



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mount Rogers families,

I can hardly believe that the 2018 school year and my first year as Principal are about to come to an end. Where has the year gone! I cannot thank you, the wonderful Mount Rogers community, enough for your support and encouragement of me as the leader of our fabulous school. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can over the next 1-1/2 weeks.

In reflecting on my first year as Principal I wanted to highlight a few of my favourite moments and experiences from across 2018;

- The student led change to our school logo and sporting house names
- Our *Dreamland* performance
- Our Twilight Fete in March
- Attending Year 5/6 Camp Tops
- School Captain morning teas with me
- The journey to get a front office upgrade – I understand this will start in mid-March 2019
- All things dress-up – Book Week, Flanny for a Farmer, and D-Day for Daryl
- The Disco!
- Celebrating World Teacher's Day – thank you to our fabulous P&C for supporting this event
- Creating a new library space and the Wellbeing Room
- Attending *The Gruffalo* at the Canberra Theatre with the Kindy students
- And last but not least, getting into classrooms to watch your children learn through Investigations, ERPs, inquiry projects, maths groups, dining in the Green Space, dancing during Monday Movement - being with the students is by far my most favourite thing to do!

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Mrs Levett is very happy because the mince pie season has begun!



## DIRECTORY

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**Canteen:** Kate Ph 614 22760

**School Banking:** Tuesday

## 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

## CALENDAR EVENTS

10-14 Dec	Learn to Swim Program (for participating K, 1, 3-5 students)
11 Dec	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Meerkats & part Goannas) 1:10pm
14 Dec	Reports home
18 Dec	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Meerkats & part Goannas) 1:10pm
19 Dec	Moving Up Morning – <i>students only</i>
20 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Assembly 9:15-10:30am in the Hall
20 Dec	Yr 6 Fun Day including Bowling, Dinner and Disco
20 Dec	Giving Tree – last day for donations
20-21 Dec	CANTEEN CLOSED
21 Dec	Last day Term 4

## 2019

4 Feb	First day – Kindergarten & new students (partial attendance)
5 Feb	First day – Continuing students

## 2019 TERM DATES

Term 1	4/5 February – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July – 27 September
Term 4	14 October – 19 December

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL *continued*

I am delighted to announce the Executive team for 2019;

**Principal:**

*Mrs Felicity Levett - unchanged*

**Deputy Principal &****Preschool & Kindergarten Team Leader:**

*Miss Liz Marman - unchanged*

**Executive Teacher - Year 1/2 Team Leader:**

*Mrs Jodi Stoneman*

Jodi was acting Executive Teacher this year, leading the Year 3/4 team.

**Executive Teacher - Year 3/4 Team Leader:**

*Mrs Charlene Lalor*

Charlene is coming to us from Gilmore Primary School. She brings with her great experience and a passion for supporting gifted and talented students and coaching and mentoring staff amongst other things.

**Executive Teacher - Year 5/6 Team Leader:**

*Mrs Sarah Schipilow - unchanged*

In 2019 we also welcome 3 new staff members to our school:

- Mrs Kate Gilles from Cranleigh School
- Mr Kris Archibald from Ngunnawal Primary School
- Mrs Sarah Harding (no relation to Sue!) from Gowrie Primary School

It is that time of year when we prepare to say farewell to staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to thank Maureen Wallace and Aleesha Boye for their dedication and hard work, both to the students in Year 1/2, this year.

Maureen is off to enjoy retirement and is looking forward to gardening, time with her grandchildren and embarking on new adventures. Maureen's contributions the students of Mount Rogers and those in other schools across the Directorate has been very significant. We wish you all the best Maureen.

Aleesha eagerly awaits the arrival of a baby in late January. We wish you all the best Aleesha, and hope that you won't be a stranger – we would love to meet your little one.

Just a reminder that end of year school reports will be sent home this Friday, 14 December. Reports will be given to the students in a sealed envelop addressed to parent/s. These reports will provide you with a summative overview of your child's progress against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards.

Next week I am looking forward to 3 annual events on the calendar; Moving-Up Morning (for students only),

Year 6 Graduation Assembly, Dinner and Disco and our school Talent Quest. It is certainly going to be very busy right up until the 3pm bell on Friday, 21 December.

If I don't see you before the end of the year, have a joyous holiday break; rest, relax and rejuvenate – 2019 is going to be sensational!

