



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Well, it's December – can you believe it, there are 23 sleeps until Christmas Day. We have a very busy two and a half weeks left at Mount Rogers for 2020. There is all things Year 6 Graduation, a talent quest, the canteen's McMount Rogers Day special lunch and free dress, reports coming home, class teacher transition conversations in next week's staff meeting and Moving Up Morning.





One thing that is not happening is our annual Parent and Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea – it is a reflection on the COVID year that we have had that means this is not going ahead. I know that there have been volunteers supporting us throughout the year when allowable; in the canteen, with the second-hand uniforms and lost property, covering books - thank you. Even though I can't officially thank you in person, know that I am grateful.

Planning for 2021, including staffing, classes and room allocation, is just about finalised. We will be as ready as we can for Moving-Up Morning on Monday, 15 December. As I have always maintained and projected to the community, I take the forming of classes incredibly seriously and work closely with staff to ensure the best possible placement for all students. With over 600 students to place, it is a big and complex jigsaw puzzle, and as a result I will not be able to make changes to classes.

Last Friday I had the absolute pleasure of announcing the 2021 School Captains and House Captains. I thank all the Year 5 students who nominated for one of these positions.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Annabel G, Annika D, Kelsie P, Otayga M, Owen B

	ALFRED HILL Lucy M, Sade H		BADDELEY Henry T, Connor S
	HEDLAND Kaylin D, Daniel H, Elijah B		GRAINGER Charlie B, Adrian G

Congratulations to you all!

As we project into the last 2 weeks of the school year, let's reflect on our achievements and embrace the celebrations ahead.

Smiles as always,
Felicity Levett
Principal

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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

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

3 Dec	Yr 5/6 Band Performance COVID restrictions apply
4 Dec	Board Meeting 7:45am
11 Dec	Free Dress Day (incl Canteen McMount Rogers Day Special Lunch)
11 Dec	Reports home
11 Dec	Yr 7 MCSS Orientation Day
15-18 Dec	Photography Competition Viewing 2:30pm to 3:30pm
16 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Assemblies (COVID – restrictions apply)
17 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner & Yr 5/6 Disco
18 Dec	Last day

TERM DATES

Term 4	12 October – 18 December
Term 1 2021	1 February – 1 April Mon 1 Feb – Kinder (<i>partial day attendance</i>) Tues 2 Feb – <i>Continuing students</i>

BREAK TIMES

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



In the coming weeks Mount Rogers Primary School will begin our *Loose Parts Play* journey. This year our Kindergarten students will be the first group to engage with this learning. In 2021 the whole junior school will begin participating.

Loose Parts Play is prevalent in schools all around the world and is a valuable learning tool. Loose parts are items that can be used and played with that are not prescriptive and have no specific purpose. They are used as the child desires without needing adult direction or instruction, rather relying on childrens' imagination and choice.

Through *Loose Parts Play* children develop life skills and dispositions such as critical thinking and problem solving, communication, conflict resolution, spatial awareness, risk management and fosters imagination. Milk crates could be used to build a fort, car, or a platform for a play. Blankets could be a cubby house defining the border for play. A cable drum could be a mode of transport or a table for a tea party.

We invite you all to come along with us to grow this play pedagogy in our junior school by helping us to resource our *Loose Parts Play* shed. We are looking to our community for recycled, usable items that are in good condition.

Sustainability is a key factor in our conversation around this program and will also be an integral part of *Loose Parts Play*. Below are some items we are going to need. Drop off will be Monday mornings from 8.30am to 8.50am and Monday afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm at the double shed, near the chicken coop, near the car park at the bottom of Melba Preschool. Other drop off times can be negotiated by contacting Lianne on the email below.

This time we are asking for items such as milk crates, tarpaulins, sheets (any size), lengths of PVC pipe (clean), buckets, kitchen utensils including pots and pans, trays, cake tins, bowls, metal teapots, spoons etc, small lengths of rope and cable drums - wooden or plastic.



