

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

### SCHOOL BOARD

The Directorate's Returning Officer has confirmed the appointment of three School Board members for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. I am delighted to announce that Andrew Newman and Susan Puller have been appointed as parent representatives and Paul Kelly will be joining the Board as staff representative. On behalf of the Board I thank retiring parent members Paulene McCalman and Michelle Carraro for their significant and valuable contributions, and support of the School Board over the past four years. I would also like to thank Helen Booth for her staff insight and input to the Board.

### RESOURCES PURCHASED WITH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In working towards our school goals voluntary contributions are being used to purchase maths resources and quality literature, along with equipment to support our science and PE programs, and KidsMatter student wellbeing program. By last Friday 13% of our families had paid part or all of their voluntary contributions. So far this money has been used to purchase sports equipment. I would like to thank those families who have paid and encourage those who have not yet to do so as soon as possible. We are keen to order books and other equipment to support your child's education. I would also like to thank Heather, Heli and Satu's grandmother, for her generous donation of books purchased from the Lifeline Bookfair for our library.



### YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Our campers are enjoying the exciting range of outdoor adventure activities offered at Camp Cooba near Cooma. We look forward to hearing more about their experiences throughout the week. Photos will be posted on our Facebook page for those who like to keep up with what is happening there.

### SPENCE PRESCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND RATING

I am delighted to announce that Spence Preschool has been rated **Exceeding** in all seven National Quality Standard areas through the Assessment and Rating process. I would like to thank Preschool teacher Kylie MacDonald and team leader Liz Marman for the enormous amount of work you have put into preparing for the process and achieving this rating. Of course this result would not have been possible without the dedication of the rest of our amazing Spence preschool team Sheree, Karen, Alex, Sherree and Sheryl along with the support of our other preschool staff, Jo-Anne and Belinda at Melba and Mandy at Flynn and our Building Services Officer Daryl. All three of our preschools have now been assessed with all rated as Exceeding National Quality standard.

### REFLECTION AND PLANNING

Classroom teachers at Mount Rogers are provided with a day each term to reflect as a team on teaching and learning, and plan for the following term. This will happen next week. The focus in these meetings is on analysis of student achievement, reflection on the planned program and preparation for the next steps in learning for our students.

As this is the last newsletter for this term I take this opportunity to thank families for your ongoing support and wish you all a safe and restful break. I also remind you that **school returns on Tuesday, 27 April**.



Sue Harding, Principal

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## IMPORTANT

**Mount Rogers Primary is an ANAPHYLACTIC FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

**Please do not bring into our school:**

Boiled **EGGS** or egg sandwiches  
**NUTS** and nut products (please be aware that *Nutella* spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts)  
**FISH** (including prawns and tuna)

## REMINDERS

31 Mar to 2 Apr	Yr 5/6 Camp Cooba (Bus returns approx 3:45pm)
3 Apr	Good Friday
6 Apr	Easter Monday
8 Apr	School Cross Country Carnival
10 Apr	Yr 5/6 ANZAC Commemorative Service at MCSS
10 Apr	Assembly 2pm – All Welcome Host: Year 3
10 Apr	Last day Term 1
27 Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday
TUES 28 Apr	First day Term 2

## NOTES HOME THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	TOPIC	RETURN
18 Mar	KidsMatter – Parent Skills Wanted	ASAP
24 Mar	Chinese Course Information – Yr 3-6	
27 Mar	Cross Country Carnival	2 Apr

## 2015 TERM DATES

Term 1	2 February to 10 April
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY 28 April to 3 July</b>
Term 3	20 July to 25 September
Term 4	12 October to 18 December

# CONGRATULATIONS

To be presented at our Assembly on  
Friday, 10 April at 2pm - Hosts: Year 3

## SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS - RESPECT

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Lightning Bolts	Henry T
K Starlights	Jasna C
K Rainbows	Jaimi R
1 Fireflies	Mackenzie T
1 Glow Worms	Jasmine T
1 Luna Moths	Will D
2 Lighthouse	Callum M
3 Bright Sparks	Jake P, Kyah B
4 Gamma Rays	Heli L
4 Laser Beams	Ben S
5/6 Argon	Brayden F
5/6 Xenon	Corey C

## STAR OF THE MONTH

Presented at our Assembly on 27 March



Liam L is our Star of the Month. He is a quiet achiever, always striving to produce work of a high standard but never seeking attention or praise for his efforts. Liam is a role model to others, displaying patience, kindness and a willingness to help, both in the classroom and the playground.

