Dear Mount Rogers families,

TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL
What a successful day we had with our Track and Field Carnival at Charnwood Playing Fields last Friday. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day with judging, supervising and supporting students, and in providing the delicious BBQ lunch. We were particularly impressed with the enthusiastic, supportive behaviour of our students as they competed and cheered for their peers. Details of students selected to represent the school at the Belconnen Carnival will be available soon.

DRESS STANDARD AND COLOUR CODE
I remind parents that we expect all students to wear school uniform or school colour code each day. Mount Rogers Primary school uniform consists of the following options:
- Red polo shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts, trousers or skirt;
- Black and white checked dress, with white collar and red tab;
- Red jumper/jacket with school logo;
- White socks;
- Shoes – black or white, closed shoe or sandal, appropriate to school; and
- Red or black hat, Sun Smart approved.

School dress standards include
- Plain coloured with no messages or images (other than school logo)
- Sun Smart approved ie no singlets, halter tops; and
- Safety compliant ie no thongs, dangling earrings, necklaces or chains, high heeled shoes.
- Jewellery is to be limited to simple stud or sleeper earrings and a watch;
- Shoes must be appropriate to complete school activities safely; and
- Hair must be tied back.

STUDENT REPORTS
Semester One Student Reports will be sent home on Friday 20 June. These reports contain information about your child’s progress so far this year. Academic skills and areas for development, social skills and approach to learning will be addressed in the report.

The Semester One Report will include an A-E summative report outlining the grades a student has obtained for each subject area in semester one and a summary of the grades the year cohort received. Kindergarten students do not get A-E reports.

If you do not wish your child to receive an A-E report please notify your child’s class teacher before Friday 13 June 2012.

The following descriptions indicate achievements for each grade:

A | Outstanding achievement of knowledge, skills and understandings
B | High achievement of knowledge, skills and understandings
C | Sound achievement of knowledge, skills and understandings
D | Limited achievement of knowledge, skills and understandings
E | Very limited achievement of knowledge, skills and understandings

It should be remembered that a C grade means a student is achieving at the expected level comparable with their peers and year level. This is a positive achievement for students.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
We look forward to sharing student progress and goals with parents at the Student Led Conferences in the week starting 23 June. I encourage all parents to book in for a scheduled time to celebrate and support their child’s learning. Please contact the school if you have not received information about booking in to these conferences.

DISCO
We will be holding a disco for our students on the evening of Friday 20 June from 6:00 – 7:15 for preschool to Year 2 and 7:30 – 9:00pm for Years 3-6. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult. Music will be provided by the DJ team from Melba Copland Secondary School. Details about the disco will be sent home separately. I would like to thank Lea Major for coordinating the disco on behalf of the P&C. I encourage parents to support this community event by helping supervise children or assisting in the canteen.

Sue Harding

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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 June ICAS Writing Competition (to be held by 20 June)
17 June Board Meeting 7:45am
17 June ICAS Spelling
19 June Assembly 2pm – All welcome
Hosts: Kindergarten
20 June Reports home
23-27 June Student Led Interviews
24 June Walkathon

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

DATE TOPIC RETURN
2 June Yr 6 Band Fees
13 June Walkathon Sponsorship Form
13 June Walking Outside School Grounds

2014 TERM DATES

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

MERIT AWARDS

To be presented at our Assembly on Thursday, 19 June at 2pm Hosts – Kindergarten

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INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hello, my name is Tracey Gallanty and I am part of the 1/2 team at Mount Rogers. I have been living and teaching in ACT for 4 1/2 years. I enjoy spending my spare time reading and catching up with family and friends.

My teaching philosophy incorporates the following:

1) I believe all students have the right to learn and they do so through practise and discussion so in my classroom you will see lessons that allow students to engage in a variety of tasks both independently and as part of a group.

2) I believe it is more important to try than to always have the correct answer so in my classroom you will see students encouraged to have a go and share their thinking and learning with their peers to help develop their confidence and their skills.

3) I believe students need to work at developing their skills so in my classroom you will see hard work praised and discussed in the classroom and shared with staff.

I have enjoyed getting to know the students and parents at Mount Rogers School.

ROSETTA STONE ONLINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM TRIAL

Last week a payment slip was sent home to those families who had expressed an interest in participating in the Rosetta Stone Online Language Program trial.