Warm wishes,  
Felicity Levett

## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN

### HEALTHY HUT NEWS

**CLOSED ON MONDAYS**

**Ph 6142 2760**

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



McMount Rogers Day was a success both in the canteen and under the Giving Tree. Over 540 items were donated on the day which will be collected by *The Helping Hand Food Pantry* at St Paul's Ginninderra Church in Spence.

***Thank you to all the helpers on the day and we look forward to your continued support in 2019!***

In the last week of school we will operate a little differently to normal;

- *Tuesday, 18 December* - open for orders via paper bag or Flexischools and we will have all available items ready for sale.
- *Wednesday, 19 December* - counter sales only (**no lunch orders**) but we will be selling lunch items over the counter at special bargain prices.
- *Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December* – **CLOSED**

In preparation for next year, please remember we have reusable insulated lunch sacks available for \$8 from the *Healthy Hut* or via Flexischools.

Thank you  
Kate & Steph





**Mount 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 – 2 positions  
(period of appointment 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021)
- Staff member – 1 position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021)

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 4 February 2019 and must be submitted to the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School by 11am Monday, 18 February 2019.**

You can submit your nomination by:

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

### IS YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT MT ROGERS PRIMARY IN 2019?

*Please remember...*

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

Drop them into the front office at Mount Rogers  
Primary School or via your preschool teacher  
**by this Friday, 14 December.**

*This will facilitate your child's smooth  
transition to Kindergarten.*

## The Mount Rogers Giving Tree

As the year approaches it's timely for us to share a simple yet important message with students:

*Christmas is a time for giving*

Therefore Mount Rogers Primary has a giving tree in the front foyer of the school to collect donations for *The Helping Hand Food Pantry*, run out of St Paul's Ginninderra, Spence.

St Paul's provides the school with volunteers each Wednesday morning to run our Breakfast program. We are asking students to donate **non-perishable food items** to place under the Giving Tree. Think of things that you would like in your pantry at Christmas.

*Examples of non-perishable food pantry items;* tinned fruit, pasta, savoury biscuits, tea, jelly, sauces, fruitcake, coffee, biscuits, shortbread, pretzels.

**Items can be donated until  
Thursday, 20 December.**

The goods will then be delivered to St Paul's ready for Christmas hampers to be made and distributed to families in need in our local community.



## Special Events YEAR 6 GRADUATION

*Thursday, 20 December*

Graduation Assembly 9:15am  
Mount Rogers Primary School Hall



Zone Bowling 11:30am  
followed by pizza lunch - John Knight Park



80s Themed Dinner & Disco 6:00-8:30pm  
(Dinner - Yr 6 only & Disco - Yr 5 & 6 only)



**LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM**  
(for participating students)

Lessons finish this Friday, 14 December



## Reminders

### EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Curriculum Resources 2019	7 Dec	\$90/child
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution 2018/19 (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)		See below
5	Year 5 Band	Now	\$230
6	Year 6 Band	Now	\$230
6	Zone Bowling Fun Day & Graduation Disco	Now	\$33 or \$55 See note

**Notes and/or payments received after the due date will NOT be accepted.**

### LIBRARY – LOST BOOKS!

Lost library book notices have gone home TODAY, please check your child's bag for them.

Please bring in a suitable, high quality book/s to replace your child's lost library books or alternatively pay \$10 for each missing book.

Need help to know what is a suitable replacement book? Here are some suggested authors:

Junior Authors	Senior Authors
Julia Donaldson	Roald Dahl
Aaron Blabey (Bad Guys)	David Walliams
Mo Williams	Liz Pichon (Tom Gates)
RL Stine (Goose Bumps)	J R Rowling
Geromino Stilton	

We appreciate your help in ensuring we have the best library possible at Mount Rogers Primary.



Thank you,  
Debbie Lees  
Teacher-Librarian

**LAST DAY TERM 4**  
**Friday, 21 December**



## 2019 CLASSROOM RESOURCES

### Supporting your child's learning

Please ensure that your child has all the items necessary for their learning in 2019.

*\$90 per child*

*Includes exercise books, stationery, classroom resources & specific literacy resources*

**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*

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

**It's not too late for 2018**

**and,**

**You can pay now for 2019!**

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources by students.

Primary:

One child \$100

Two or more children in family

Preschool:

One child \$200

Two or more children in family

**Payment can be made by:**

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & VolCons18 or 19*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

*Thank you for your support*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY	THURSDAY
6:30-7:30pm	6:30-7:30pm
Group PT	Zumba

Bring your water bottle and a smile ☺

Everything else is provided!

Guaranteed to get your sweat on!

For the bargain price of \$8 per class!

Contact Steph via the front office.

