



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 8

17 MAY 2017

TERM 2 WEEK 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

What a wonderful morning we had last Friday with Mother's Day Breakfast followed by Mother's Day stall. Without the support and hard work by so many people these events could not go ahead. I would like to thank Amarylise and her team for organising the breakfast and all the fabulous fathers who helped on the day. Congratulations and thanks to Mikaela Pyne for coordinating the highly successful Mother's Day stall which raised \$2370. Thanks also to all the families who made donations and the volunteers who ran the stall on the day. We hope there were many smiling faces on Sunday morning.

At Mt Rogers we start each school day with 'Morning Lines'. The purpose of this short assembly is to set *the scene for the day* by sharing information about any special programs, events or changes to our daily structure. The children have been finding it hard to hear messages over background chatter. To help resolve this over the next week we will be reminding parents who stay for these messages to stand quietly near the fence on the preschool side of the basketball court. We do appreciate those of you who are able to stay and create a positive sense of community.

Teachers are busy working on Semester 1 Progress Reports. Reports will be sent home on Friday, 23 June. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the last week of Term 2. Along with Semester 1 Progress Reports, A-E reports will also be distributed to families of students in years 1-6. Teachers are continuing to work closely in their teaching teams to ensure that assessment and reporting processes are carefully moderated.

If you do not wish to receive an A-E report for your child and have not already notified the school please contact the front office for a form. Your child's results will still be included in the data for their year level and a hard copy put on file.

If you require a second copy of your child's report due to family circumstances and have not already notified the school, would you also please contact the front office a form.

Last week our years 3 and 5 students completed National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students across Australia in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 complete these common assessments. NAPLAN is an important tool for parents and educators to see how Australia's children are meeting essential literacy and numeracy standards. It is a point in time snapshot assessment of student's achievements and certainly does not replace our ongoing classroom assessments. When NAPLAN results are delivered to parents later in the year we will run a parent information session in relation to these reports.

It was a pleasure attending Melba Copland Secondary School open night on Tuesday. I felt particularly proud seeing one of our graduates Alex as Melba Copland school captain and so many others confidently hosting sessions highlighting curriculum and specialist programs for visitors.

On Friday this week our executive team will be attending a course in Sydney 'Making Literacy Visible' for to support our journey in improving literacy learning in our school. We welcome Mr Chris Shaddock, Deputy Principal from Macgregor Primary school, who will be acting principal for the day. Pat Ormerod will be supporting Mr Shaddock on the day.

Sue Harding
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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, snack bars, vege chips, tahini, as a bread topping etc)

REMINDERS

2018 PRESCHOOL - ENROL ONLINE NOW

Go to www.det.act.gov.au

17 May TONIGHT	Kindergarten 2018 Information Session 6-7pm at Mount Rogers Primary
18 May	Bike Track Committee Excursion to Mount Stromlo
19 May	Magellan 8:45am at MCSS
23 May	Yr 3/4 Excursion – National Museum of Australia
24 May	Kinder Excursion – War Memorial & Ntl Museum of Aust (Sea Turtles & Starfish)
24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime 11am

NOTES HOME

DATE SENT	TOPIC	RETURN
12 May	Market Day	16 May
16 May	P&C Disco	24 May

TERM DATES

Term 2	26 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

CONGRATULATIONS

VALUES AWARDS

Respect | Excellence | Fairness | Honesty

To be presented at our Assembly on
Friday, 26 May 2017 Hosts: Year 1/2
(Echidnas, Kookaburras & Tawny Frogmouths)

CLASS	RECIPIENT
K Starfish	Billie D, Joshua S
K Sea Turtles	Alec S, Liliani R-M, Yasmin C-S
K Dolphins	Joshua M, Zelda P
K Rainbow Fish	Evey M, Griffin O
1/2 Echidnas	Matilda P, Annabel G
1/2 Kookaburras	Lucy M, William T
1/2 Emus	Addison M, Leki T
1/2 Sugar Gliders	Millie S, Zander F, Jennifer L
1/2 Tawny Frogmouths	Samantha C, Medine S, Mika S
3/4 Peru	William H, Ella H, Nour A
3/4 Bolivia	Xander M, Robbie S
5/6 China	Joanna B, Emma J, Nathan W
5/6 Japan	William M, Monica D, Isabelle S

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

NOW OPEN

2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS



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

ALL enrolment applications must be made **ONLINE**
For enrolment information go to:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

**INITIAL ENROLMENT CONSIDERATION PERIOD
CLOSES 9AM MONDAY, 29 JUNE 2017**

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 online enrolment process.

