



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 17

26 OCTOBER 2016

TERM 4 WEEK 3

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

What a busy week we are in the middle of this week. Opportunities to learn in different ways are always embraced at Mount Rogers and there has certainly been a number of these this week.

We had a wonderful time during Grandfriends morning today. Watching the young and young at heart learning together in classrooms was delightful, it brought such a smile to my face hearing children explain their learning to their Nan, Gran, Nanny, Pa, Pop or Grandad. Our year 6 run Jolly Rogers Café was humming throughout the morning with many happy customers enjoying a home baked good and a cup of tea. We are so proud of all our year 6 students for the leadership they showed along with great customer service. Well done and thank you to the year 6 teachers and Amarylise for all your help preparing for this.

Our Scholastic Book Fair was also very busy during Grandfriends morning – I think some sneaky Christmas shopping was taking place. As well as being a great place to purchase books the Book Fair is a fundraiser for the school as every book sold earns the school points to purchase more books for the school library. The Book Fair is running out of the library and continues until Friday.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the Music Engagement Program’s BIG GIG concert at Llewelyn Hall to watch a group of Mount Rogers students in years 3 to 6 perform. Our beautiful year 1 students were also there as audience members. We watched students from schools across the ACT but we are most excited to see our students sing ‘Rainbow Connection’ whilst another group danced with ribbons. They were amazing, performing confidently to the audience. Thank you to Nicole who continues to find any opportunity for our students to be involved in the performing arts through her connections at MEP.

A number of parents joined me to hear a presentation about cyber safety and the issues that young people may face when being online. It was outstanding. As a mum myself I learnt a lot, particularly around privacy management, reputation management and relationship management. If you missed this session and would like to know more visit the *ThinkYouKnow* website, the parent factsheets are particularly helpful. We will run this session again in 2017.

A huge thank you to all parents who have already paid for their child’s curriculum resources for 2017. The response to our new way has been very positive and we are grateful for your support. If you haven’t already done so, please don’t forget to pay as soon as possible so we can order what students will need to access their learning in 2017.

Don’t forget to dress in brown, black, grey or white – cow style – on Friday for our *Udderly Awesome* non-uniform day. Kaitlyn and Alice in year 4 are very passionate about supporting the plight of our dairy farmers and have worked very hard to organise the day. There will be milk themed specials for sale in the canteen on Friday, as well as a ‘guess the number of milk bottles or milko chews in the jar’ competition. The girls will also have some farm themed stationery for sale on Friday at morning lines.

Thank you for your continued support, we can’t do what we do without you,

Felicity

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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)

REMINDERS

25-28 Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
24-28 Oct	PIPS Assessment for Kinder Students
27 Oct	Yr 4 Buddy Visit to Melba Preschool
27 Oct	MCSS Arts Extravaganza – Technical Rehearsal 12pm
27 Oct	Yr 6 Melba Tennis Centre
28 Oct	Magellan at MCSS 8:45am
28 Oct	<i>Udderly Awesome</i> Non-Uniform Day for Diary Farmers Gold coin donation please
31 Oct	MCSS Arts Extravaganza Dance Showcase – Dress Rehearsal & Matinee 9:45am
31 Oct	Yr 4 Buddy Visit to Melba Preschool
1-3 Nov	First Aid Training for Students
2 Nov	Whole School Photograph
3 Nov	MCSS Arts Extravaganza Dance Showcase - Evening Performance 5:30pm
3 Nov	Yr 6 Melba Tennis Centre
4 Nov	Assembly 2pm – All Welcome Host: Kinder (Little Dragons/Bilbies)

NOTES HOME

DATE	TOPIC	RETURN
24 Oct	2017 Yr 5/6 Camp Cooba	18 Nov

2016 TERM DATES

Term 4	10 October to 16 December
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INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

G'day, my name is Pat Ormerod and I grew up in the lovely wilderness state of Tasmania. I spent much of my childhood being active; tagging along with family and friends exploring local nature parks, going on multiday treks, rock climbing and whitewater paddling trips, but by far my favourite activity was and still is mountain biking. I have since been lucky enough to move to Canberra to teach in what I think is one of Australia's best public education systems. I have taught many grades in many subject areas include grades 5/6 and 7-10 English, Maths, Social Sciences, PE and Outdoor Education. This year I am privileged to be teaching the inquisitive minds of Year 3 Gryffindor, relishing the opportunity to learn with the students through their Educational Research Projects.