When asked to try new roles or to step outside his comfort zone, Liam shows courage and a determination to do their best in an unfamiliar situation. He listens carefully and works hard in class, continuously reflecting on their efforts and working to grow and improve.

Thank you Liam, for your leadership, cooperation and friendship in 5/6 Krypton. We are proud and honoured to have you as the Star of the Month. Congratulations!

## 2016 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS



FLYNN PRESCHOOL - Hedland Circuit  
MELBA PRESCHOOL - Grainger Circuit  
SPENCE PRESCHOOL - Baddeley Crescent

**Commencing 28 April 2015 ALL enrolment applications must be made ON-LINE,. Go to:**

[http://www.det.act.gov.au/school\\_education/enrolling\\_in\\_an\\_act\\_public\\_school](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school)

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.

## INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

My name is Batman. Well that's a secret so don't tell anybody. My name is actually **Tim Holness** and this is my first of many years at Mount Rogers. I've been teaching almost as long as I've been fighting crime but let's round it down to ten years.



During this time I have experienced many things in education. One such event transformed my teaching and that was attending a quality learning seminar. Seven years have passed and I'm still passionate about giving students a voice in their learning. Project based learning that students can engage with is also what I love. Already I have seen some great changes in our year 3 students. Some of their projects have blown us away. What's even more exciting is there's more to come.

I am a proud advocate of public education and believe in learning through doing.

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Earth Hour

Mount Rogers Primary students and teachers showed their support for Earth Hour by turning off all unnecessary electrical equipment for one hour last Friday. Classes discussed the importance of having Earth Hour and the need to raise awareness by reducing our energy usage. We are able to monitor our electricity usage each day through [www.watergroup.com.au/actschools](http://www.watergroup.com.au/actschools).



### Management of School Grounds and Biodiversity Award

The school was presented with an award on Friday in recognition of the fantastic work that has been done by students, teachers and parents in the development of the gardens and landscapes that surround our building. Mrs Dibley presented us with a certificate, books, hats and solar kits. Well done to everyone and a special thank you to Mr Daryl who makes a wonderful contribution towards keeping our grounds looking their very best.

### School Veggie Garden

Over the past few weeks the Garden Club has planted lots of winter vegetables. The pak choy and silverbeet are doing well and will be ready for picking soon. We have also planted beetroot, lettuce and broccoli. Thank you to Mr Daryl helping make our garden beds fertile by providing some great compost.



The Green Team

## NGUNNAWAL LIBRARY

We would love an extra pair of hands to take books home to cover. Let us know if you are able help so we can provide the contact and the books to you.

Thank you,  
Anna Comerford, Teacher-Librarian



## Year 2 Excursion

### "Historical Sights of Canberra"

The Australian War Memorial



Blundells Cottage



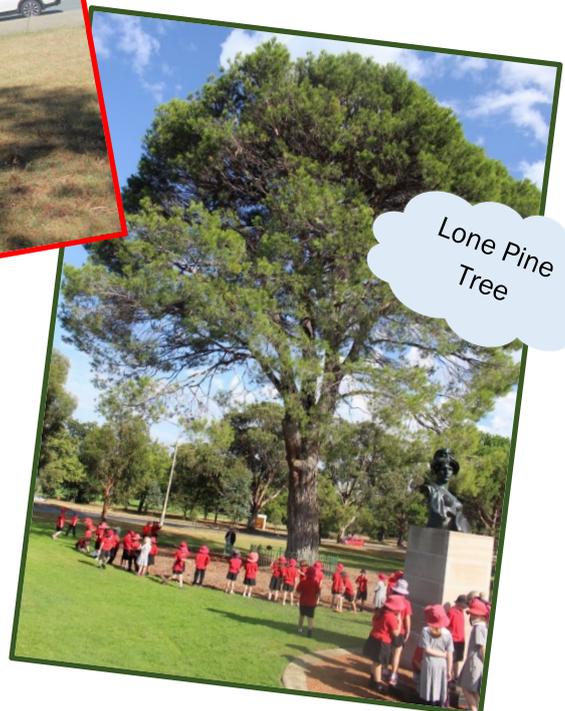
Old Parliament House



Mount Ainslie



Lone Pine Tree



On a very gloomy Wednesday morning Year 2 set off on their historical day out in Canberra. It wasn't long however before the sky cleared and the day turned out to be wonderfully warm and sunny. Students spent the day visiting the War Memorial, Blundells Cottage, Old Parliament House and then our lovely accommodating bus driver drove us through Reconciliation Place. Students were able to discover and understand how these wonderful places can tell us so much about the past. We ended our excursion at Mount Ainslie Lookout where the students had the opportunity to view all the buildings and places we had visited during the day. They also compared past photos of Canberra and reflected on how much it has changed over the years.

