

# MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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TERM 4 WEEK 6

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mount Rogers families,

I have been very busy the last 2 1/2 weeks meeting most of the 95 students coming into kindergarten next year. It is just delightful hearing from these children what they are looking forward to doing and answering their questions about what happens at school. This is the largest intake of kindergarten students the school has had and therefore a very exciting time for us. These meetings will continue into next week, along with more transition visits to kindergarten for these students.

Our staff have begun the jigsaw of creating our 2019 classes, and the information provided to Liz and myself by parents/carers is assisting us with this process (please note, we are unable to accept any further requests from parents). Our firm belief is that teachers are in the best position to decide a student's placement because they know all the students in their class and across the year levels, and have a view of the 'big picture'. It takes several goes to get classes as close to 'right' as we can. All students will find out their next year teacher at *Moving-Up Morning* on Wednesday 19 December, when they will receive a 'teacher postcard'. You can pop this postcard on the fridge so you don't forget who your child's class teacher is over the summer holidays.

I am excited to let you know that next year's class names will have a 'space' theme. This links with it being the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon. I have asked Mr Holness, in his science role, to investigate engaging with the Canberra Astronomy Society to run a star gazing evening here at school sometime next year - when the sky is clear and the moon full! Watch this space (pardon the pun!)

Last Friday we held our last whole school assembly for the year. It was a very full and busy assembly. Congratulations to our Yr 1/2 Zebras and Hippos for hosting, and letting us know what they would like to be when they grow up. Next year our assemblies will look a little different. We will move towards having junior and senior assemblies on a fortnightly basis. This will provide more space in the hall and more time to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Education Directorate's Instrumental Music Program annual Bandstravaganza performance. Our Year 6 Band was part of a combined band of 6 schools who performed on the stage at the School of Music in front of an enthusiastic audience. They played three pieces, including the very current Queen hit *Bohemian Rhapsody*, one of which our very own Laura Andrezza conducted. Congratulations to all.

I hope that many of you have received an invitation from the staff to our Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea. This will be held on Wednesday, 5 December in the Hall from 10:30am. This is just a small way we can show our appreciation to all our volunteers for all they do to help make our great school hum. If you have helped in any way this year, please join us for morning tea so we can say thank you.

Warm wishes,

Felicity Levett  
Principal

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**Canteen:** Kate Ph 614 22760 - NEW NO.

**School Banking:** Tuesday

## 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

## CALENDAR EVENTS

23 Nov	Governor Generals Picnic (selected students)
23 Nov	Visit 2 – Preschoolers to Kindergarten (Melba Starfish) 9:30-10:30am
26 Nov	Board Meeting 7:45am
26 Nov	Yr 1/2 Excursion – National Museum of Australia ( <b>Hippos &amp; Ostriches</b> ) 9:15am-2pm
27 Nov	Yr 1/2 Excursion – National Museum of Australia ( <b>Elephants, Zebras &amp; Yr 2 Lions</b> ) 9:15am-2pm
27 Nov	Tennis Yr 3/4 (Meerkats & part Goannas) 1:10pm
28 Nov	Visit 2 – Preschoolers to Kindergarten (Flynn & Spence) 9:30-10:30am
28 Nov	2019 Preschool Information Session 6:30-7:30pm
29 Nov	Yr 1/2 Excursion – National Museum of Australia ( <b>Cheetahs, Giraffes &amp; Yr 1 Lions</b> ) 9:15am-2pm
29 Nov	Christian Education in Schools Program (for participating students)

## 2018 TERM DATES

Term 4	15 October – 21 December
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## CHINESE PANDA COMPETITION

### Congratulations

Students received their awards at the Chinese Embassy on 14 November 2018

#### 2018 Winners

Annabel G - 3rd prize (8 yrs)  
 Gabrielle M - 2nd prize (9 yrs)  
 Grace H - 2nd prize (11 yrs)  
 Chara S - 3rd prize (11 yrs)



**Award for Extra Effort**  
 Hollie T, Cooper M, Mitchell S



## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN

### HEALTHY HUT NEWS

CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Ph 6142 2760 *New phone no.*

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



Did you know the Healthy Hut buys its bread from Spence Family Bakery? We serve all sandwiches on wholemeal and use white rolls and buns.

Our new Slushie machine arrived and promptly broke. Please be advised that there are still no Slushies available for ordering. I have been making 100% fruit slushie cups myself and selling them over the counter for 50c, get in quick because they sell out fast.

The Desert class special has now finished, and we hope you enjoyed it. Our next class special will be a polar theme – watch out for more details.

Kate & Steph

## From the Mount Rogers Sustainability Kitchen



### BABA GHANOUSH

#### Ingredients:

- ½ teaspoon cumin seeds
- 2 large eggplants
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small handful of parsley, roughly chopped
- Juice of a lemon
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ cup tahini paste (we used yoghurt instead of tahini)

#### Method:

Step 1	Prepare all the ingredients based on the ingredients list.
Step 2	Roast the cumin seeds in a small frying pan over a low heat until aromatic.
Step 3	Grind the toasted seeds in a mortar and pestle and set aside.
Step 4	Prick the eggplants all over with a fork.
Step 5	Hold each eggplant with a sturdy set of tongs and cook over a gas flame for about 10 minutes or until the skin becomes charred.
Step 6	Place the charred eggplants into the medium bowl, cover tightly with plastic wrap and allow to cool, about 10 minutes. This will help blister the skin, making it easier to peel.
Step 7	Peel the skin off the cooled eggplant and run the flesh briefly under water to remove any leftover skin. Drain and pat excess moisture from the flesh of the eggplant with paper towel.
Step 8	Put the garlic, chopped parsley, toasted ground cumin, lemon juice and salt into the bowl of a food processor and process the ingredients to a coarse blend.
Step 9	Add the eggplant to the food processor and continue to blend until smooth.
Step 10	Drizzle the oil and the tahini slowly into the mix through the funnel of the food processor. Continue to blend, scraping down occasionally until the dip is thick and creamy.
Step 11	Check seasoning and place in a bowl to serve.



