



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 2

14 FEBRUARY 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 2

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

What a fantastic week we had last week. Students across the school have settled quickly back into the routines and the expectations we have at Mount Rogers Primary. It has been an absolute pleasure visiting each class and seeing children excited to be back and focused on learning. Displays are going up in corridors showcasing some of the ways we get to know each other. This includes our staff photo display near the front office, where you can find out what staff are 'wondering' in 2018.

Our teachers who provide our specialist programs to students have begun their classes this week. The time that they take classes across the school allows classroom teachers to collaboratively plan and prepare for learning the following week. You will find that this happens at regular times each week.

### SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

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Emma Burriss	Health and PE	Wednesday to Friday
Tim Holness	Science & Digital Technologies	Monday to Friday
Vanessa Stephens	Sustainability	Monday to Friday
Debbie Lees	Library	Monday to Friday
Jodi Stoneman	Library	Monday to Friday
Vicky Chen	Mandarin (Yrs 3-6)	Thursday & Friday
Emma Miles	Literacy (Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2)	Wednesday & Thursday

Huge thanks and congratulations to Emma Burriss and her team of volunteers for organising and running such a successful swimming carnival at Dickson Pool yesterday. Our carnivals only happen due to the work behind the scenes that Emma does and because parents give up their time to help. There was lots of House spirit from the side of the pool with chants and cheers being led by our 2018 house and vice captains;

Many thanks to all those who are using our drop off/pick up zone adjacent to our north playground in Alfred Hill Drive at the beginning and end of each day. This area works really effectively when drivers DO NOT park and instead either drive through or remain in their car while waiting for their child to walk across the playground. The carpark and internal road at the front of the school is NOT for the drop off or collection of children at the start and end of the day. If you collect your child from Grainger Circuit, near Melba Preschool, please be very aware of the legal implications of where you park. Parking against red curbs, under no stopping signs, adjacent to double or single unbroken lined, in intersections are all illegal.

Please join me for afternoon tea on **Friday 2 March at 2pm** or **before the next P&C Meeting on Monday 5 March at 6:30pm** for my 'New Principal at Mount Rogers Presentation', where you will hear a little bit about me and my journey to becoming principal.

Warm wishes,

Felicity Levett - Principal

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**School Banking:** Friday

## 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

19-23 Feb	Getting to Know You Interviews (online bookings via PTO website)
19 Feb - 2 Mar	Kindergarten PIPS Assessment
20-22 Mar	Yr 5/6 Camp
23 Mar	P&C Twilight Market Fete 4-8pm ( <b>Please note corrected date</b> )
23 Feb	National Ride2School Day
23 Feb	Assembly 2pm – All Welcome Host: Captains & Executives
1 Mar	Community Conversation for ATSI (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) families 3:15pm
2 Mar	New Principal Presentation for School Community 2pm <i>All Welcome</i>
2 Mar	Clean Up Australia Day for Schools 2018
5 Mar	New Principal Presentation for School Community 2pm <i>All Welcome</i>
5 Mar	P&C AGM Meeting 7:30pm followed by P&C Meeting at 8:30pm

## 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	5 February – 13 April
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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

Monday, 19 February to Friday 23 February

Bookings open 4pm Wednesday, 14 February

Go to PTO via [www.mtrogers.act.edu.au](http://www.mtrogers.act.edu.au)

### Please note:

Interviews times for **Yr 1/2 Zebras** are:  
Monday 19 February, Tuesday 20 February  
Wednesday 28 February, Thursday 1 March