# Reminders

## DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
5/6	Camp Cooba		Balance Due
Band	Yr 5 Band Fees		\$90 – 2 April \$90 – 12 June
Band	Yr 6 Band Fees		\$130 – 1 May \$100 – 6 June

**Excursion notes and payments received after the due date will not be accepted.**

## BELCONNEN DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

On Friday, 27 March we sent 13 students off to the 12 and Under Zone Swimming Carnival at the AIS. Each of these students had to meet qualifying times at our school carnival, in order to be eligible to race at this event.



Congratulations **Rebecca G, Heli L, Ingrid H, Eloise C, Millie-Ella L, Jessica N, Ayden R, Ethan R, Jack M, Rhett M, Josh R, Benjamin S and Tyler S** on their efforts with this swim meet. Well done to Nicola A and Nina H, who also qualified for this event but missed it due to travel and injury.

Congratulations to **Yiorgos S** who competed at the 13 and Over Carnival earlier that week. It was a super all round effort from our Mount Roger's swimmers.

Congratulations to **Lachlan S** who was selected to be part of the Belconnen district AFL team. He will be playing in a gala day at the end of April against all the other Canberra districts. Good luck Lachie.



Congratulations to **Paris B, Emma H and Rebecca G** who were selected to be part of the Belconnen Girls Cricket Team. After being rained out twice, the carnival finally went ahead in Week 8. The girls had a great day and said it was lots of fun. Well done ladies on your super cricketing skills.



**SKOOLBAG** is a mobile App that delivers school notices directly to our school community.



**Features include** – push notification alerts; events; newsletters; documents RSS feeds; social medial (Facebook, Twitter); notify the school of student absences and changes to your contact details.

Contact the front office for an information sheet.

## CANTEEN NEWS



The school canteen can now be contacted by email.

[MountRogersCanteen@outlook.com](mailto:MountRogersCanteen@outlook.com)

## DO NOT PICK OR EAT ANY WILD MUSHROOMS

ACT Chief Health Officer is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn. All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/factsheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

## SCHOOL BANKING

**For this week banking is on TOMORROW**

If you are banking this week please bring your deposits in on Thursday, 2 April.

**School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1**

These new rewards have been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball



Boys and girls, if you have not banked for a while and you have tokens to use, don't forget to either redeem your tokens or keep banking so you can earn a reward!

Disneyland competition- the Disneyland competition is running throughout the year, children must have banked 25 times throughout the year (at school) so now is the time to start banking to make sure you have entered the competition.

The prize, a fantastic family holiday including airfares, 5 nights accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to 2 adults and 2 children, plus \$2000.00 spending money!

Happy banking!

Thanks, Sue Jagla

## Please Note

**TERM 2 RESUMES TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015**

Dear parents & carers

On Monday, 27 April 2015, there will be a day in lieu for ACT public servants, including teachers and other employees working in ACT public schools. This is due to ANZAC Day falling on a Saturday this year.

Term 2 for all ACT public schools will begin on Tuesday 28 April 2015 as soon as possible, as all public schools will be closed. Some outside school hours care provides may be open on the day.

Sue Harding, Principal

## MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

Commencing Term 2 - Monday, 4 May  
Open Mondays 8:30-9:30am or by appointment  
in the stage room near the front office.

For donations or enquiries please contact  
Penny Burrell via the front office.

