

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

BOOK WEEK

Leading up to Book Week students have read and responded to the Children's Book Council short-listed books of the year. I encourage families to visit our library to see the beautiful display of work produced by preschool to year 6 classes. A list of the short-listed books and winners can be found at <http://cbca.org.au/winners-2014.htm>. We look forward to seeing students dressed as book characters for the Book Week parade on Friday morning. This will be held at morning lines.

CELEBRATING STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Two members of our staff, Casey Langler and Jodi Stoneman, have been nominated for New Educator **Public Education Excellence Awards**. These nominations recognise the significant passion and dedication Jodi and Casey have towards providing a rich environment designed to cater for the learning of every child in their classes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the kinder learning space they have created I encourage you to do so.

This week is National School Support Staff Week. We take this opportunity to recognise the important role our school assistants play in supporting teachers and students across the school. We are lucky at Mount Rogers to have such a wonderful team of support staff. I hope you will join me in thanking Diane, Margie, Sheree, Donna, Sheryl, Alex, Tracey, Catherine, Jo, Sam, Phil and Anne; as well as our front office and admin staff Jenny, Bronwyn, Katie, Ben and Sharon for all that they do here at Mount Rogers.

OTHER STAFFING NEWS

This term we welcome Mrs Faye Bormann to our staff. Faye will be working with staff in our junior school to develop programs to enhance early literacy learning. Faye comes to us with extensive literacy leadership experience and has most recently been teaching in the **U Can Read** literacy intervention program through our Directorate. More information about this program can be found at http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/literacy_and_numeracy/literacy#UCAN

We welcome back Ms Stephens after her four week holiday and thank Mr Kelly for the wonderful job he has done teaching 1/2 Amethyst in Ms Stephens absence.

Mr Merritt is currently working at Evatt Primary and will continue there until the end of this term. I would like to thank Ms Morgan for replacing Mr Merritt as class teacher on 5/6 Tiger's Eye Thursdays and Fridays for the past four weeks. If you are visiting the senior corridor look out for the amazing poetry and artwork students completed with Ms Morgan. Mr Kelly will be taking over the role of class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of this term. Many thanks to Ms Burriss who has worked closely with these two teachers to ensure the program continues as planned.

Many of you will have missed Felicity Levett over the past three weeks while she has been seconded by the Directorate to work in a team leading the School Validation process in schools across the ACT. Felicity will return to us for a week, next week, before heading off on her 'big trip' overseas.

It's less than three weeks till our Family Fun Festival! If you haven't yet put your hand up to help in some way I am sure Adam Jagla would be glad to hear from you. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you here on the day, Saturday 6 September.



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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

16-22 Aug	Book Week
21 Aug	Yr 5/6 BMX Workshop
21 Aug	Yr 1/2 Australian National Museum Excursion
22 Aug	SRC Fancy Dress Day including parade at morning lines
26 Aug	Yr 3-6 Excursion to MCSS for "Seussical the Musical"
27 Aug	Preschool Information Session
28 Aug	Assembly 2pm Hosts: Captains
29 Aug	Fathers Day Stall
29 Aug	P&C Disco
6 Sept	Mt Rogers Fun Family Festival

NOTES HOME THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	TOPIC	RETURN
11 Aug	2015 Kinder Enrolment for Preschoolers	Wed 20 Aug
11 Aug	Yr 3-6 'Seussical the Musical' at MCSS	Mon 25 Aug
11 Aug	2014 School Satisfaction Survey	Fri 29 Aug
14 Aug	Yr 5/6 Tigers Eye – Change of teacher	
18 Aug	Yr 5/6 Chocolate Donations for Fun Family Festival	

2014 TERM DATES

Term 3	21 July to 26 September
Term 4	13 October to 17 December

CONGRATULATIONS

ARTIST AWARDS

To be presented at our Assembly on 28 August at 2pm
Hosts – Captains

CLASS	RECIPIENTS
K Amber	Will D
K Opal	Jake B
1/2 Emerald	Megan L
1/2 Ruby	Jessica N
1/2 Amethyst	Darcy H-F
1/2 Topaz	Alexandria B
1/2 Obsidian	Bell T
3/4 Sapphire	Daniel G
3/4 Onyx	Helayna C
3/4 Diamond	Marylise S
3/4 Jade	Rika J
5/6 Zircon	Liam P
5/6 Aquamarine	Keeley D
5/6 Tiger's Eye	Annalise P



MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

My name is Nicole Mengel and this is my fourth year at Mount Rogers. I have been teaching in the ACT for 13 years and this year I am working across the school teaching music as well as sharing the lovely 5/6 Zircon class with Mrs Booth. I am currently undertaking an acting school leader position, so all of these jobs make my school life a busy one.