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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

### Term 4 – Christmas Celebrations

Through a series of interactive tasks students will be challenged to find out more about the 'good news' shared with the shepherds, in the Christmas story told in the Bible.

Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. Each school year the ACT Churches Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging session.

**Only students with permission will attend.** Please see the front office if you would like to add your child's name to the current attendance list.



#### TERM 4 - THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

Session 1	10am – 11am	Kindergarten
Session 2	11.40am -12.40pm	Yr 1/2
Session 3	1.50pm -2.50pm	Yr 3-6

For more information go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)

## IS YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT MT ROGERS PRIMARY IN 2019?

- ◆ Have you booked your "getting to know you" interview yet? Please ring 614 22750 to book a time.
- ◆ Your Information Pack will be provided at this interview. Please remember to complete and return the forms included in this pack. Drop them into the front office at Mount Rogers Primary School or via your preschool teacher by Friday, 14 December.

*This will facilitate your child's smooth transition to Kindergarten.*



### MORNING TEA

We appreciate your help during the year and would like to say a BIG thank you.

Please join us -  
Wednesday, 5 December  
10:30am  
In our School Hall

## Reminders

### 2019 PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

#### ◆ PRESCHOOL INFORMATION PACK PICKUP

TODAY - Wednesday, 21 November 2018		
<i>Flynn Preschool</i> Mandy Wise Ph 6205 7956	Hedland Circuit Flynn	9:30-10:30am
<i>Melba Preschool</i> Belinda Lum Jo-Anne Mues Ph 614 22757	Grainger Circuit Melba	9:30-10:30am
<i>Spence Preschool</i> Karen Jamieson Ph 6205 6250	Baddeley Crescent Spence	3:30-4:30pm

#### ◆ PRESCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

We are inviting all parents/carers of children *attending Flynn, Spence or Melba Preschools in 2019* to an information session where we will be discussing what you can expect in the preschool program and how to prepare your child for this exciting year of schooling.

#### Wednesday, 28 November 2018

Mount Rogers Primary School	Alfred Hill Drive Melba	6:30-7:30pm
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It is vital that your family is represented at this session as important information about your child's preschool year will be discussed.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY at Mount Rogers Primary



**Kids Matter**  
Australian Primary Schools  
Mental Health Initiative

## Reminders

### EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Curriculum Resources 2019	7 Dec	\$90/child
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution 2018 (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)		See office
Selected students	Magellan Program	Now	\$60 Semester 2
5	Year 5 Band	Now	\$230
6	Year 6 Band	Now	\$230
1/2	National Museum of Aust	TODAY	\$13
5	2019 Yr 6 Polo Shirt & Rugby Top	7 Dec	\$30 Shirt \$38 Top
6	Zone Bowling Fun Day & Graduation Disco	7 Dec	\$33 or \$55 See note

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

## Upcoming

### P&C ASSOCIATION FETE MEETING

**MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, 29 December 2018**  
**7.30pm – 8:30pm in the Library**

For more information contact:  
[fete.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com.au](mailto:fete.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com.au)

### LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the year is fast approaching, and the library staff need to complete an END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE.

This is a time-consuming task for our library staff, so this week (Week 6) will be the last opportunity for students to borrow books to take home.

**Please note: All library books MUST be returned by Friday, 30 November 2018 (end of Week 7).**

We appreciate your help in facilitating the returns of library books.



Thank you  
 Debbie Lees  
 Teacher-Librarian

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY</b> 6:30-7:30pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> 6:30-7:30pm
<b>Group PT</b>	<b>Zumba</b>

Bring your water bottle and a smile 😊  
 Everything else is provided!  
 Guaranteed to get your sweat on!  
 For the bargain price of \$8 per class!



Contact Steph via the front office.

#### SUPER KIDS PLAYGROUP

A playgroup for 3-8 year olds who have been diagnosed with ADHD & their siblings.



**When:** Running fortnightly, the next group is on Sunday, 2 December from 9:30am to 11:30am.

**Where:** West Belconnen Child and Family Health Centre, Luke St Holt

**Questions:** Email [superkidsact@gmail.com](mailto:superkidsact@gmail.com)

#### YEAR 6 BAND – BANDSTRAVAGANZA 20 November 2018 at Llewellyn Hall



**Bush Blitz**  
 is coming to the ACT!

Discover what lives at the  
**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS**  
 10am–3pm Sunday 2 December

Join Bush Blitz scientists (including spider expert Dr Robert Raven) on their search for species, learn how to identify the amazing plants and animals that call the Australian Capital Territory home... and SO MUCH MORE!

Visit [bushblitz.org.au](http://bushblitz.org.au) for details