All proceeds go to our school

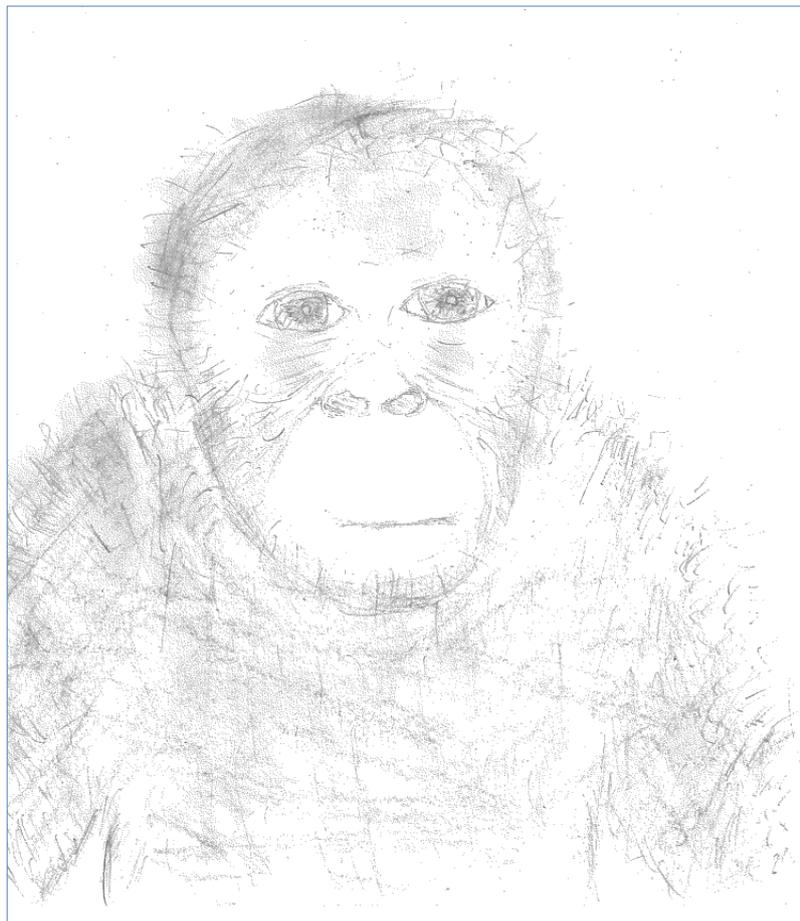
# YEAR 5/6 - KRYPTON

## WHAT ARE YOU REALLY EATING?

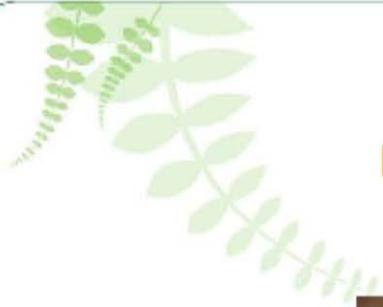
Palm oil is the most commonly used edible oil in the world. You can find palm oil in many foods but often you don't realise you're eating it because it's listed as vegetable oil on the product label.

The problem with palm oil is that forests are being destroyed to create room for palm plantations which produce palm oil. The equivalent of 300 football fields are destroyed every hour (World Wildlife Fund estimate). This leaves orang-utans, tigers, elephants, monkeys, reptiles and birds without a home. As a result, many of the animals in these areas are now endangered.

By the students of Year 5/6 Krypton



By Justin D



# PALM OIL FREE EASTER GOODIE GUIDE



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## BUY PALM OIL FREE

### Cadbury

- Chocolate egg with buttons
- Chocolate egg with scorched almonds
- Mini candy-shelled eggs
- Chocolate egg with Freddos
- Continental old gold egg
- Small solid chocolate eggs
- Hollow eggs in boxes
- Hollow egg with Turkish Delight
- Hunting eggs
- Giant Egg
- Crunchie mini eggs

### Haighs Chocolates

- All Chocolate Products

### Hilliers

- Turkish Delight

### Lindt

- Chocolate Bunnies
- Gold bunny & Egg Pack

### Queen Anne's

- Marshmallow eggs

### Candy Universe

- Happy Easter Bunny

### Coffler

- Strawberry

### Devonport Chocolates

- Hollow or plain chocolate eggs

### Friedel

- Chocolate bunnies

### Holden Chocolate Car

### Newman's

- Ginger Treat
- Fire Station
- Doll's House

### Scarborough Fair

- All Chocolate Products

### Waikato Valley Chocolates

- Pirate Chocolate Egg with CI Coins
- Chocolate Egg with Jet Plane
- Chocolate Egg with Jelly Bea
- Single unboxed eggs

### Candyfishus

- Jungle buddies

### Costa Easter Treats

- Paint & eat eggs

### Eggnormous Egg

### Guylian

- Chocolate eggs
- Seashell chocolates

### Jacquot

- Solid eggs, milk chocolate eggs (95g)

### Ococo Rabbit & Eggs

### Toblerone

- All Chocolate Products

### Whittaker's

- All Chocolate Products



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