I am an advocate of public education and have many fond memories of the dedicated teachers who influenced my life and ultimately shaped the way that I teach. I believe that by providing our students with rich, investigative and real life learning experiences will allow them to grow into open-minded, thoughtful lifelong learners.

In my spare time I play lawn bowls at the Belconnen Bowling Club which is located in Hawker. I am a member of the ACT Lawn Bowls Squad and I have represented our territory in a number of bowling tests against other states. I thoroughly enjoy playing at this elite level and I have set myself the goal of making the team to play in the 2015 Sides Championships which will be played in Western Australia. This would be my fifth time playing in this premier event.

2014 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Last week letters were distributed to all families at Mount Rogers Primary, Melba, Flynn and Spence Preschools about the 2014 School Satisfaction Survey. Each letter had a web link and a unique code for parents to fill out a survey for each child that currently attends our school. If you have not yet completed this survey I would appreciate it if you could set aside a few minutes to help our school and ultimately ACT public schools to continue to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice through our school improvement process.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. The class that returns the most surveys will receive a Yummy Monkey morning tea supplied by our canteen.

If you have not received this letter or it has been misplaced, please contact the front office staff who will be able to supply you another one. The survey will be open until 29 August.

Nicole Mengel

MOUNT ROGERS MUSICAL - 'THE BUSH BOOK' Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 September

Matinees will be held at 12pm each day and evening performances will begin at 6pm each night. Shows will be approximately an hour in length.

- All students in the school will be involved from years P-6.
- Each class will be singing as part of the chorus.
- More information regarding costuming and seating arrangements will be sent home via your students this week.

Thank you for your support of the arts.

Nicole Mengel

SRC FANCY DRESS DAY – FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

The Student Representative Council (SRC) in conjunction with Book Week organiser Mrs Comerford are organising a Dress Up day for Friday 22 August. The theme is 'Favourite Book Character.' If you come dressed in costume a gold coin donation would be appreciated as all funds raised will be split between the RSPCA and The Orangutan Project – two organisations members of our SRC are passionate about.

LIBRARY NEWS

- **Book Week** is on this week! The SRC has planned for the children to have a "Favourite Book Character" dress up day this Friday. The SRC would like children to bring a gold coin to donate towards the RSPCA and The Orangutan Project.
- The library is looking spectacular as each class has put up an **art display** representing a Book Week book! At last week's assembly Year 3/4 Diamonds did a play on the Book Week book "Baby Bedtime" by Mem Fox.
- A big thanks to our **volunteer helpers** Toni Pye, Heidi Seamon and Wendy Khera who diligently assist in making the library run smoothly. Thanks also to the efficient Steph Hinds who assists with our Scholastic Book Club orders.
- **Reading Hour** is on 19 August from 6-7pm. Share a book, read 10 minutes a day. See link <http://readinghour.org.au/>



Anna Comerford
Teacher Librarian

Hello from Kindy Amber!

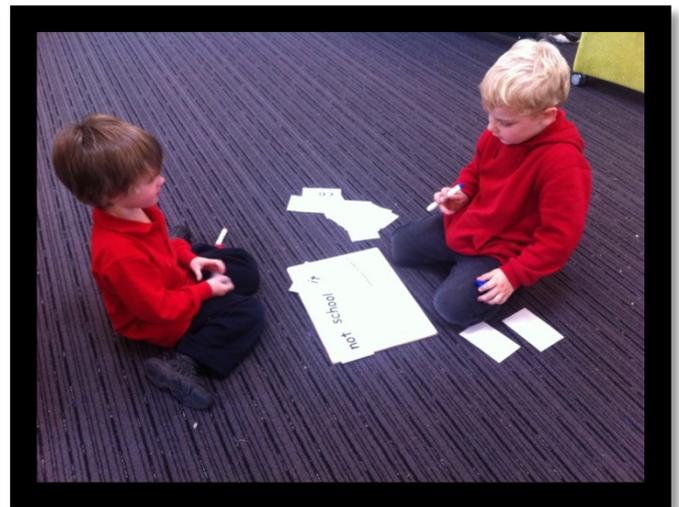
Welcome to term three! We have been very busy getting smarter in all sorts of ways this term.

Together we have been...

enjoying the new room layout
AND new activities during our investigations...



learning our sight words to
get smarter with our reading...



counting to 20 and back again
AND learning our 'friends of 10'...

not to mention getting smarter
about our 2D and 3D shapes!