LOVE YOUR SISTER – BIG HEART PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who donated their 5 cents to the Big Heart Project last week.

Our School contributed over \$750 to the fabulous \$2million that was raised overall for this cause.

Clare Talevich



INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS



Hello, my name is **Mike McGinness** and I am one of the new Year 5/6 teachers at Mount Rogers Primary School.

I was born, raised and went to university in beautiful Canberra. I chose to study primary education because I wanted to make a difference to children's education and upbringing to guide them to becoming happy, contributing members of our community with a passion to keep learning. I loved going to primary school and want to help future generations love it too.

Although I am a relatively new educator, I have some foundation beliefs and philosophies which I feel are vital to success in the classroom, which are:

- Respect is the most important factor that underpins education in my classrooms. If my students respect one another and their teachers, and teachers respect their students, everyone is giving themselves the best opportunity to collaborate and learn in a respectful, safe environment. Without respect in the classroom, no authentic or enjoyable learning will take place.
- I believe that every student is entitled to the same opportunities in the classroom, regardless of their academic skill, social status, race or religion. Every child deserves access to quality education in a safe and positive environment.
- In order for a student to effectively learn in a classroom, they need to want to learn and therefore actively make smart decisions in the classroom. While teachers are responsible for providing students with an authentic learning experience, it is each student's responsibility to take charge of their own learning and actively make smart decisions and take calculated risks. I will do my best to ensure that your children are provided with authentic learning experiences and are tackling challenges with a positive and determined mindset.

I have loved my short time at Mount Rogers Primary and getting to know the students, parents and community, and look forward to continuing to do so.

G.A.T.E.WAYS

G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting gifted and talented children from kindergarten to year 7 to:

The Canberra Festival of Workshops

Hosted by Canberra Grammar School, Red Hill

Thursday 29 June and Friday 30 June 2017

from 9.30am - 3.15pm (*registration at 8.45am*)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festivals offer a large range of workshops running concurrently over two days with the emphasis on challenge and fun.

Parents may enrol directly at www.gateways.edu.au

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT
6258 1552
www.flexischools.com.au

Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers who helped out at our Mother's Day breakfast. We had a very busy morning so it was great to have so many hands! We hope everyone enjoyed the lovely community atmosphere of a fun morning.

Just a reminder about *flexischools* - our online ordering system. This system is really easy to use and makes life a lot easier for our canteen staff, as we don't have to count money, give change, tally orders or go to the bank as often! Flexischools also helps you make sure you are ordering foods that are available on the right days, and to order for special events. Trial it today!

Lunch box helper. We're always being asked for our recipes which kids love, so we'll endeavour to share one in each newsletter.

This week, it's our ever popular Bliss Balls!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup dried fruit (we like apricots and dates, but sultanas and dried pineapple work well too)
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut.

Method:

Using a food processor, whizz fruit and oats together until they start to clump together - this can take 5 minutes or so - be patient. Take teaspoons of the mixture and roll in coconut. Enjoy!

Our roster for the weeks ahead:

HEALTHY HUT - VOLUNTEER ROSTER		
WEEK 4		
Thursday	18 May	Elli
Friday	19 May	Nat & <i>We need you!</i>
WEEK 5		
Monday	22 May	Alison
Tuesday	23 May	Melanie
Thursday	25 May	Elli
Friday	26 May	Nat & <i>We need you!</i>
WEEK 6		
Monday	29 May	Carolyn & Alison
Tuesday	30 May	Melanie

REMINDER

The Healthy Hut Canteen is
CLOSED every Wednesday

Amarylise
Canteen Manager

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Semester 1 reports are sent home at the end of this term, so it is a good time to update your family details, if necessary.

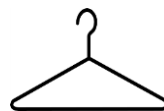
- Do you require a second copy of your child's report **due to family circumstances**, and have not already notified the school?
- Do you wish to **not** receive an A-E (Yrs 1-6) report for your child and have not already notified the school?
- Do you require an additional PTO (Parent Teacher Online) login password **due to family circumstances**?

If so, please contact the front office for a form and return it by Friday, 19 May 2017.

MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

Open Mon 9-10am & Tues/Thurs 9-9:30am

For donations or enquiries please contact Steph via the front office.



Do you have any long sleeved polo tops that your child doesn't need anymore? The Uniform Shop would love some more - please drop them into the front office.

