming all our Year 5/6 students back next Tuesday.

Remember next Monday, 1 June is a public holiday for Reconciliation Day.

Warm wishes,

Felicity Levett
Principal

DIRECTORY

Principal: Felicity Levett
Deputy Principal: Liz Marman
A: Alfred Hill Drive, MELBA ACT 2615
T: (02) 6142 2750
E: info@mtrogers.act.edu.au
W: www.mtrogers.act.edu.au
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/mountrogersprimary>
Board Chair: Cameron Pietsch
P&C President: Jon Scholtes
www.facebook.com/MountRogersPandC
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

| | |
|------------|--|
| 27 May | Compost Awareness Week |
| 1 June | Public Holiday - Reconciliation Day |
| 2 June | Year 5/6 Students return |
| 5 June | World Environment Day |
| 5 June | 2021 Online Enrolments Round 1 CLOSES at 5pm Offers will be sent via email from 27 July |
| 8 June | Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday |
| 15-17 June | Kindergarten Health Checks - CANCELLED |

Our 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 |

Return to School Information for Parents / Carers

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT SCHOOL

Adults will need to ensure that they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5mtres 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 P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

Our canteen is **CLOSED** until further notice.

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
Primary School

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.

COLOUR FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP PRIZES HAVE ARRIVED

They will be making their way home with students as their year level returns to face-to-face teaching.

We know the run has not happened YET, but the kids can enjoy their well-deserved prizes in the meantime.

As soon as we're allowed, the Colour Fun Run WILL happen!



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
P&C Association P&C
Mount Rogers Primary School
events.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com

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.

IMPORTANT

Have you returned your child's ...

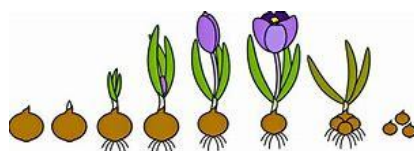
- 1) Emergency Contact Card (green)
- 2) Medical Information & Consent form
- 3) Excursion Medical Information & Consent form
- 4) Known Medical Condition Response Plan
- 5) Food Allergy/Intolerance form

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.

This information is essential prior to excursions

Preparations for 'FLORIADE IMAGINE' at Mount Rogers





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)**



Education



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.



Education

FOR MORE ENROLMENT INFORMATION GO TO:

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

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 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.



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

The end of May is *Hats Off Day* in Canberra! We're not there yet!

Cancer Council ACT can provide SunSmart support to parents and carers during Term 2.

Download the SunSmart App - know what time each day your child should be SunSmart at home

SunSmart Services
Cancer Council ACT

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