Please come and visit us and see how else we are getting smarter!

ENVIROWEEK

Enviroweek challenges young Australians to take positive everyday action for a sustainable Australia.

Our Challenge: "Eat and Drink Fresh!"



Mount Rogers takes the fresh food and tap water challenge!

Action

- 1) Nude Food* Week 6 (25-29 August)
- 2) Bring only what you need
- 3) Eat seasonal and local food
- 4) Fill water bottles from the tap
- 5) All fresh fruit and vegetables are perfect

Why?

- Create less pollution
- Less waste to landfill
- Healthy diet, stronger bodies
- Less processed fat and sugar



***Nude Food**: bring your food in reusable containers or recyclable packaging (foil, paper).

For further information about other things you could do for Enviroweek go to www.enviroweek.org

Thank you

The Green Team

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN DISCO OFFER - The school canteen will have a light hotdog dinner option at the school disco on Friday 29 August. The cost will be \$2.50.

The Yummy Monkey		CANTEEN Donna Barnes 6258 1552	
CANTEEN FOOD DRIVE UPDATE			
K Opal	0	1/2 Emerald	14
K Amber	82	3/4 Sapphire	13
K Pearl	138	3/4 Onyx	0
1/2 Ruby	12	3/4 Diamond	62
1/2 Amethyst	15	3/4 Jade	5
1/2 Obsidian	18	5/6 Zircon	0
1/2 Topaz	10	5/6 Aquamarine	0
		5/6 Tigers Eye	0

P&C NEWS

FATHERS DAY STALL - FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

We need your donations to make the stall a success.

Gift ideas include plants, photo frames, chocolates, books, coffee mugs, notebooks, or anything else you can think of.

Gifts will be sold from \$1.00 to \$10.00

We're running a competition between the classes with the class collecting the most donations winning a free morning tea on the day.

Gifts that are handed in already wrapped in CLEAR cellophane and tied with ribbon will receive double points.

The competition finishes on Tuesday 26 August.

If you can help with wrapping gifts, or at the stall on the day please contact Lea Major, lea@seventyeight.com.au or 0421 708 896.



P&C DISCO WITH DJ CLIFF Friday 29 August

Juniors (Pre-Yr 2) – 6pm to 7.15 pm
Seniors (Yr 3- Yr 6) – 7.30 pm to 9pm

Preschoolers are welcome at the Junior Disco if accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$3.00 per child includes a glowing gift, additional ones can be purchased at the disco for 70c each.

Notes must be returned to the school by Friday 22 August to receive a preprinted ticket. If not just bring your completed note to the door on the night.

FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL

**Saturday, 6 September
10am-2pm**



**Fete donations and
assistance needed for the
following stalls**

☺ **German BBQ stall** - seeking volunteers for the roster to run the BBQ at the fete.

Please contact adam.jagla@me.com Ph 0400 381 969

☺ **Craft stall/Home-made jams/Chutneys/Old-style lollies** – time to get your crafty and foody fingers moving. Donations of home-made crafts, jams and chutneys, old-style lollies will be gratefully accepted.

Please contact Steph or Sue for drop-off arrangements:

jagend@mac.com or shinds@grapevine.com.au

☺ **Nana's Treasures** – please rummage your cupboards for the following selected second-hand or pre-loved goods (only clean and in good condition); scarves, gloves, belts, handbags; brooches, rings, necklaces and bracelets, costume jewelry, trinket boxes; scatter cushions; lace doilies, lace and cotton and embroidered tablecloths, serviettes; tea towels; fine china, cup, saucer and plates, flower vases, cake plates and servers; succulent/herb plants in decorative pots.

Please contact adam.jagla@me.com Ph 0400 381 969 for drop off arrangements

☺ **Book/Music/DVD Stall** – please donate good condition second hand books and CDs/records/DVDs for children and adults.

Please contact Joanne Hillerman for drop-off arrangements:

joanne.hillermann@ozemail.com.au

☺ **Toy Stall** – donations of clean and working children's toys (not broken) that can be sold at the fete. Please contact Adam for drop-off arrangements: adam.jagla@me.com or Ph 0400 381 969.

☺ **Car Boot Sale** – why not sell some of your own treasures from your car boot. \$25 per car (donation goes straight to the fete.)

Please contact Billy-Jo Read if you would like participate:

billyjo1974@gmail.com

☺ **Plant Stall** - have you got green fingers? Please start potting small plants for our stall.

Please contact Heather Wilford for more information.

Adam Jagla

Mt Roger Primary Fun Family Festival Committee

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