FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Walk/Ride to School Day
On Friday 23 May, many of our students and families participated in Walk/Ride to School Day. Lots of fruit and yoghurt was enjoyed and Dr Bikes helped fix many minor issues such as flat tyres and brakes that needed adjustment. One of our kindergarten students was even brave enough to have his training wheels removed and went on his first ever ride without them. Mrs Grunwald and some students also started creating some recycled bike art. We can’t wait to see the finished product. A big thank you to Adam Jagla and the ‘Doctors’ from Onya Bike for organising such a fabulous community event.

Rostrum
I had the great pleasure of being one of the judges for the Rostrum final last week. The 10 speakers representing years 3-6 kept the judges enthralled with their ideas on topics such as what makes a hero, why happiness is important and what the world needs. All of the speakers should be congratulated on their performances. I am thrilled to announce that Joe Buttress from Year 5/6 Zircon will represent the school at the quarter finals in June and Aditya Bharadwaj from Year 5/6 Tigers Eye is the runner-up.

Preschool Assessment and Rating at Melba Preschool
This term Melba Preschool will be undergoing Assessment and Rating as part of the National Quality Agenda. This is a great opportunity for our staff and community to receive feedback on all of the wonderful work that is taking place against all seven of the Quality Areas at Melba Preschool, as well as the opportunity to plan for ongoing improvements. All preschools across Australia will undergo this process in the coming years, you may remember that Flynn preschool went through the Assessment and Rating process last year. We look forward to sharing details from the comprehensive report next term.

Coffee and Chat
Last Friday a small group of parents and community members met for our first Coffee and Chat session. We talked about the proposed plans to help improve the traffic flow in and around the car park on Alfred Hill Drive. The feedback and ideas received will be passed onto the ACT Government for consideration. Please continue to obey the current road rules and arrangements while our new options are being investigated as we all want to ensure the safety of our children. We are planning to hold Coffee and Chat morning twice per term. Keep an eye out for details of the next session.

Marika Vrieling

Important
Mount Rogers Primary is an ANAPHYLACTIC FRIENDLY SCHOOL
Please do not bring boiled EGGS or egg sandwiches or NUT products into the school, and be aware that Nutella spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.

Reminders
- 28 May School Photographs
- 1 June Hats Off Day
- 2 June ACT Cross Country Carnival
- 4 June ICAS Science Competition
- 5 June Assembly 2pm All Welcome Hosts: Yr 1/2 Ruby & Emerald
- 5 June Yr 5 Combined Band
- 6 June Track & Field Carnival
- 9 June Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Notes Home This Week

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Term Dates
- Term 2 28 April to 4 July
- Term 3 21 July to 26 September
- Term 4 13 October to 17 December

End of May is Hats Off Day in Canberra
Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage. In Canberra UV levels drop and remain under 3, all day, around the June and July period and so the End of May is Hats Off Day!
CONGRATULATIONS

ARTIST OF THE MONTH AWARDS

To be presented at our Assembly on
Thursday, 5 June at 2pm  Hosts – Year 1/2 (Ruby & Emerald)

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Award recipients at our last assembly

MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) Survey

What is it like being a parent/carer at this school?
How involved in the school do you feel?
How do you relate to teachers and school leadership?
What are the things you like about this school?
What are the things you would like to see changed?

The aim is to hear from parents/carers about their experiences as a member of this school community. This survey looks at more areas in detail than the school satisfaction survey, such as relationships with teachers, connection to the school (school identification), and engagement in school life. While we will endeavour to combine the two surveys in the future, it is important for our school improvement process that we receive a strong response to both surveys this year.

Relationships – being valued, respected and listened to in our dealings with others.
Connection – a sense of belonging and connection to the school and what it stands for.
Engagement – investment in and enthusiasm for school.

Your responses are extremely useful and valuable in finding out what we do well and where we can improve as a school community. The survey link will be available on the school website from Monday 2 June 2014. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the schools front office for a paper version. The survey will take 30 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation.

Sue Harding

U-CAN SING

The University of Canberra’s very own children's choir is welcoming new students. For those who love to sing, and want to learn vocal techniques, musicianship, performance skills, and make new friends. More info at http://www.canberra.edu.au/music/choirs/u-can-sing

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hi my name is Ruth Everett and I am fortunate enough to be working alongside the fabulous Kindy team. I have worked in ACT schools for the past 13 years teaching K-2 and spent the past 3 years in preschool. I was born and started my education in N.Ireland and migrated to Canberra with my parents and twin brothers in the mid 70s. I have 2 boys one of which is also in kindergarten. I’m an avid reader and enjoy spending time with my wide circle of friends and even enjoy the odd camping trip.