If you have a contact who could help us grow our resources or a question about something you want to donate please email Lianne Gyles lianne.gyles@ed.act.edu.au or Liz Marman elizabeth.marman@ed.act.edu.au.

We look forward to working with you to implement this fantastic learning opportunity for our students.

Lianne and Liz

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

Friday, 11 December 2020

Free Dress Day & Special Lunch Day

☞ Free Dress Day

Come to school in free dress and instead of a gold coining donation bring along a food item or gift to donate to **The Helping Hand Food Pantry** (St Pauls Ginninderra, Spence)

☞ Special Lunch

McMount Rogers Day – Burger meal options \$6
Order via Flexischools (preferred) or send in cash payment with order form.

MOUNT ROGERS GIVING TREE

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

Christmas is a time for giving

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 usually provided the school with volunteers each Wednesday morning to run our breakfast program, however due to COVID this much appreciated service had to stop. It is hoped that it will begin again during Term 1 2021.

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.

This is a simple way we as a community can support others.

*Items can be donated until
Wednesday, 16 December.*





MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

2020 - Photography Competition Winners

YEAR	STUDENT	ARTWORK TITLE	CATEGORY
PRESCHOOL	Remy B	My adventure to the top of Mount Rogers	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Horatio V	The trees	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Elizabeth W	Bush track	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Sophia B	Mount Rogers teepee cubby	Object found on Mount Rogers
	Araan Y	Star flowers	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
KINDER	Alexis N	Red leaf	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
	Alexander S	Maggie mobile	Animal found on Mount Rogers
YEAR 1/2	Laura S	Spikes	Animal found on Mount Rogers
	Mia T	Tree in the blue sky	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
	Eva P	Maggie swoop	Animal found on Mount Rogers
	Emma G	Colourful leaf	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
	Addison S	Foggy Belco town	View from or of Mount Rogers
YEAR 3/4	Ruby W	View of Belconnen	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Alec S	Stunning Brindabellas	View from or of Mount Rogers
	William H	Changing clouds over Telstra Tower	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Illyan Y	Portal	Object found on Mount Rogers
	Archie M	Up the tree	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
YEAR 5/6	Annabel G	Long Mount Rogers grass	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Malachi R	Spot the creature in the hidey hole	Animal found on Mount Rogers
	Callum M	Spring afternoon	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers
	Will N	View at dusk	View from or of Mount Rogers
	Adrian G	A tree's perspective	Tree, plant or flower found living on Mount Rogers

Congratulations

Photographs can be viewed in the foyer of the School Office
Tuesday, 15 December to Friday, 18 December between 2:30pm to 3:30pm

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Wednesday, 16 December 2020

Yr 6 Graduation Assembly – **2 sessions**

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

All students arrive at 9am in full school uniform

Session 1 - 9:30am to 11:00am

Yr 5/6 Jacarandas & Yr 5/6 Maples

Session 2 – 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Yr 5/6 Oaks & Yr 5/6 Eucalypts

Please note:

ACT PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Attendance by ticket only (2 tickets per Yr 6 student)

Attendees must be well, remain seated, leave promptly



Thursday, 17 December 2020

Yr 6 Fun Day Zone Bowling - 10:15am to 2:00pm

Zone Bowling, Belconnen

Yr 6 Dinner 6pm - Hollywood theme

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Yr 5/6 Disco - 7:15pm to 8:30pm

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Please follow entry & exit instructions by staff

**PAYMENT & PERMISSION NOTES DUE BY
THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER**

**IS YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD
STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT
MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY IN 2021?**

Please remember...

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

Drop them into the Mount Rogers Primary School office or via your preschool teacher by Monday, 5 December 2020.

This will facilitate your child's smooth transition to kindergarten.