It’s not too late to join! If you would like to participate for a $59 fee that entitles you to access the online program for 12 months, please contact the school to arrange payment by Friday, 20 June.

For more information please speak to Marika Vrielting or Jenni Wittchen.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data project collects data from schools about the number of students who require adjustments to participate in education. It will present a national picture of the supports schools provide students. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

The purpose of the process is to help governments to target support and resources in schools to help all students reach their potential.

During term 2 2014 all ACT Public Schools will be taking part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). Schools will identify students who need adjustments and are identified as meeting a broad definition of disability. This definition is based on the Disability Standards for Education 2005 which is an inclusive definition of what constitutes a disability and does not require a medical or professional diagnosis. If your child currently requires some additional support at school they may be included in the data collection.

Examples of the sorts of adjustments and supports a school may provide include:

- Small group literacy and numeracy sessions
- Study lines
- Additional time to complete tasks

A letter will be sent home to families of students that have been identified as requiring adjustments and supports. This letter will outline the process and ask for your permission to include your child in the data collection. No names or personal information is collected as part of the collection process and students.

Kindy Opal is working hard to get smarter!

Learning has never been so much fun...

**Reading Hats**

We love wearing our special reading hats and badges during reading time!

This term we are learning about the different ways we can read a book.

**Interactive Learning**

Interactive learning is designed to increase student engagement in the classroom. In Kindy Opal we use our Smart Board on a daily basis. It is fantastic to see how motivated and enthusiastic students become about learning.

**Investigations**

The kindergarten unit is investigating movement this term and are still super excited about their recent visit to Questacon this week. Students are discovering how and why objects move through a range of hands-on activities such as dominoes, marble runs, dancing and much, much more.

**Writing Wizards**

Learning to write independently takes hard work. We are listening to the sounds we hear in words and how to apply our knowledge of letter sounds to start writing words in our daily investigation reflections.

**Maths Madness**

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10…10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1…zero, zero super hero!

Our new friend in Kindy Opal is Zero the super hero who has helped us learn our numbers to and from 10. We celebrated our success by writing number lines outside in our new kindergarten play area using chalk.

**WOW Work**

Art is colourful during autumn! We were so inspired by the change of season outside we made our very own autumn trees to display inside. The results were amazing.
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


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.

A Poem by Caitlin M – Year 4 Jade

Without you

Without you, it’s like a sky
With no colour, it’s like a world
With no light, it’s like pitch black
Duller, It’s like a cake you can’t bite
Without you, it’s a night without stars
It’s like a sea with no waves
It’s a desert with no water
It’s a corner with no corners
Without you I can’t get thoughts
Stay with me and let’s keep the sky blue.

Parent Workshop: iPads to Support Students with Learning Difficulties

The Education Directorate is running a morning workshop on Wednesday July 2 to provide expert advice to parents of children with learning difficulties on the ways iPads can support them in their early years.

The workshop will cover top iPad tips and Apps for literacy, other subjects and for supporting behaviour and organisational and social skills.

Contact Julie Ireland by June 26 on 6207 2331 to attend.

ACTION CALISTHENICS INC

Do you love dancing, gymnastics, performing and making new friends in a fun environment? Calisthenics is all that! Recreational classes are now available for the following age groups:

- Children 4 to 10 years
  - Wednesday afternoons at Gungahlin Community Hall

- Adults
  - Thursday evenings at Kippax Uniting Church

For more information contact Amy 0417 650 162 or visit our website www.actioncalisthenics.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

It’s Entertainment’s™ Birthday – but the gifts are for you!

Entertainment™ is celebrating their 20th anniversary by giving away 20 amazing prizes! That’s one each week for 20 weeks, starting on Friday 6 June – see some of the fantastic prizes below!

If you’ve already registered your Entertainment™ Membership, great news – you’re automatically in the draw, and thanks for supporting our fundraising!

If not, just purchase and register your 2014|2015 Canberra Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership, and you’ll be entered in all of the draws from this week! Go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au for more information.

Plus, 20% from every purchase contributes to our fund-raising – share with your friends to show your support!

There are weekly prizes! The sooner you purchase and register a new membership, the more chances you have to win one of many prizes! View full terms and conditions on website.

Please remember to reference Mt Rogers Primary School when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership.

Thank you for your support.
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