My teaching philosophy encapsulates the teaching of the whole child. This includes a firm belief of students being healthy both physically and mentally. I strive to provide students with opportunities to move and think in different and creative ways because I believe:

1. Students are individuals and learn differently, and therefore need to be provided with various ways to communicate their ideas and understandings
2. Students need to be physically active and therefore daily fitness sessions run every morning
3. Students need to be mentally active and therefore students have the opportunity to talk and work in groups as well as by themselves to give them time to consolidate their learning on a task
4. Students are independent learners; students are encouraged to think and act for themselves, to take pride in their achievements and to reflect on what they would do differently next time.

I am looking forward to working with the Mount Rogers School community to provide greater learning opportunities for our students.

ST JOHN FIRST AID SCHOOLS PROGRAM

In Week 4 of this term all students at Mount Rogers Primary School will participate in first aid lessons delivered by St John Ambulance Australia.

This wonderful course supports students to recognise danger, know how to respond when hurt and how to call for help. Students in our community have assisted others and possibly saved lives using their first aid training.

If you would like to know more about what the program includes in each year level please visit the website <http://schools.stjohn.org.au/>.

Sarah Schipilow



CONGRATULATIONS

ARTIST AWARDS

To be presented at Assembly our on
Friday, 4 November 2016 Host: Kindergarten

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Green Sheep	Liliana T
K Bilbies	Addison M
K Giraffes	Jayde J
1 Pugs	Skye O
1 Piranhas	Annabel G
1 Porcupines	Malachi R
2 Whos	Lisiate T
2 Hortons	Tia M
2 Humming Fish	Olivia D
3 Gryffindor	Ivan C
3 Hufflepuff	Ella H
4 Centaurs	Alice N
4 Falcons	Joanna B
5 Imaginitis	Aurelia L, Gabrielle P
6 The Wonders	Jorja B, Zia M

MERIT AWARDS

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Little Dragons	Jai T
K Green Sheep	Ciara M, Milla P
K Bilbies	Sean C-N
K Giraffes	Charlotte C, Sean B
1 Pugs	Ryan D
1 Piranhas	Jamie B
1 Porcupines	Allyra B, Samuel S
2 Whos	Adeline W
2 Hortons	Colin C
2 Humming Fish	Elyse W, Robbie S
3 Gryffindor	Tiyana H
3 Hufflepuff	Aiden M
3 Ravenclaw	Emerson P
4 Centaurs	Lani H, William P, Daniel R
4 Falcons	Molly B, Zachary G
5 Imaginitis	Zarlasht R, Zachary C, Luke C, Bailey S
6 The Wonders	Max S, Tanaeya R-S, Rebecca G, Charlie H

If your child is absent on Assembly Day their award will be presented in class on their return.

CHINESE CORNER

At the end of last term, some year 5 students learnt how to make Chinese vegetable spring rolls in our Mandarin class. Students were busy wrapping, frying and tasting the delicious Chinese vegetable spring rolls which they freshly made on the day.

We would like to thank ANU China Mentor program for providing a China Mentor Cherry Zheng to assist us during this cooking lesson.



If you would like to try to make some Chinese vegetable spring rolls at home, please click on the following links for the recipe and a cooking demonstration. Happy cooking and tasting!

Recipe: <http://steamykitchen.com/25778-vegetable-egg-rolls-recipe-video.html>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDDeMg2dhEM&feature=youtu.be>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

The Scholastic Book Fair is happening at our school **this week (Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 October)**.

WHY: We hope to raise money to purchase more resources for our school.

WHEN: You can browse the Scholastic Book Fair at the times below and, if you wish, can pay for items via cash or card (sorry, no cheques).

WHO: Everyone is invited and it would be lovely to see preschool families pop in too to browse the posters, variety packs, Christmas surprises and well-priced books!



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26	THURSDAY OCTOBER 27	FRIDAY OCTOBER 28
8:30am to 9:00am	8:30am to 9:00am	8:30am to 9:00am
1:10pm to 1:30pm	1:10pm to 1:30pm	
3:00pm to 3:30pm	3:00pm to 3:30pm	

Thanks for supporting our school!
Anna Comerford, Teacher - Librarian

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK



Get Involved: At Home At School At Work In The Community

As part of National Recycling Week we are recognising the importance of recycling by having a Waste Free Day. **Waste Free Day** will be held in **Week 5 on Wednesday, 9 November**.

We are encouraging everyone to think about the food your child brings to school that will produce **no waste** (rubbish), apart from food scraps or items that can be recycled such as paper, hard plastic and foil. All soft plastics (eg plastic wrap, chip packaging and drinkable yoghurts) are discouraged, as these are **not recyclable**. All food scraps are fed to our worms and chickens. Ideally we would love to see no waste going into our yellow, recycling bins at all. Children who have a lunch order on the day will also be able to participate because all packaging from the canteen is recyclable.