**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 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- Staff member – 1 position
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)

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

**Nominations open at 11am on 1 February 2021
and must be submitted to the office at Mount
Rogers Primary School by 11am, 15 February 2021.**

Voting period opens - 22 February 2021

Voting period closes - 1 March 2021

Appointments commence - 1 April 2021

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand deliver to –
Mount Rogers Primary School (Office)
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- Email to –
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 2750

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please remember our COVID guidelines

- Adults need to ensure that they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and follow capacity signage.
- Please do not enter the classrooms or corridors – please contact the office if you require assistance.
- 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.
- Please do not gather around before or after school but make your way to and from school quickly.
- Please drop your child to school as close to 9am as possible and pick them up promptly at 3pm, at the basketball court or arranged collection place.
- Please remember to park safely and legally.

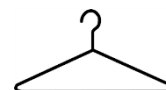
MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

All proceeds go to our school

Has your child outgrown some of their school uniform items?

Please consider donating them to the Recycled Uniform Shop.

From time to time we need a change of clothes for students.



Thank you for your help!

Attention Year 6 Parents

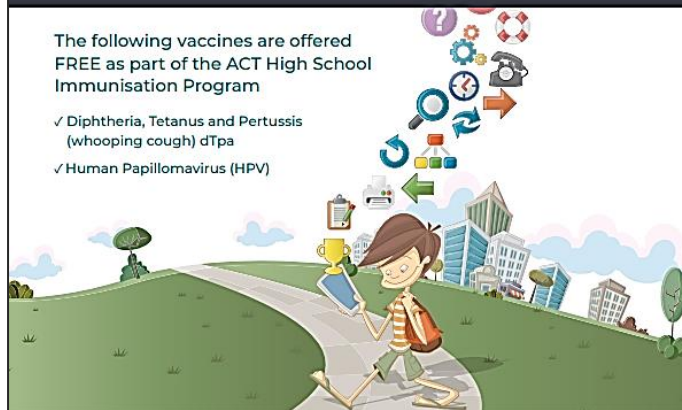


Canberra Health Services

With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours. Your child's vaccinations are due next year.

The following vaccines are offered FREE as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program

- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa
- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

- 🔍 find
- 📄 sign
- 🔄 return

Where can I get more information?

www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents

health.act.gov.au

KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance. Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings. Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart and practise good hand hygiene, especially after being in public places.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

Advice regarding **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** will change regularly. Keep up to date. Visit health.gov.au

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

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Important Reminder 2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL Wednesday 3 February 2021

Years 3-6 (incl Year 2 competitive swimmers)

Payment \$15 and all completed forms due by Friday, 11 December 2020 (Week 9)

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE PAYMENT
K - 6	2021 Classroom Resources	\$90/student
Pre - 6	2020 Vol Contribution (Pre \$200; Primary \$100)	See below
6	Yr 6 Graduation Events	\$60 Thurs 10 Dec
3 - 6	Swimming Carnival (incl Yr 2 competitive swimmers)	\$15 Fri 11 Dec
5	Yr 6 Polo Shirt & Rugby Top via workingearschools.com.au	Online only

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

2021 CLASSROOM RESOURCES Supporting your child's learning

\$90 per child - please ensure that your child has all the stationery items necessary for their learning.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources21*)
- 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



2020 Christmas Happenings

Mount Rogers Community Centre
Curley Street, Spence
(formerly Spence Primary School)

Christmas Eve – 24 December

- Community Carols from 7pm
Just bring a picnic and your voice
- A Scripture & Song Service from 11pm
English & Dinka

Christmas Day – 25 December

- Family Service 9am

GREAT FUNSCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM @ ST PAULS

Mt Rogers Community Centre
Curley Street, Spence (formerly Spence School)

Table Tennis Coaching for Kids

Program dates:

Wednesday 6, 13, 20, 27 January 2021

8-12 years - 9:00am – 9:50am

13-16 years - 11:10am – 12noon

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet



@ MT ROGERS

The last day for school
banking this year is:

Wednesday
16 December 2020