My passion for Early Childhood education began in Year 11 where I started my certificate in Child Care through Hawker College and CIT. I ran a crèche at the local Baptist Church during their craft days as a volunteer. From there I went on to complete a Diploma in Child Care, travel the world, then complete my degree in Early Childhood Education. Whilst studying I worked in the child care industry. My passion has always been the importance of play in Early Childhood. I was very excited when Sue asked me to teach kindergarten and share my experience and knowledge with the teaching team. The staff and community have been very welcoming and I already feel very much at home at Mount Rogers.

I believe in the importance of making connections with children and parents. You will often see me having a chat before and after school with parents and I love nothing more than to show off the children’s quality work. I am a born nurturer and tend to be a bit of a softie. I am also big on the importance of good manners and people working to the best of their potential. I will always make a point of marking the children’s work alongside them giving instant feedback and recognition where warranted.

The children have already come so far and I’m extremely excited about the rest of the year.
There’s a lot happening in Year 5/6 Aquamarine!

Term 2 is shaping up to be as busy and exciting in 5/6 Aquamarine as the first term of 2014.

You might have noticed that we are immersed in our learning promptly every morning, beginning each day with ‘reading to someone’, the first of our Daily Five literacy tasks.

Throughout the day we make time to read to self, complete word work, listen to reading and work on writing. Focussing on using ‘juicy’ words in our narratives, we have created some pieces that would rival Roald Dahl!

In our Integrated Unit we have been discussing the way government works in Australia, particularly investigating the experience of democracy for different groups of people such as women, migrants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are working in groups to solve a real-life mathematical challenge - creating a marble run - which draws on our knowledge of addition, subtraction, angles and measurement. Teamwork makes maths a lot of fun.

Fortnightly we take time to work with our Little Buddies in Kindy Pearl, which we LOVE!

We enjoy our PE sessions preparing for the Athletics Carnival, playing games that give us an aerobic workout and every Friday we can be found developing skills with Harry, our ASBA.

Last week we presented our Rostrum speeches and were amazed at the variety of entertaining ways the topics could be interpreted.

You might wonder how we fit in Science, Library visits, performing arts and time to create the gorgeous artworks that are hanging around our room. We really do keep busy!

We are very proud of the way our year 5s conducted themselves over the week of NAPLAN testing and we are astounded at the maturity our year 6s are displaying in preparing for their transition to high school next year.

We welcome Geoff who is new to Aquamarine this term. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you in Student Led Conferences later this term.
Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

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

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Flynn – Melba – Spence

On-line enrolments – 1st round closes 30 May

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 on-line enrolment process.

P&C NEWS

COOKS OF THE WORLD NEEDED!
The school fete (Mount Rogers Primary School Fun Family Festival) is on again this year – Saturday, 6 September 2014, 10am to 2pm.

Like last year, the themes are supporting multiculturalism, healthy lifestyles and community. We are seeking cooks from around the world to run a little food stall at the festival. You don’t have to be from that country to cook the food!

Contact Adam Jagla 0400381969, adam.jagla@me.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROAD SAFETY ALERT!
As a community initiative, local Elders Real Estate consultant, Mark Johnstone is providing road safety stickers (30cm X 36cm) for placement on the side of your wheelie bin.

It is a prominent message to drivers to ‘SLOW DOWN, KIDS AROUND’. Each week on garbage collection day, the message is made clear in our streets close to where our children walk and play.

To receive your free sticker, call Mark on 0414 382 093 or email mark@eldersbelconnen.com.au

SCHOOL BANKING

SKIING COMPETITION

Do you enjoy alpine skiing, snowboarding or cross country skiing? Would you like to compete for Mount Rogers?

The ACT/Southern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships will be held in late July at Perisher for alpine, moguls, skier cross, and snowboard. The ACT/NSW Interschools Cross Country Ski Championships will be held in late August, also at Perisher.

Last year two Mount Rogers students competed in the interschools snowsports championships. Both had a lot of fun and did well. They competed as individuals, however the emphasis is on forming school teams and participation. Primary school students compete in either Division 4 (Yr 5/6) or Division 5 (K to Yr4) on the following dates. Three students are needed to form a team in any of the disciplines.

- Moguls - Wednesday, 30 July
- Alpine (modified giant slalom) – Thursday, 31 July
- Skier Cross – Friday, 1 August
- Snowboard events will also be held during these 3 days
- Cross Country - Tuesday, 26 August

If you would like to participate, please complete the Expression of Interest form below and return to the school via your classroom teacher by Wednesday, 4 June. Tony Merritt (Coordinator) will then contact you regarding online entry. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Laajoki on phone 0411 107 783.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - INTERSCHOOL SNOWSPORT

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MILES FRANKLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

15-17 August 2014
Closing date for entries is Friday, 20 June
Sections for solo and group: piano, keyboard, recorder, woodwind, strings, guitar (to 14 years).
Information from your local school or milesfranklinmusic.org