**Information sheet sent home today!**

## Congratulations to our 2018 HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

### BLUE TONGUE LIZARDS

CAPTAINS	Harry S & Emma R
VICE CAPTAINS	Ben R & Hannah S

### RED KANGAROOS

CAPTAINS	Charlie P & Benson B
VICE CAPTAINS	Will D, Alexandria B & Joanna B

### GREEN TREE FROGS

CAPTAINS	Chara S & Ethan H
VICE CAPTAINS	Kyah B & Daniel R

### YELLOW COCKATOOS

CAPTAINS	Harry M & Lila C
VICE CAPTAINS	Lani H & Ashton C

## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



### THE HEALTHY HUT

**OPEN Tuesday to Friday**

Ph 6258 1552

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### VOLUNTEERS

We need your help! You can volunteer for two hours or the whole day! Grandparents are welcome to volunteer too! Pop in to the canteen or email us at [mtrogerscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:mtrogerscanteen@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you in the Healthy Hut!

Amarylise  
Canteen Manager

## STARTING SCHOOL

Nerida Knight School Counsellor/Psychologist  
and *The Conversation*

Starting School is a big step for you and your child. You can both experience a wide range of emotions from excitement and happiness to anxiety and sadness. However for most children and parent starting school is a smooth process.

Parents can play a powerful role in a child's success at school by sharing a positive and enthusiastic attitude to school. This can be done by talking about your positive times at school; by reading books to your child that present school in a positive way; and by encouraging your child to talk to other children who are enjoying their time at school.

Talking to your child about his or her feelings and teaching them *emotion management skills*, such as calm breathing and focusing, can also ease your child's transition to school and help them cope with life in general.

Developing a positive home-school relationship by regular communications with the teachers and the school community can help reduce your anxieties and those of your child.

For some parents the question "What did you do at school today?" can elicit varying responses from "Nothing" to elaborate details. Some parents find it useful to ask more open-ended questions about what was the best part of the day or about what went well for them. Some of the new tasks your child may be facing are new classroom routines, a new teacher, being with new children as well as some familiar friends, and a new classroom environment.

Be encouraged that most children settle quickly into the new routines, and classroom teachers are experienced at handling any upsets. Keep an eye out for information about items your child needs to bring to school so that a written list or a pictorial list can be displayed at home and your child can learn to check this daily as part of their morning routine.

Also remember that a good night's sleep is important for your child to function well at school. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any continuing concerns.



**NAPLAN will be online from 15-25 May 2018.**

**NAPLAN Online:**

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN. Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see how the test works and for more information.



## Reminders

### EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K-6	Curriculum Resources	NOW	\$75 per student
5 & 6	Yr 5/6 Camp (\$305 per student)	9 Mar	Full Payment

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

### YEAR 5/6 CAMP 20-22 March TOPS Conference Centre Stanwell Tops

**PAYMENT IN FULL (\$305) DUE BY 9 MARCH**

**Please note:**

If you require assistance or would like a payment plan, please contact Mrs Levett as soon as possible.



### CURRICULUM RESOURCES REQUIREMENTS (KINDER TO YEAR 6)

Support your child with the purchase of the correct resources to ensure your child has all the items necessary for their learning for the start of the school year.

Please complete a Curriculum Resources Contribution form (available from the front office) and return with payment (\$75 per student).



**Stressed about back to school costs?  
Make next year different.**

Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Commonwealth Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

- uniforms & tablets
- camps & excursions
- uniforms & shoes
- lessons & activities
- sports fees & gear
- books & supplies

Contact  
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## MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL School Board Election

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Mount Rogers Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Mount Rogers School Board. No prior experience is necessary

**Positions vacant:**

- 1) 1 Staff member position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2020)
- 2) 1 Parent Citizen member position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2020)

Nomination forms available from the front office or request one to be emailed to you.

Nominations must be submitted to the front office, Mount Rogers Primary school **by 11am Thursday, 22 February.**

Jenny McNaught

Assistant Returning Officer – Ph 6205 8066

## ACCESS CANBERRA

*Think before you park and  
keep our kids safe!*

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- ➔ keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- ➔ don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- ➔ don't double (or triple) park!

**Remember** - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

**Consider** - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

**Think** – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

**Be kind** – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

**Note** - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)