All proceeds go to our school

Important LIBRARY UPDATE



The Library is no longer be open before school. Your child will continue to borrow books during their normal class time.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 INFORMATION SESSION

As part of our transition program you are invited to attend an information session for parents of students moving from preschool to kindergarten in 2018.

This session will include an address by the Principal, an opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers and an outline of the Kindergarten program.

When: TONIGHT
Wednesday, 17 May 2017
Time: 6-7pm
Where: Mount Rogers Primary School
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba

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FOUND - A PARROT

Today at our Market Day we had a very colourful visitor. If you have lost a Rainbow Lorikeet (or similar) please contact the school on 6205 8066.

Reminders

DUE DATES FOR EXCURSION NOTES WITH PAYMENTS

YEAR	TOPIC	RETURN BY	PAYMENT
K-6	2017 Curriculum Resource Requirements	Now	\$60 per child
PRE	Preschool Voluntary Contributions		\$200 per child
K-6	Primary Voluntary Contributions		\$100 per child or \$150 for 2+ children in family
5	Yr 5 Band Fees	NOW	1st Instalment \$115 NOW – overdue 2nd Instalment \$115 by 28 July
6	Yr 6 Band Fees	NOW	1st Instalment \$115 NOW – overdue 2nd Instalment \$115 by 28 July
Kinder	Excursion –War Memorial & National Museum	Fri 19 May Sea Turtles & Starfish	\$21
3 & 4	Excursion – National Museum of Australia	Fri 19 May	\$15
Kinder	Excursion –War Memorial & National Museum	Fri 26 May Rainbow Fish & Dolphins	\$21

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

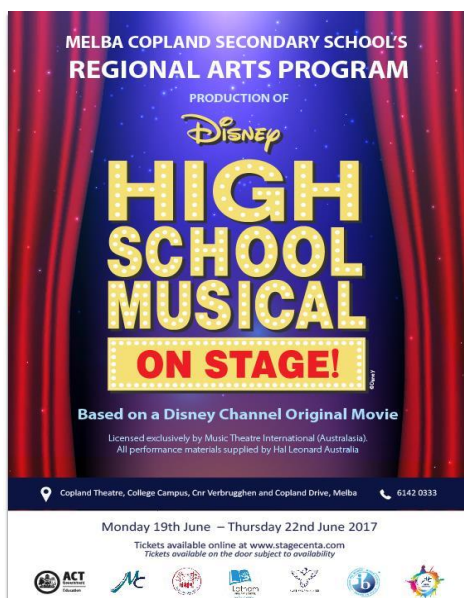
TERM 2 CLUBS @ MTRPS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
B1	ShowKidz Choir	STEM Gardening		
B2	Bike	Bike	Ukulele Board Games	Green Team

These clubs are on offer to students this term during Break 1 (recess) and Break 2 (lunch).

No bookings required – however, attendance expectations and age suitability may determine participation for some clubs.

Come along and join in the fun!



P&C NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANISE OUR FETE

The fete is the P&C Association's major fundraiser each year, and we need your help to make it happen!

Any money raised is put back into the school and our students. Recent collaborations and funding include the purchase of a Speedminton for the sports program, \$500 financial support for the Year 5/6 music program, installation of 3 mature shade trees in the kindergarten playground, provisions for the creation of a giant chess board and additional chess pieces, materials for the construction of the chook shed and the purchase of an adult bike and helmet for staff to utilise when running bike club sessions.

We need volunteers to not only help on the day, but lend a hand behind the scenes to help organise and coordinate stalls and activities.

Information Sessions

The P&C Association is holding two information sessions in the Ngunawal Room for anyone who is keen to help, or just wants to find out more:

Friday, 2 June at 3:15pm
Monday, 5 June at 6:30pm

We would love to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENTLINE ACT

Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.



Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service. Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- to talk with someone about those parenting issues
- help with some ideas on raising children
- support in the important job you are doing
- to know what is available for parents, teenagers and children
- to build better relationships in your family
- help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour
- make an appointment for a counselling session

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays) 9am to 5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833.

Allergy Awareness ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening type of allergic reaction commonly caused by food allergies or insect bites/stings.

We have students with NUT, SESAME and FISH allergies in this school. At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide, nor wish children to bring to school any:-

SESAME (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini bread toppings etc)

FISH including tuna, prawns etc

NUTS all nuts and nut based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)