To do this successfully here are some suggestions:

- pack your food into reusable containers (lunchboxes with separate compartments)
- have food that is in its own package such as fruit
- buy in bulk and bring a single serve in a reusable container (yoghurt, biscuits, chips)
- use a water bottle

How you can participate as a family is to think about what is being throwing out at home and look for ideas to reduce your waste (red bin) that ends up in landfill.

The Green Team is also running a poster competition to help encourage and teach people about why it's important to recycle. Entries will close by Friday, 11 November and the winner announced in Week 6.

Thank you
Vanessa Stephens and the Green Team

DON'T MISS OUT!

Participating students from Mount Rogers Primary and our neighbouring schools, will be performing on Thursday, 3 November.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Go to www.stagecenta.com

Tickets on sale on the night subject to availability. It is anticipated they will sell out prior to the event.

The Healthy Hut



CANTEEN NEWS

www.flexischools.com.au

Can you help?

We're having a great year in the Healthy Hut, and making lots of improvements to the foods our kids eat, but we can't do it without your help! We really need a volunteer in the canteen every day - otherwise we can't do the special things like slinky apples and make themed food. You don't need any special skills, and you don't even need to stay all day. Little ones are welcome in our play room, and your children will love seeing you in the canteen!

If each family volunteered in the canteen once a term, we could really do some more amazing things! Has your family volunteered this term? We estimate only 20 families have volunteered this year! Do your bit for your canteen and for our kids and contact us now on canteen@mtrogerspandc.org.au to volunteer.

Special Lunches

Year 3 are taking us on a trip to the South Pacific, with Nasi Goreng (Indonesian Fried Rice) and a yummy tapioca and banana pudding from the Solomon Islands. All for only \$6!

DATE	VOLUNTEERS	
	9am - 11am	11am - 1:30pm
Thursday, 27 October	Kat	Nat
Friday, 28 October	Katrina / Ange	We need you!
Monday, 31 October	We need you!	
Tuesday, 1 November	Kat	
Wednesday, 2 November	Katrina	Carolyn
Thursday, 3 November	Kat	Nat
Friday, 4 November	Angela	We need you!
Monday, 7 November	We need you!	
Tuesday, 8 November	Kat	
Wednesday, 9 November	Angela	

ACTIVE TRAVEL PARENT REPEAT SURVEY

Is your child in Year 4, 5 or 6?
If so, we want to hear from you!

Over the last 12 months we have been assisting the ACT Government to run a repeat survey in our school to find out what you think about students riding or walking to school. Thank you to those of you who completed the survey in Term 4, 2015 and/or in Term 2 this year!

The survey is now being repeated for the last time! If you have a child in Years 4, 5 or 6, we encourage you to participate in this survey, either again or for the first time.

Complete the survey for your opportunity to enter the draw for a Trek Mountain Bike (suitable for your child) worth more than \$500! Information on how to enter the draw for this amazing prize is provided at the conclusion of the survey. The survey information collected is anonymous and will be used to inform future policies and actions aimed at encouraging active travel to school in Canberra.

The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. It will close on Friday, 11 November 2016.

You can complete the survey online via the below link or by scanning the QR code or pick up a hard copy from the front office.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ActiveTravelSurveyTerm42016>



Thank you for your participation!
Patrick Ormerod



RIDE or
WALK
to school

Moving Mountains Playgroup

Join us for a new exciting playgroup initiative at Flynn preschool. ACT Playgroups, together with Blue Earth's Mighty Movers Program and Mt Rogers Primary School have joined together to start a community based playgroup that has a physical play focus.

Mighty Movers is a brand new program for families who have children aged birth-5 to support active play and movement as part of their everyday routine.

Call or email Sue at ACT Playgroups today to register your interest. Phone: 1800 171 882
Email: play@playgroupact.org.au

Day: Friday (during school terms)
Time: 10:00-11:30
Place: Flynn Preschool
Hedland Circuit, Flynn

Join us for physical play activities and games, nature play experiences, craft, sensory play, stories, music, songs and so much more. Make friends, connect, engage, learn and grow...

Is your family interested in the Spanish language?

Spanish Speakers Assoc. (OSITOS) and the Pioneros Scout Group welcome everyone to join our

OPEN DAY

of

OSITOS (classes for children or parents) and the 'PIONEROS' Scout Group

Friday 18th November
4.30pm until late!

- Fun Games & Activities
- Delicious Latin American BBQ
- Shows • Art Exhibition and much more!

Turner Scout Hall
11 Masson St, Turner

ositoscool.com.au